

Stellar Advancement Protocol v6.0

Humanity's Open-Source Mission to Type 2 Civilization

Democratizing Knowledge. Connecting Breakthroughs. Thinking in Centuries.

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Why This Project Exists: A Personal Note

In 2025, I encountered Dr. Pippa Malmgren's work describing how humanity stands at the precipice of major discoveries. Around the same time, I learned about the Kardashev scale—the measure of civilizations by their energy use—and something clicked.

My background is primarily in the financial industry, but I majored in psychology in college and have always been fascinated by how the human brain works. I later learned about binaural beats, which can synchronize left and right brain hemispheres, creating moments of profound insight. Einstein's genius, researchers found, came partly from an unusually dense corpus callosum—the bridge between his brain's hemispheres. He didn't just calculate; he connected. He imagined riding light beams. He saw patterns others missed.

That's when it hit me: What if humanity's challenge isn't that we need to think harder, but that we need to think together?

Every breakthrough I studied followed the same pattern—someone connected two unrelated ideas. The microwave oven came from a radar engineer noticing a chocolate bar melting. Heart stents came from a cardiologist learning about automotive fuel injectors. Velcro came from a walk in the woods.

We have physicists who understand fusion but have never welded. We have welders who understand heat flow but can't access physics papers. We have the pieces of Type 2 civilization scattered across a million minds that never connect.

What if we could be humanity's corpus callosum—the bridge between our collective brain's hemispheres?

That night, I couldn't sleep. I kept thinking: This is actually possible. Not in some distant future. Now. In our lifetimes. We just need to connect the insights that already exist.

I'm not a physicist. I'm not an engineer. I'm not even particularly good at math. But I couldn't shake this feeling—we have all the pieces. We're just not connecting them. Someone needs to build the bridge. Why wait for someone else to do what we can start today?

This project is that connection.

— *Founder, Stellar Advancement Protocol*

Executive Summary

The Question That Changes Everything

Why did we stop dreaming big?

In 1969, we walked on the moon. Today, we argue about quarterly earnings. Our ancestors built cathedrals over centuries. We can't plan beyond election cycles.

Yet the knowledge to harness our star's power—to end scarcity forever—sits fragmented across a million isolated minds.

What if we could connect them?

The Greatest Adventure in Human History

Imagine a future where energy costs nothing because we collect it from space—vast arrays orbiting between Earth and the Sun, beaming clean power to receivers worldwide while our planet continues to bask in its natural sunlight. Where asteroid mining provides unlimited raw materials. Where our grandchildren work on projects we begin today, building humanity's expansion across the cosmos.

This is Type 2 civilization on the Kardashev scale. We already possess the theoretical knowledge. The science exists. But it's trapped.

Learning from History's Cathedral Builders

Humanity has succeeded at century-scale projects before. Medieval communities built cathedrals over 300 years. The Dutch created polders through centuries of continuous effort. Japan's Ise Shrine has been rebuilt every 20 years for 1,300 years, preserving knowledge across 65 generations.

These projects succeeded through:

- **Shared vision** that transcended individual lifespans
- **Knowledge preservation** across generations
- **Community commitment** beyond economic incentives
- **Institutional continuity** despite political changes

The Modern Challenge: Three Bottlenecks

1. Knowledge Segregation: The fusion researcher can't understand the welding manual that holds their answer. The welder can't decode the physics paper that needs their expertise. Jargon has become a prison.

2. Implementation Complexity: Modern projects require coordinating thousands of specialties across dozens of countries. We lack the tools.

3. Temporal Mismatch: Corporations think in quarters. Governments think in election cycles. Universities think in grant years. But Type 2 projects take centuries.

The Solution: Connect the Dots

The Stellar Advancement Protocol creates humanity's bridge between isolated expertise. Like Wikipedia democratized encyclopedias and Linux revolutionized software, we're building an open knowledge commons that connects breakthrough insights across disciplines.

Starting immediately with specific, actionable goals:

- Map the 10 most critical bottlenecks blocking Type 2 advancement
- Connect 100 experts across disciplinary boundaries
- Generate 3 breakthrough connections in the first year
- Build the interactive Knowledge Tree showing humanity's progress

Even a single connection—one welder's insight solving a fusion problem—could accelerate our timeline by decades.

