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The pace and scope of innovation is increasing and educators, students, and businesses of every type have a tremendous opportunity. We must prepare the next generation of students with the foundation, techniques, curiosity, and the mindset to go change the world. Businesses are experiencing a foundational shift in how technologies are used inside the business as well as how they interact with their customers and partners.

The Paradox of Automation

Join Brian Faros, chief information officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, as he explores the topic, “The Paradox of Automation.” He will discuss the exciting role technology will play in shaping, automating and transforming the future of business and human interactions, along with the effects on human skills that could result from the continued abstraction of key hands-on experiences. He’ll also touch on the important role educators and practitioners serve in dealing with the automation paradox in computer science.