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On the importance of understanding technology

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Knowledge has changed, right? It's no longer he who or she who has the most facts in their head that can spew them out, because facts are available on our phones now. It's how do you take those facts, and apply them, and think critically about it. And so, you know, I think the platforms that we're using, the types of learning devices, and material — I think that's all important — trying to get the students to think critically.

Technology is really important. You can't escape it, and it's in our lives more and more every day. And so students come in thinking that they know everything already about this course, and are constantly surprised about how little they actually know.

And I start my classes generally with an analogy with a car — like, you drive a car every day, but you don't know what goes into it. Cars you don't necessarily have to know, but computers and technology — especially with all the collaboration, the sharing, the syncing of devices, et cetera, that now we're getting involved in — it's more important than ever for students to have a general understanding of technology.

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