



Why analysts need a community of practice

Learning together
at the pace of AI

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A place to work through real problems

An analytics community of practice brings people together regularly to learn from each other and apply what they know.

With AI, that means comparing results, questioning surprising outputs, and sharing what holds up in real work.

AI changes quickly

**Everyone has to keep
testing what works.
Experts included.**

New capabilities bring new uses
and new ways for a workflow to fail.
A community helps people compare
what they are finding as tools change.

Real work reveals what a demo can miss.

Beginners can ask expert-level questions

You may be new to a tool and still know the business problem better than anyone else in the room.

Chris Goodman made this point in our conversation about communities of practice. Different kinds of expertise help each other.

How the gains compound

An example: AI drafts report commentary

01 One analyst tests a prompt

It drafts commentary on monthly results.

02 A colleague checks the claims

They catch an unsupported explanation.

03 Another team improves it

They share the prompt and their checks.

A useful recurring session

One real problem.

Room to work through it.

Bring a real AI example and its output.

Let the group question and test it.

Record the tool and version used.

Revisit the findings as tools change.

Failed attempts are worth sharing, too.



AI learning is more useful when people can build on it

A useful discovery or a failed experiment can help the next person work better.

Community principles drawn from interviews with

**Kathleen Maley, Sarah Eisele-Dryli,
Chris Goodman, and Lisa Schultz**

Read the full interview

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