

Enterprise Skills Layers for AUTOSAR & Automotive Engineering

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The Enterprise Skills Layers Framework is designed to help organizations reskill, redeploy, and future-proof their workforce in the age of software-defined vehicles and AI-driven automotive innovation. It organizes employee capabilities into five interconnected layers, enabling agility, innovation, and sustainable adaptability across Direct Engineering and Indirect Engineering roles:

- **Foundational Digital Skills (Baseline Literacy):** Core digital fluency that underpins productivity in automotive engineering. Includes seamless communication, documentation, collaboration, and integration of GenAI-assisted workflows into everyday engineering tasks.
 - Direct Engineering roles: AUTOSAR Engineers, Embedded Software Developers, Automotive Systems Architects, Control Engineers, etc.
 - Indirect Engineering roles: Resource Officers, Automotive Project Managers, Product Managers, Automotive Business Unit Leaders, etc.
- **Power Skills (Enduring):** Human-centric capabilities: communication, collaboration, emotional intelligence, leadership, reasoning, compliance, cultural intelligence, workplace discipline. Evergreen strengths that scale alongside technology and remain low-obsolescence.
 - For Direct Engineering roles, these skills ensure responsible collaboration, ethical reasoning, and innovation in safety-critical automotive systems.

- For Indirect Engineering roles, they reinforce stakeholder trust, governance, and organizational integrity in automotive programs.
- **Applied & Industry Integration Skills (Evolving):** Knowledge translation, industry adaptation, solution deployment, regulatory alignment.
 - Continuously evolving with breakthroughs in AUTOSAR paradigms, ISO 26262 safety standards, and automotive engineering practices.
 - Foster innovation, experimentation, and translation of research into practical automotive solutions.
 - Critical for Direct Engineering roles driving automotive technical discovery, but also valuable for Indirect Engineering roles in evidence-based decision-making and project evaluation.
- **Industry-Based Specialization Skills (Adaptive):** Contextual expertise tailored to sector-specific requirements (e.g., autonomous driving, infotainment systems, powertrain optimization, EV battery management).
 - Anchor engineers in client industries, ensuring rapid alignment with unique automotive challenges.
 - Enable Direct Engineering roles to design solutions that fit automotive industry constraints, while Indirect Engineering roles adapt processes, governance, and delivery models to sector needs.
- **Technology-Assisted Skills (Rapidly Changing):** Cutting-edge digital and AI-driven competencies that accelerate automotive innovation.
 - Includes automation, AUTOSAR toolchains, cloud-based simulation, digital twins, embedded systems frameworks, and advanced visualization tools.
 - Empowers Direct Engineering roles to build scalable, efficient automotive solutions, while Indirect Engineering roles leverage these tools to optimize workflows, resource allocation, and project outcomes.

The balance of knowledge and experience within the SEFIX competency framework for workforce development strategy.

Business Scope	Foundational Digital Skills	Power & Soft Skills	Applied & Industry Integration Skills	Industry-Based Specialization Skills	Technology-Assisted Skills
Direct Engineering roles (Embedded System Engineers, AUTOSAR Software Engineers, Automotive Engineers, AUTOSAR ECU Developers, Autonomous Vehicle Engineers, etc.)	~10%	~10%	20%	~40%	~20%-

Indirect Engineering roles (Resource Officers, Automotive Product Managers, AUTOSAR Project Managers, Automotive Business Unit Leaders, etc.)	~10%	~30%	10%	~40%	~10%
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This framework emphasizes agility, client-centric adaptation, and the integration of AI, AUTOSAR, and automation—key differentiators for organizations competing in global automotive markets.

Together, these layers create a holistic skillset that balances timeless human strengths with evolving industry and technology demands. Reskilling becomes fast, targeted, and sustainable, enabling quick workforce rotation, resilience, and long-term adaptability.

In this way, the workforce is positioned not just as adaptable, but as strategic enablers of transformation in AUTOSAR & Automotive Engineering services. By aligning Direct Engineering roles (AUTOSAR Engineers, Embedded Developers, Systems Architects) with Indirect Engineering roles (Resource Officers, AUTOSAR Project Managers, Automotive Product Managers, Automotive Business Unit Leaders), organizations can ensure that technical innovation and operational leadership move in tandem—driving measurable impact across the automotive industry.