Part I: The Vision

What Success Actually Looks Like

When we connect welding to fusion: Plasma containment solved in 5 years instead of 50. First commercial reactor online by 2034.

When we connect gaming to space: Satellite swarm coordination using MMO architecture. Dyson swarm management becomes possible.

When we connect biology to materials: Self-healing carbon nanotubes inspired by DNA repair. Space elevator cable becomes feasible.

The first breakthrough: A \$10 billion fusion problem solved by a \$50,000 insight from industrial manufacturing.

The ultimate outcome: Your grandchildren never pay for energy. Humanity expands beyond Earth. Scarcity becomes a museum exhibit.

Why Type 2 Matters Now

Currently at Type 0.73, humanity uses a mere 0.000000045% of our Sun's energy. Reaching Type 2 means becoming a civilization that:

- **Cannot go extinct:** Distributed across multiple worlds
- **Cannot run out:** Unlimited energy and resources
- **Has unlimited potential:** Room for trillions to flourish
- **Enables boundless discovery:** Experiments requiring stellar energy

The Cost of Inaction

Every day we delay costs humanity 200,000 person-years of unnecessary scarcity. Every year of delay means 2.8 million preventable deaths from energy poverty. Resource conflicts intensify while fusion remains perpetually "30 years away."

China is investing \$1 trillion in fusion—but their program is proprietary. If they achieve it first, the technology stays locked. The EU is building space infrastructure. Private companies are racing to mine asteroids. This is happening—the question is whether the breakthroughs will be open or locked in proprietary vaults.

The Century Problem

Our fundamental challenge isn't technological—it's temporal:

What We Have:

- Corporations optimizing for quarterly earnings (90-day thinking)
- Governments planning in election cycles (4-year thinking)
- Universities chasing annual grants (1-year thinking)
- Individuals planning for retirement (40-year thinking)

What We Need:

- Research continuity across decades
- Implementation persistence across generations
- Knowledge accumulation across centuries

The medieval guild that built Cologne Cathedral maintained focus for 632 years. We need their institutional persistence with modern coordination tools.

Part II: The Immediate Mission

The Breakthrough Discovery Engine: Learning from Medical Innovation

One of the most successful models for scaling complex expertise comes from an unexpected source: cataract surgery in India. The Aravind Eye Hospital system performs more surgeries than any facility in the world, not by training more surgeons, but by revolutionizing how expertise is deployed.

They discovered that you don't need a surgeon for every step of surgery. By training local community members—often women with no medical background—to handle specific parts of the process, they achieve 6-8 operations per hour compared to the industry norm of one. Their insight: **complex procedures can be broken into simple, teachable tasks that non-experts can master.**

We're applying this revolutionary approach to breakthrough discovery. Just as Aravind proved you don't need surgeons for every step of surgery, we've realized **you don't need physicists for every step of discovering physics breakthroughs.**

The Assembly Line for Breakthrough Discovery

Instead of waiting for rare moments when a fusion physicist happens to talk to a welder, we're creating a systematic process that generates these connections continuously:

The Pattern Recognition System:

- **Extract:** AI systems pull key problems and solutions from technical papers
- **Simplify:** Trained pattern recognizers convert jargon to plain concepts
- **Match:** Specialists identify similar patterns across unrelated fields
- **Validate:** Experts quickly verify or reject potential connections
- **Document:** Archive both successes and failures for future learning

This isn't theoretical. By breaking breakthrough discovery into discrete tasks, ordinary people with focused training can spot patterns that specialists miss. A person trained to recognize heat transfer patterns doesn't need a physics PhD—they just need to know what heat problems look like across different industries.

Training the Pattern Recognition Corps

Just as Aravind trains ophthalmic assistants, we're training Pattern Recognition Assistants (PRAs) who specialize in spotting specific types of connections:

Core Specializations:

- **Heat & Energy:** Connecting patterns across welding, cooking, fusion, metallurgy, and chemical processes
- **Pressure & Flow:** Linking insights from hydraulics, aerodynamics, plasma physics, and ocean engineering
- **Materials & Structure:** Bridging construction, biology, nanotechnology, and space engineering
- **Control & Coordination:** Uniting gaming, logistics, satellite management, and swarm robotics
- **Cycles & Systems:** Connecting ecology, manufacturing, life support, and circular economies

Each PRA masters pattern recognition in one domain deeply, then learns to spot similar patterns everywhere else. They become the synapses in humanity's collective brain.

