

# Let's Talk: Developing your skills

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I'm Steven. And let's talk about developing your skills.

First, ask yourself the question, what do I do well? And what can I do better? Ask this to your friends, your family, your coworkers, your bosses, your mentors, really anybody. Oftentimes, their perspective can be different than yours. Once you've created your list of things you'd like to improve on, go find people to help you. I know oftentimes it's tough to ask for help. And you can be self-conscious about asking. But people who care about you, they want to see you succeed. They want to help you. Whether it's technical skills like using Excel, coding, building a website, or analyzing data or soft skills. Like leading a meeting, talking with higher ups, or simply engaging more in the workplace, ask for help. People are there to support you.

### **Develop and grow your skills**

Thanks to technology, you don't have to spend thousands of dollars anymore to learn a new skill. Websites like Lynda, Codecademy, or even YouTube, are there with thousands of videos and tutorials to help you develop or grow a new skill. Whether you're learning how to code, or learning how to crochet, somebody's created a video tutorial for it.

### **Reevaluate your current skills**

Finally, you should always re-evaluate where you're at. Technology is always changing. Just because you're good at something today, doesn't mean you'll be good at the updated version in two months. Secondly, your colleagues are always trying to improve too. You don't want to fall behind. And finally, ask yourself the question that you asked at the start. What do I do well? What can I do better? And the cycle starts again. Thanks for talking.

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