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The Role of Mentoring in Career Development

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# What is Mentoring

Mentoring is a collaborative, mutually beneficial partnership between someone who possesses greater skills and knowledge and a protégé, who is looking to increase his skills or knowledge



# What is Mentoring About?

- Respect
- Trust
- Knowledge providing context
- Listening
- Time from both parties to build relationship & core trust

Leadership

#### Role of Mentors

- Provide support so that protégé can achieve their potential
- Provide opportunities to participate in their work
- Make protégés aware of the unwritten rules of the road (i.e. politics)

# Barriers/Myths to Mentoring

- Its awkward
- 2. It only happens on a long term, face to face basis
- 3. Mentors need to be older and more experienced
- 4. Only the person being mentored benefits
- 5. There is not enough time for mentorship



# **Mentoring Techniques**

- Focus on wisdom, not on answers.
- Experiment: coach, do role plays, get experiential learning, brainstorm, network.
- Mentor yourself.

### Lessons I've Learned from my Mentors

- Once you make a decision move forward
- Reflect on the past, don't dwell on it
- Admit your mistakes
- Be passionate about your work and life
- Put your family and your team first
- If you are not taking risks, you are not doing your job
- Be sincere & honest in your relationships
- Take a risk on talent
- Build your teams with people smarter than you
- When reporting up
  - Start with conclusions
  - When discussing issues always have an answer



"A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader. A great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves."

**Eleanor Roosevelt** 

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams

