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CoPlay: Work With AI, Not Just Command It

Most people use AI as a faster pair of hands: write this, summarise that. CoPlay is the other way of working, where AI argues with you, searches past your usual frame, questions what you know and reflects your habits back, while the judgment stays yours. Published in a co-authored business book in 2025 and taught live in 2026.

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FOUNDATIONAL MODES, EACH WITH A WORKED PROMPT	MODES INTRODUCED IN THE 2025 BOOK	MODES DOCUMENTED FOR THE FORTHCOMING BOOK	MASTERCLASS FOR NON-IT PROFESSIONALS, 2026

THE SHIFT

COMMAND MODE

"Write this. Analyse that. Summarise this."

You get faster at what you already knew was possible. Useful, and where most people stop.

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PARTNERSHIP MODE

"Let's find out what neither of us knew."

AI does what your own attention cannot sustain: tireless opposition, wide search, pointed questions, an outside view of your patterns. You decide what holds.

THE FOUR FOUNDATIONAL MODES

MODE	THE MOVE	PROMPT PATTERN (THE BOOK'S EXAMPLES, ABRIDGED)	USE IT WHEN
SPARRING	Ask AI to attack your thinking, not to approve it.	*"Attack this contract as opposing counsel would. Find every ambiguity, every loophole, every missing protection. Be ruthless."*	Before a high-stakes decision, or when you feel too sure.
EXPLORING	Break the assumed frame and wander into adjacent territory on purpose.	*"Instead of the obvious sources, map the entire possibility space. Follow tangents. Be comprehensive, not efficient."*	When the usual approaches have stopped working.
TEACHING	Explain your field to AI and let its questions find where your understanding thins out.	*"I'll teach you these rules step by step. Stop me whenever I'm relying on shortcuts. Be a relentless student."*	Before you teach others, or turn know-how into a system.
MIRRORING	Give AI your past work and have it reflect your patterns back.	*"Here are my last 20 reviews. What do I consistently catch, and what do I consistently miss?"*	When you sense a blind spot but cannot name it.

NO FIXED SYLLABUS

Modes combine, and one shows what calls for the next: teaching exposes gaps that sparring can attack; mirroring finds patterns that can then be built into a routine. Which modes, in what order, depends on the person and the problem. So every engagement starts from the client's own work. One limit holds throughout: AI can put your patterns in front of you, but it is not to be trusted to judge them.

WHERE IT COMES FROM

THE BOOK

AI: The Reverse GoldRush (co-authored, 2025), chapter 10 (the theory) and chapter 11 (the practice and the modes). Available on Amazon.

TAUGHT LIVE

"CoPlay: AI for Non-IT Professionals", a masterclass for the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Hyderabad, India, October 2026.

NEXT

CoPlay, a book on the full set of 30-plus modes, with practitioner stories. Forthcoming.

Role: co-author of the method and of the book chapters it comes from; designed and gave the masterclass. Only the book's own published examples appear on this card; no client work is shown.