# Lead Your Remote Or Hybrid Team

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# **Points of Discussion**

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### ACCEPT IT.

Let go of the past or "back to normal". Approach leading in the new environment with the curiosity of a child. 02

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### LEAD YOURSELF.

How to take charge, re-charge, and thrive in the world of remote work!





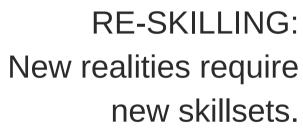
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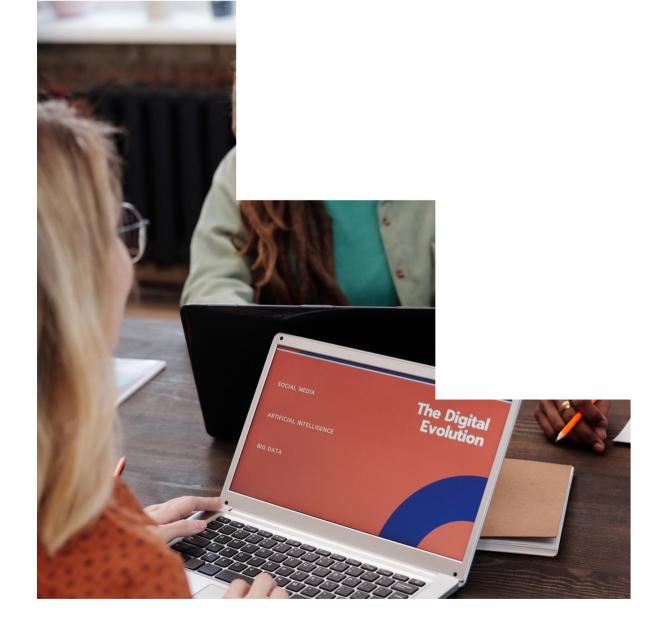
### LEAD YOUR TEAM.

Create a few simple rules that will allow you and your team to be engaged and intentional about working in a virtual or hybrid world.

# **NEW REALITIES**

NO RETURN TO NORMAL: Changed behavior will outlast the pandemic.





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DIGITAL **ACCELERATION:** Historic rates for remote work and digital access to service.

**GOOD NEWS: Teams** can thrive working remotely, as long as we lead with acceptance and intention!

# 52%

Employed American workers said they would choose to work from home permanently if given the option.

Source: Society of HR Management (Feb 2021)



## Lead Yourself.

### POWER UP!



#### **SET BOUNDRIES**

- Eat lunch al-fresco but never at-desk-o
- Set specific work and break hours that are clear and transparent
- Don't mix work with personal life, for the most part; unplug to recharge

#### **IDEAL WORKSPACE**

- Stable internet connection
- A good headset is a must

#### SHOW UP

- Dress for the work day
- Master video technologies and STAY CONNECTED
- Build trust through communication

• Create a daily routine with a clear start and end to the workday

• Eliminate distractions (e.g. white noise machine, close the door) • Replicate your desk set up at the office; Personalize your space

• Fuel up! Eat and drink for nourishment, energy and brain power

**It's Up To You.** Decide to make it work well for you.

Overcome fear & procrastination.

Challenge yourself to find a solution for any remote work obstacle.

Make it your goal to feel just as productive and content working remotely as you do in the office.





### **Rely on the three C's.**

- **Be Curious** ask questions; find solutions
- **Be Conscious** practice being self-aware
- **Be Compassionate** give grace; Aim for progress, not perfection

## Lead Your Team.

### POWER UP!

### TAKE CHARGE!

#### **SET EXPECTATIONS**

- Encourage your employee to ask for clarification if needed

#### **CHECK-IN OFTEN**

- IM or pick up the phone often
- Virtual coffee chats for quick personal conversations
- Openly discuss what is going well and areas to improve

#### **ENGAGE THE TEAM**

- Provide an agenda with timing
- Greet everyone as they join (smile!)

• Develop written expectations for communication & availability • Discuss the expected results and how they will be measured • Coach the employee on committing to remote work success

• Regularly scheduled **video** meetings (as a team and individually)

• Outline meeting etiquette (mute when not talking, remove distractions, • Ask your team to actively participate; use polls and break-out rooms • Start with a light-hearted game, chit-chat, or personal stories

Leading a team virtually can be very similar to being in person at the office, as long as:

- we use video as the main communication vehicle
- we practice new skills for engagement and conversation



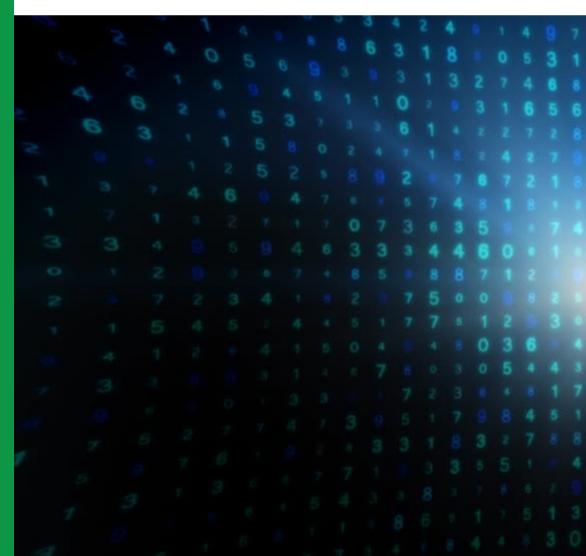
# New Skills?! Maybe...

- Intentional communication
- Self-management as an example
- Build trust on the team
- Build connection on the team
- Digital skills
- Continuous learning & adaptability



# Let's Get Digital

- Video technologies (Skype, Zoom, Teams)
- Shared team calendar
- Call forwarding or Zoom Phone



• Laptops, web-cam and stable internet for employees • Paperless process and storage solutions (e.g. Dropbox)

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## Team Engagement Ideas



- Virtual Ice Cream Social
- Buzzword Bingo
- Show Team Members Appreciation
- Virtual Escape Room
- Support a Cause as a Team
- #You-Are-Awesome chat channel
- Contests





## Be the leader they need.

Nurture your team for remote work success!







