

22 Years in 22 Minutes

Lessons Learned and How They Apply in the AI Era

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2004 → 2026

Selenium - 2004



the technology changed

the lessons didn't

the ones I can fit into 22 minutes

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1

know what problem you're solving

it's okay if you don't know yet
it's okay if it changes

2

make things you want to exist

make it because you want it to exist

Selenium - 2004



selenium

Appium - 2012



appium

Tapster - 2015



tapster

Vibium - 2025



vibium

3

focus on the rock,

not the rope

the rope is not the point

the point of testing isn't tests

confidence

4

being early feels a lot

like being wrong

5

you don't need permission

to start

6

side quests have a funny way
of becoming main quests

Tapster - 2015



7

i still can't explain why

open source works

i still can't explain it

but it does

always know your BATNA

what will you do
if this doesn't work?

know when to quit

know when not to

10

stay curious

the AI era

AI changes the speed

AI changes the tools

AI doesn't change the questions

does it actually work?

the rock has not moved

stay curious

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