Volume Changes Everything

Current breakthrough discovery is accidental—a chance conversation at a conference, a random article someone happens to read. We're making it systematic:

Traditional Approach: Wait for random connections → Maybe 1 breakthrough per year per field

Our Approach: Process thousands of problems and solutions daily → Generate hundreds of potential connections → Validate dozens of genuine breakthroughs

By processing at scale, we transform breakthrough discovery from lottery to pipeline. Even a 1% success rate on connections yields game-changing insights when you're generating thousands of possibilities.

The Knowledge Harvesting Network

Beyond processing existing papers, we actively collect undocumented expertise:

Problem Harvesting: Visit factories, workshops, and field sites to collect real-world challenges in plain language. The fusion physicist doesn't know what problems welders actually face—we bridge that gap.

Solution Mining: Interview retiring experts before their knowledge disappears. A machinist's "trick" for preventing metal fatigue might solve a spacecraft's structural problem, but only if we capture it.

Failure Documentation: Equally important is knowing what doesn't work. Our Failure Archive saves others from repeating dead-end approaches, accelerating progress by eliminating false paths.

Making Breakthroughs Inevitable, Not Accidental

This systematic approach transforms Type 2 advancement from hoping for genius insights to manufacturing breakthrough connections. Consider the implications:

- Every major technical problem gets exposed to insights from hundreds of unrelated fields
- Every innovative solution gets tested against problems it was never meant to solve
- Every retiring expert's knowledge gets preserved and connected to future challenges

- Every failed approach gets documented, saving others years of wasted effort

We're not replacing experts—we're creating the infrastructure for their expertise to connect and compound. The fusion physicist remains essential, but now their knowledge reaches the welder, the chef, the glassblower, and the thousands of others who might hold a crucial insight.

Why This Accelerates Type 2 Achievement

The path to Type 2 is blocked not by missing knowledge but by missing connections. By creating a systematic discovery engine, we:

Compress Timeline: Problems that might take decades to solve through traditional research could be resolved in months when exposed to cross-domain insights

Democratize Innovation: The next fusion breakthrough might come from a plumber in Mumbai or a mechanic in Lagos—if we can connect their practical knowledge to the physicist's theoretical challenge

Preserve Expertise: Centuries of accumulated practical knowledge is vanishing as craftspeople retire. We're building the bridge between this wisdom and future challenges

Systematic Coverage: Instead of hoping someone makes a connection, we ensure every significant problem gets exposed to every potentially relevant solution

This isn't just an incremental improvement—it's a fundamental reimagining of how humanity generates breakthroughs. And unlike traditional research requiring billions in funding and decades of training, this system can begin immediately with ordinary people willing to learn pattern recognition.

Building the Knowledge Commons

Phase 1: Foundation

- Map critical bottlenecks with community input
- Establish pattern recognition training programs
- Create initial problem/solution databases
- Launch pilot discovery teams

Phase 2: Scaling

- Expand pattern recognition corps
- Automate extraction and matching systems
- Build regional harvesting networks
- Achieve first validated breakthroughs

Phase 3: Acceleration

- Process thousands of connections daily
- Generate breakthrough pipeline
- Create self-improving system
- Demonstrate measurable Type 2 progress

Community Activities (Starting Now)

This Week's Challenge: Connect Welding to Fusion We need welders to review fusion containment problems. Read our 1-page summary (no jargon required). Share any insight, no matter how obvious it seems to you.

Pattern Recognition Workshops: Learn to spot breakthrough connections

- Introduction to pattern recognition techniques
- Hands-on practice with real problems
- Join a specialized recognition team

Problem Harvesting Expeditions: Collect challenges from industry

- Visit local workshops and factories
- Document problems in plain language
- Feed discoveries into the engine

Solution Mining Sessions: Preserve retiring expertise

- Interview experienced practitioners
- Capture "tricks of the trade"
- Connect wisdom to modern challenges

The Failure Archive: Document what doesn't work

- Share failed approaches openly
- Save others from dead ends
- Build comprehensive knowledge map

