Leveraging your technical degree on the path to the C-suite

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\( ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \)
\( a(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a}) = 0 \)
\( x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + \frac{c}{a} = 0 \)
\[ (x + \frac{b}{2a})^2 - \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2} = 0 \]
\[ x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \]

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```java
class Program {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int a, b, c;
        a = 10;
        b = 5;
        c = a + b;
        System.out.println("Addition: " + c);
        int sum = new Sum().add(10, 5);
        sum.add(10, 5);
    }
}
```

What is the C-suite?

The C-suite is a term used to describe high-ranking executive titles in an organization. The letter C, in this context, stands for "chief," as in chief executive officer and chief product officer.
34 of 100 top performing CEOs have engineering degrees

Harvard Business Review
“Scientific disciplines (STEM) play a very important role, and grounds you as you move into positions of higher and higher authority, whatever the job is...One of the pleas I would have for most young people today is, stay with STEM as long as you can.”
Three key strategies

1. Lean into your technical background
2. Put yourself in uncomfortable situations
3. Surround yourself with different types of people
Don’t shy away from technical background.
Lean into it, use it as foundation.
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Inclusive companies are 1.7x more innovative

People Management UK

Diverse teams are 87% better at making decisions

Josh Bersin
Tectonic Shifts

Dory Weiss moved into the tech world and hasn’t looked back

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My team

- 54% of the product team self-IDs as female
- 62% of managers self-IDs as female
- 26% of the product team self-ID as Asian, Black, Latinx, Hispanic, or Two or More Races
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Pendo adds IPO experience to C-suite

Pendo is gearing up to go public. Its new exec helped guide Wilmington’s ncino to an IPO

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