AUTOSAR & Automotive Engineering

AUTOSAR & Automotive Engineering Skills

- ├ Foundational Digital Skills (Baseline Literacy)
- ├ Power and Soft Skills (Enduring)
- ├ Applied & Industry Integration Skills (Evolving)
- ├ Industry-Based Specialization Skills (Adaptive)
- └ Technology-Assisted Skills (Rapidly Changing)

1. Foundational Digital Skills

Baseline Literacy | Essential digital fluency enabling productivity, communication, documentation, collaboration, and foundational GenAI-assisted work for all professionals in AUTOSAR & Automotive Engineering services. These skills form the minimum competency required to participate effectively in distributed automotive engineering environments.

Lifecycle: <5 years — Productivity tools, collaboration platforms, and GenAI workflows evolve steadily; automotive engineering platforms and embedded development environments shift every 2–3 years; GenAI reshapes workflows every 1–2 years.

Why Upskilling/Reskilling? Digital tools evolve quickly; AI-assisted productivity features require continuous refresh. Baseline literacy is mandatory for all:

- Direct Engineering roles: AUTOSAR Engineers, Embedded Software Developers, Automotive Systems Architects, Control Engineers.

- Indirect Engineering roles: Resource Officers, AUTOSAR Project Managers, Automotive Product Managers.

Foundational Digital Skills

- ├ Digital Productivity Tools
 - | ─ Word processing & documentation
 - | ─ Spreadsheet modeling & analysis
 - | ─ Presentation creation & storytelling
- ├ Digital Communication & Collaboration
 - | ─ Email & professional communication
 - | ─ Virtual collaboration (Teams/Zoom/Meet)
 - | ─ Real time co-authoring & shared workspaces
- ├ GenAI Productivity Usage
 - | ─ Prompting fundamentals
 - | ─ AI assisted summarization & drafting
 - | ─ AI supported presentations & note taking
- ├ Information & Data Literacy
 - | ─ Search & verification
 - | ─ Source credibility evaluation
 - | ─ Digital hygiene & security basics
- ├ Language Literacy
 - | ─ English (technical & business)
 - | ─ Foreign language basics (JP/KR/DE optional)
 - | ─ Documentation reading comprehension

2. Power Skills (Included Soft Skills)

Enduring | Human communication, collaboration, emotional intelligence, leadership, reasoning, compliance, foreign language communication, cultural intelligence, workplace behaviors, and discipline — evergreen strengths that scale with technology. These skills evolve slowly, survive technology shifts, and remain foundational across all roles.

- For Direct Engineering roles (AUTOSAR Engineers, Embedded Software Developers, Automotive Systems Architects, Control Engineers), these competencies enable

responsible collaboration, ethical reasoning, and innovation in safety-critical automotive solutions.

- For Indirect Engineering roles (Resource Officers, AUTOSAR Project Managers, Automotive Product Managers), they ensure stakeholder alignment, governance, and effective delivery of complex automotive programs.

Lifecycle: <5 years — Human capabilities are stable but must adapt to global delivery models, remote collaboration, and AI-mediated workflows in distributed automotive engineering environments.

Why Upskilling/Reskilling? Automotive engineering services often operate in global, client-centric contexts. Excellent communication, stakeholder interaction, discipline, and adaptability are essential to manage diverse teams, cross-cultural projects, and rapidly evolving automotive ecosystems.