Part III: The Type 2 Knowledge Tree

Humanity's Interactive Roadmap

The Knowledge Tree isn't just a diagram—it's a living, interactive map of humanity's progress toward Type 2 civilization. Each node will show:

- **Current Status:** Real percentage based on milestones, not estimates
- **Why It Matters:** Plain-language explanation of importance
- **Bottlenecks:** What's blocking progress (red highlighting)
- **Breakthroughs:** Verified solution paths (green connections)
- **Who's Working:** Active researchers and contributors
- **How to Help:** Specific contribution opportunities
- **Your Impact:** Watch the tree light up as you contribute

TYPE 2 CIVILIZATION (10^{26} Watts)

- └─ DYSON SWARM DEPLOYMENT [2% - Concept validated, no prototypes]
 - | └─ Self-Replicating Manufacturing [5% - Theory complete, awaiting materials]
 - | | └─ Von Neumann Probe Technology [10% - Software models only]
 - | | └─ Molecular Assembly [15% - Lab scale only]
 - | | └─ Space-Based Factories [2% - ISS experiments beginning]
 - | └─ Mercury Disassembly Operations [0% - Theoretical only]
 - | └─ Swarm Coordination Systems [20% - Starlink proving concepts]
- └─ SPACE INFRASTRUCTURE [15% - Multiple active projects]
 - | └─ Orbital Manufacturing [10% - ISS demonstrations ongoing]
 - | | └─ Space Elevators [25% - Materials blocking progress]
 - | | | └─ Carbon Nanotube Production [40% - Can't achieve required strength]
 - | | | └─ Tether Engineering [30% - Simulations only]
 - | | | └─ Climber Technology [20% - Prototypes at 1:1000 scale]
 - | | └─ Orbital Rings [5% - Concept papers only]
 - | | └─ Mass Drivers [35% - Small scale tests successful]
 - | └─ Space Habitats [20% - ISS provides data]
 - | | └─ Closed Ecological Systems [60% - Biosphere 2 learnings applied]
 - | | └─ Radiation Shielding [45% - Materials identified, not tested]
 - | └─ Interplanetary Transportation [30% - SpaceX/Blue Origin progress]
- └─ ENERGY SYSTEMS [35% - Fusion breakthrough achieved]
 - | └─ Fusion Energy Mastery [60% - Ignition achieved, not sustained]
 - | | └─ Plasma Confinement [70% - Instabilities remain]
 - | | └─ Superconducting Magnets [65% - REBCO tape promising]
 - | | └─ Tritium Breeding [55% - Cycle not closed]
 - | | └─ First Wall Materials [45% - Neutron damage unsolved]
 - | └─ Space-Based Solar Power [25% - Caltech demonstrations]
 - | └─ Energy Storage & Distribution [40% - Grid-scale batteries emerging]
- └─ SPACE RESOURCES [20% - Multiple missions planned]
 - | └─ Asteroid Mining [15% - Prospecting missions launched]
 - | | └─ Asteroid Capture [25% - Trajectory calculations complete]
 - | | └─ Space Refineries [10% - No zero-G tests yet]
 - | | └─ Transportation Networks [15% - Concepts only]
 - | └─ Lunar Industrial Base [30% - Artemis laying groundwork]
 - | └─ Mars Development [15% - Reconnaissance phase]
- └─ ADVANCED MATERIALS [40% - Laboratory breakthroughs]
 - | └─ Ultra-Strong Materials [35% - Properties achieved, not scalable]
 - | | └─ Carbon Nanotubes (63+ GPa) [30% - Length and strength barriers]
 - | | └─ Graphene Applications [45% - Production scaling up]

- | | — Smart Materials [25% - Concepts proven]
- | | — Extreme Environment Materials [40% - Testing in progress]
- | — COMPUTATIONAL SYSTEMS [70% - Rapid advancement]
- | | — Artificial Intelligence [75% - GPT-class models proliferating]
- | | — Quantum Computing [40% - Error rates too high]
- | | — Distributed Computing [80% - Blockchain proved concepts]
- | — LIFE SUPPORT & BIOTECHNOLOGY [50% - ISS provides testbed]
- | | — Closed-Loop Life Support [60% - Water recycling mastered]
- | | — Synthetic Biology [45% - CRISPR revolutionizing]
- | | — Medical Technology [55% - Longevity research accelerating]

Critical Path Analysis

Three Bottlenecks Blocking Everything:

1. **Fusion plasma confinement** (Block: Can't sustain reaction)
2. **Carbon nanotube strength** (Block: Can't achieve 63+ GPa at scale)
3. **Self-replicating systems** (Block: No closed-loop manufacturing)

Solve any one of these and a cascade of progress follows.

