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# The Great Automation: How AI Is Reshaping the Way We Work

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## Key Points

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AI is dismantling the entry-level rung of almost every profession — the routine processing work that graduates used to do in their first 2-3 years.

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This is not new: every technology wave (calculators, computers, internet) eliminated categories of entry-level work and created different work instead.

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What is being automated: data entry, standard report generation, routine compliance checking, basic customer service, and template document creation.

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What is not being automated: judgment under uncertainty, client relationships, ethical decisions, creative strategy, and domain expertise applied to novel problems.

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The practical implication for graduates: you will be expected to do the work of a 3-year experienced person from Day 1, because AI handles what the 1-year person used to do.

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Build judgment early: seek exposure to decision-making, client interaction, and complex problems as fast as possible in your career.

### Key Takeaway

*The entry-level rung is shrinking. The judgment rung is growing. Get to the judgment layer as fast as you can.*

