3 STEPS TO BECOMING A BETTER TECHNOLOGY SCOUT

Technology scouting is an art and a science. Here are some tips to help you become a technology scout. You can read the full article here.

CLEAR UP AMBIGUITY WITH THE CUSTOMER, AT THE VERY START.

- Map out your customer's understanding of the technology area.
- Look for small references that may be at the edge of the overall problem description.
- Make the 'impossible' less 'impossible'.

2 HONE DOWN THE TECHNOLOGIES FOUND.

- Bucket technologies into categories.
- Weed out the best categories.
- Order the technologies in each category.
- Pay attention to the results.
- Build a vocabulary list and knowledge base.

3 USING A WELL-DEFINED MEASUREMENT SCALE.

- Have clear expectations with the client, on what is important to them.
- Objectively compare technologies, against the criteria and conditions of that scale.
- Rank order the technologies that you have found, so the client can give their most attention to the highest ranking technologies

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