The Connection Cascade

See how one breakthrough enables many:

One Connection → Multiple Breakthroughs:
Welding insight → Fusion containment solved
↓
Fusion energy viable → Cheap power for manufacturing
↓
Cheap manufacturing → Affordable space infrastructure
↓
Space infrastructure → Asteroid mining feasible
↓
Unlimited resources → Post-scarcity civilization

This is why every connection matters—breakthroughs compound.

Part IV: Join Humanity's Greatest Project

Find Your Role

The Pattern Recognizer: You see connections others miss. Your ability to spot similar patterns across different fields could unlock breakthroughs.

The Problem Harvester: You work in industry and know what really breaks, fails, or limits progress. Your real-world challenges are gold.

The Solution Miner: You've spent years perfecting techniques. That "obvious" trick you use daily might solve problems in fields you've never imagined.

The Translator: You make complex ideas accessible. Every concept you simplify enables hundreds of new connections.

The Validator: You have deep expertise in one area. Your quick assessment of proposed connections filters brilliant insights from impossible dreams.

The Documenter: You organize and preserve knowledge. Your work ensures no insight is lost and no failure is repeated.

For Technical Experts

Your expertise is essential—but it's even more powerful when connected. Share your real challenges, not the conference version. Validate connections others propose. Your five minutes reviewing a connection could save five years of dead-end research.

For Practitioners and Builders

Your hands-on experience is irreplaceable. The physicist needs your practical knowledge of how materials actually behave, how systems actually fail, how solutions actually work. Share freely—your "common sense" might be revolutionary in another field.

For Everyone Else

You don't need credentials. Pattern recognition is a human superpower that improves with practice, not degrees. Your fresh perspective spots connections that experts miss because they're too close to their field.

Every Contribution Builds the Future:

- Spot one pattern? That helps.
- Share one problem? That helps.
- Document one failure? That helps.

- Make one connection? That could change everything.
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Part V: Frequently Asked Questions

Practical Concerns Addressed

"How can non-experts contribute to expert problems?" Experts excel at deep knowledge but often miss patterns visible to outsiders. The welder doesn't need to understand quantum mechanics to recognize that plasma behaves like metal under certain conditions. We're not replacing expertise—we're connecting it.

"Won't this generate mostly useless connections?" Yes, 99% of connections might not work—but at scale, the 1% that do work change everything. Traditional research also has high failure rates but without systematic documentation. We're just being honest about the process and learning from every attempt.

"How do you train people to recognize patterns?" Pattern recognition is a skill like any other. With focused training on specific pattern types (heat, pressure, materials, etc.) and practice with real examples, people quickly develop expertise in spotting connections. It's not about understanding the physics—it's about recognizing "this looks like that."

"What if important knowledge is proprietary?" We focus on connecting publicly available knowledge and documented practices. Often the breakthrough isn't in secret knowledge but in connecting existing pieces that no one thought to combine. Where proprietary knowledge is essential, we facilitate legal partnerships.

"This sounds too simple to work" The best solutions often are simple. Wikipedia seemed too simple—anyone can edit an encyclopedia? Linux seemed too simple—volunteers building an operating system? The power isn't in complexity but in systematic execution at scale.

Part VI: Organizations We Seek to Partner With

We're actively seeking collaboration with organizations and individuals who share our vision of open, collaborative advancement toward Type 2 civilization:

Research Institutions

- **MIT** - Plasma Science and Fusion Center, Space Exploration Initiative
- **Caltech** - Space Solar Power Project
- **Princeton** - Plasma Physics Laboratory
- **Max Planck Institutes** - Plasma Physics, Extraterrestrial Physics
- **CERN** - Particle physics insights for energy systems

- **NASA Ames Research Center** - Space technology development
- **ESA** - European space technology initiatives
- **JAXA** - Japanese space and materials research