Power Skills (Included Soft Skills)

└─ Communication

- | └─ Executive & stakeholder communication
- | └─ Technical → non-technical translation
- | └─ Foreign language communication (EN/JP/KR/DE)
- | └─ Governance, audit & compliance communication

└─ Collaboration

- | └─ Cross-function & cross-domain teamwork
- | └─ Business–IT–vendor coordination
- | └─ Multi-timezone remote collaboration

└─ Emotional Intelligence

- | └─ Empathy & interpersonal awareness
- | └─ Conflict de-escalation
- | └─ Relationship & trust building

└─ Cultural Intelligence

- | └─ Respect for multicultural norms
- | └─ Adapting to client country expectations
- | └─ Global team interaction etiquette

└─ Workplace Behaviors

- | └─ Professional ethics & integrity
- | └─ Accountability, ownership, self-management

- | └ Respectful, inclusive and reliable conduct
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- | └ Critical Thinking
- | └ Root-cause & structural problem solving
- | └ Bias/risk identification
- | └ Decision-making using evidence & logic
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- | └ Learning Agility
- | └ Rapid upskilling across Data science paradigms
- | └ Rapid upskilling across usage of AUTOASR in Automotive paradigms
- | └ Adapting to emerging practices and domains/tools/frameworks
- | └ Continuous professional learning mindset
- | └ Adaptation to fast-changing environments
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- | └ Professional Discipline
- | └ Ownership, accountability & follow through
- | └ Quality orientation & documentation rigor
- | └ Compliance with AUTOSAR standards, AI ethics & data governance
- | └ Time & priority management
- | └ Documentation quality & rigor
- | └ Compliance with standards & governance

3. Applied & Industry Integration Skills

Evolving | Core conceptual and engineering competencies that underpin AUTOSAR & Automotive Engineering services. These include embedded systems design, automotive software architecture, control systems engineering, safety compliance (ISO 26262), domain-specific consulting, and solution integration. While tools and platforms change rapidly, these skills evolve more gradually with academic progress, industry standards, and engineering research, providing stability and continuity in automotive innovation.

Lifecycle: 2.5–5 years — reflecting the pace at which frameworks, standards, and methodologies advance in response to new engineering discoveries, evolving AUTOSAR paradigms, and automotive practices.

Why Upskilling/Reskilling? Applied & Industry Integration skills must be continuously renewed to align with emerging automotive frameworks, evolving safety and compliance standards, and global expectations for responsible innovation. As automotive paradigms shift (e.g., electrification, autonomous driving, software-defined vehicles), professionals need to refine methodological rigor, adopt new engineering practices, and integrate cutting-edge approaches to remain competitive, credible, and impactful in advancing AUTOSAR & Automotive Engineering services.

Applied & Industry Integration Skills

- | — Foundational Automotive Engineering Theory
 - | | — Embedded systems and real-time operating principles
 - | | — Control theory and optimization methods
 - | | — Automotive electronics and systems architecture fundamentals
- | — Engineering Methodologies
 - | | — Requirements analysis & system design
 - | | — Benchmarking, replicability, and validation rigor
 - | | — Standards compliance (ISO 26262, ASPICE, AUTOSAR methodology)
 - | | — Mathematical modeling & simulation of automotive systems
 - | | — Signal processing, estimation, and control algorithms
 - | | — Scientific computing principles for embedded environments
- | — AUTOSAR Paradigms & Theoretical Models
 - | | — Classic AUTOSAR concepts (basic software modules, runtime environment)
 - | | — Adaptive AUTOSAR principles (service-oriented architecture, high-performance computing)
 - | | — Hybrid approaches (integration of AUTOSAR with AI/ML-assisted automotive functions)

4. Industry-Based Specialization Skills

Adaptive | Sector-specific expertise that anchors AUTOSAR engineers, embedded software developers, automotive systems architects, and control engineers in the unique demands of the automotive industry. These competencies include applying AUTOSAR standards, embedded engineering methods, and automotive system design to domains such as powertrain, safety systems, infotainment, autonomous driving, and electric vehicles. They ensure professionals can contextualize architectures, adapt solutions, and design systems that meet regulatory, ethical, and operational requirements across diverse automotive sectors. While tools and platforms evolve, these skills remain relatively stable, adapting primarily to industry practices and standards.

Lifecycle: 2.5–5 years — reflecting the pace at which the automotive industry adopts new AUTOSAR frameworks, updates compliance requirements (ISO 26262, ASPICE), and evolves methodologies to integrate advanced software into vehicles.

