

The "Is This Skill Aging Well?" Filter

Four tests to tell a skill worth investing in from one that resets with the next model release.

The job moved from prompting to supervising in about two years. It will move again. You cannot predict the frontier, but you can tell which of your skills will survive it. Run them past these four tests.

<p>TEST 01</p> <h2>Tool or Judgment?</h2> <p>Skills tied to one tool's buttons age fast, because the tool changes. Skills tied to judgment travel.</p> <hr/> <p>ASK</p> <p>If this tool vanished tomorrow, would the underlying skill still matter?</p>	<p>TEST 02</p> <h2>Does It Move Up the Stack?</h2> <p>As AI takes over a task, value moves to directing and checking it. Skills that supervise outlast skills that execute.</p> <hr/> <p>ASK</p> <p>Is this a thing AI now does, or a thing that decides whether AI did it right?</p>
<p>TEST 03</p> <h2>Human-in-the-Loop?</h2> <p>Skills that are the human check (verification, ethical judgment, accountability) get more valuable as output gets more polished.</p> <hr/> <p>ASK</p> <p>Does this skill make me the safeguard, or the thing being automated?</p>	<p>TEST 04</p> <h2>Portable Across Tools?</h2> <p>A skill you can carry from one model or platform to the next compounds. A skill locked to today's interface resets every release.</p> <hr/> <p>ASK</p> <p>Will this still apply when the tool I learned on is three versions old?</p>

HOW TO USE THIS

Run any skill you are tempted to invest in past these four tests. The ones that pass, directing, verifying, judging, escalating, are the ones worth getting good at. The ones that fail are worth learning only as long as the current tool lasts. Re-run the filter whenever a model changes under you.