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#### **Which came first, the chicken or the egg? The egg...**

I think I have written this up before, but just in case, I wanted to solve (and solve) this not-too-hard problem for anyone with lingering questions.

#### **The Egg**

There were eggs long before there were ever chickens. Dinosaur eggs, fish eggs, etc.

#### **The Chicken egg?**

The typical response is that the question was not generic about eggs. What's the answer for the Chicken Egg?

#### **Definitions**

This is where the question of definitions come into play.

- If you define a chicken egg as an egg produced by a chicken:
  - The chicken
- If you define a chicken egg as an egg producing a chicken:
  - The egg
- If you define it as either?
  - The egg, because the first "chicken" came from an egg, regardless of how you define the first chicken as opposed to other chickens.
    - Of course if you want to try some way to make it more confusing, enjoy...

#### **Why does it matter?**

It doesn't, really – in terms of chickens and eggs.

But it does matter in understanding that good definitions lead to good understandings.

#### **How does that relate to the "chicken and egg" problems in life?**

It's actually very helpful there. In day to day life, people trying to get things done need other things to make progress. It may seem circular that you cannot get a job unless you had one, and it is the same as the basic bootstrap problem in starting a computer or anything else.

The chicken and the egg evolved (together), and each made little bits of progress, the other could go further. So it is with any of these problems. You work them a step at a time. It's always something that's the limitation, so you work to get rid of it and move on.

#### **Conclusions**

The egg. Now get back to work.