Why Upskilling/Reskilling? Industry-based specialization skills must be continuously refreshed to align with evolving standards, sector-specific frameworks, and client expectations. As automotive innovation accelerates (e.g., electrification, autonomous systems, connected vehicles), professionals need to adapt quickly to new regulations, methodologies, and delivery

models. This enables them to provide tailored, domain-relevant automotive solutions that are both innovative and compliant, ensuring resilience and competitiveness in global markets.

Industry-Based Specialization Skills

- └─ Automotive Lifecycle Concepts
 - | └─ Software → integration → validation lifecycle principles
 - | └─ Requirements engineering, system design, and integration
 - | └─ Quality assurance and governance across automotive pipelines
- └─ Applied Automotive Engineering & Modeling
 - | └─ Control system modeling and optimization
 - | └─ Embedded software design and validation logic
 - | └─ Generalization, calibration, and verification techniques
- └─ AUTOSAR Engineering Workflows
 - | └─ Classic AUTOSAR (basic software modules, runtime environment)
 - | └─ Adaptive AUTOSAR (service-oriented architecture, HPC integration)
 - | └─ Workflow automation and orchestration for embedded systems
- └─ Domain-Specific Automotive Applications
 - | └─ AUTOSAR in powertrain and chassis systems
 - | └─ AUTOSAR in safety systems (airbags, braking, ADAS)
 - | └─ AUTOSAR in infotainment and connectivity
 - | └─ AUTOSAR in autonomous driving and EV battery management
 - | └─ Regulatory considerations (ISO 26262, ASPICE, UNECE WP.29 compliance)
- └─ Advanced Automotive Architectures
 - | └─ Distributed and service-oriented architectures
 - | └─ Real-time embedded systems and middleware integration
 - | └─ Cloud-connected vehicle platforms and digital twin solutions
- └─ Testing, Quality & Evaluation
 - | └─ Functional safety testing and robustness evaluation
 - | └─ Explainability and traceability of automotive software
 - | └─ Stress testing and adversarial evaluation for embedded systems

5. Technology-Assisted Skills

Rapidly Changing | Automotive tool-driven, innovation-accelerated capabilities requiring frequent upskilling and continuous reskilling. These skills focus on the fast-evolving ecosystem of AUTOSAR platforms, embedded engineering frameworks, cloud-connected simulation, and automation tooling that underpin modern automotive engineering services.

Lifecycle: <2.5 years — Fastest-changing: tools, frameworks, programming languages, embedded stacks, cloud services, and automotive engineering toolchains.

Why Upskilling/Reskilling? AUTOSAR toolchains, embedded frameworks, cloud services, and libraries evolve extremely fast — older stacks become obsolete quickly. Professionals must continuously refresh their skills to remain effective and competitive in delivering scalable, modern automotive solutions.

Technology-Assisted Skills

- └─ Programming & Frameworks
 - | └─ C, C++, Python, MATLAB/Simulink
 - | └─ AUTOSAR Classic & Adaptive frameworks
 - | └─ Embedded RTOS and middleware integration
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- └─ AUTOSAR Platforms & Toolchains
 - | └─ AUTOSAR configuration tools (Vector, Elektrobit, ETAS)
 - | └─ ECU software development and integration workflows
 - | └─ Service-oriented architecture tooling for Adaptive AUTOSAR
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- └─ Cloud & Simulation Ecosystems
 - | └─ Cloud-based automotive simulation (AWS, Azure, GCP automotive stacks)
 - | └─ Digital twin platforms for vehicle systems
 - | └─ Real-time simulation and hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) testing
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- └─ Visualization & Modeling Tools
 - | └─ MATLAB/Simulink for control system modeling
 - | └─ CANoe, CANalyzer for automotive communication analysis
 - | └─ Automotive visualization frameworks for diagnostics and system validation
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- └─ DevOps/AutoDevOps Tooling
 - | └─ Docker, Kubernetes for containerized automotive services
 - | └─ CI/CD pipelines for embedded workflows (Jenkins, GitLab CI, GitHub Actions)
 - | └─ Continuous integration with automotive testing environments

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- |— AI-Assisted Engineering Tools
- | |— AI-assisted code generation for embedded systems
- | |— AI-assisted debugging and test case generation
- | |— AI-assisted documentation, workflow automation, and compliance reporting

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