National Laboratories

- **Lawrence Livermore** - National Ignition Facility fusion research
- **Los Alamos** - Advanced materials and energy systems
- **Oak Ridge** - Neutron science and supercomputing
- **Sandia** - Materials science and engineering
- **ITER Organization** - International fusion collaboration

Private Sector Innovators

- **SpaceX** - Space infrastructure development
- **Blue Origin** - Space technologies and systems
- **Commonwealth Fusion Systems** - Compact fusion reactors
- **Helion Energy** - Alternative fusion approaches
- **TAE Technologies** - Fusion energy systems
- **Breakthrough Energy** - Clean energy solutions
- **X Development (Google X)** - Moonshot projects

Industry Partners for Knowledge Harvesting

- **Manufacturing associations** - Real-world production challenges
- **Trade unions** - Skilled worker expertise
- **Engineering societies** - Professional knowledge networks
- **Maker spaces** - Grassroots innovation communities

Open Source and Knowledge Organizations

- **Linux Foundation** - Open source governance models
- **Wikimedia Foundation** - Collaborative knowledge systems
- **Apache Software Foundation** - Community-driven development
- **Creative Commons** - Open licensing frameworks
- **Internet Archive** - Knowledge preservation
- **arXiv** - Open scientific publishing

We welcome participation from individuals within these organizations who share our vision, even if institutional partnership isn't immediately possible. Every connection strengthens the network.

Conclusion: The Choice Is Yours

Right now, someone in Shanghai knows why fusion fails. Someone in Lagos knows how to fix it. They've never met. They never will—unless we connect them.

We're done waiting for accidental breakthroughs. We're building the engine that makes them inevitable.

This isn't about making everyone a physicist. It's about recognizing that the solution to physics problems might come from a chef, a welder, a gamer, or a grandmother. It's about systematically connecting every problem to every possible solution, regardless of where they originate.

The medieval builders of Cologne Cathedral laid stones knowing they'd never see the spire. But they had faith in the system—each generation would add their part, and eventually, the cathedral would rise.

We're building a different kind of cathedral. Not of stone, but of connections. Not over centuries, but starting today. Every pattern you recognize, every problem you share, every connection you make becomes part of humanity's neural network—the collective intelligence that will carry us to the stars.

The Breakthrough Discovery Engine is running. The Pattern Recognition Corps is forming. The Knowledge Commons is growing. The question isn't whether we'll find the breakthroughs needed for Type 2 civilization—it's how quickly we can connect the dots that already exist.

Your insight—the one that seems obvious to you but revolutionary to someone else—is waiting to be connected. The pattern you recognize today might unlock fusion tomorrow. The problem you document might find its solution in an unexpected field. The connection you make might cascade into breakthroughs we can't yet imagine.

We have all the pieces. We just need to connect them. And now, for the first time in history, we have a systematic way to do exactly that.

The stars aren't waiting. Neither are we.

Join us: stellaradvancement.org

Week 1 Goal: Launch first pattern recognition training cohort **Month 1 Goal:** Generate 100 validated connections **Year 1 Goal:** Achieve first breakthrough from systematic discovery

The universe isn't waiting. Neither are we.

What pattern will you recognize today?

A Final Thought

Somewhere, a fusion researcher is stuck on a problem that a glassblower solved yesterday. A space engineer needs an insight that a sushi chef practices daily. A materials scientist seeks a breakthrough that a spider demonstrated million years ago.

These connections exist. They've always existed. But they've been invisible, separated by jargon, geography, and the artificial boundaries between fields.

No more.

We're not building another research institution that hopes for breakthroughs. We're building the systematic engine that manufactures them. Where every problem meets every solution. Where every expertise connects to every challenge. Where breakthroughs become inevitable, not accidental.

The assembly line is starting. The patterns are emerging. The connections are forming.

Join us. Not because you're an expert—but because you see patterns. Not because you have answers—but because you have experiences. Not because you understand everything—but because you understand something that might be exactly what someone else needs.

Your pattern recognition could unlock fusion. Your problem could inspire a breakthrough. Your solution could enable space elevators. Your connection could accelerate everything.

The stars aren't a destination. They're a power source waiting to be harnessed. And the key to harnessing them isn't in a laboratory or a university—it's in the connections between all of us.

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Begin today. Build tomorrow. Become stellar.

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