But, the bottom line is this. Global collaboration is connecting people through the most universal activity in the world besides sex.
Work.
In 1948, my grandparents braved bloody Hindu-Muslim riots to travel from their home in New Delhi to Lahore, Pakistan. My grandmother was pregnant with my father at the time, and they were desperate to earn money.
They did this to secure a teaching post for my grandfather in Uganda. It was the only job available to him.
Today, he could have stayed home & become an online tutor, saving his family a lot of drama.
Today, my software company, based in San Francisco, employs scores of people near my grandfather's home town in Chandigarh.
I am fascinated by the possibilities of global work, particularly because I believe that virtual collaboration is still in its infancy.
The reason this process has still not made it has very little to do with technology. It has much more to do with education, culture, and experience.
Globally, we are moving towards a model that integrates software development. Due to communication constraints, real agile development is fairly challenging for global teams.
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Bold Statement 1

Almost every US professional will soon have a counterpart who sleeps while they work, and vice versa.

Human beings like to work during the day and sleep at night.

Human beings have an innate desire to be more productive.
**Bold Statement 2**
The 24 hour work cycle will make us almost twice as productive.

You work. They sleep. Reverse. Repeat.

Communication with a global team will become an important part of each day.