

On my 21st day at Surfboard Payments internship, I continued working on my binary search code, trying to execute it based on my knowledge. Despite my efforts, I kept encountering errors that I couldn't resolve. However, I was determined to improve and learn from my mistakes. In the morning session, we focused on functions, their working principles, and explored different solutions through examples. Understanding how functions work was essential because they help in structuring code more efficiently and making it reusable. The session was insightful, and I gained more clarity on how to use functions effectively in JavaScript. After the session, we took a short break for lunch and then prepared for another session scheduled at 4:00 PM.

In the afternoon, our senior Koushik instructed us to sit separately with four members per bench, ensuring that there was a sufficient gap between us. He then distributed papers containing questions related to the concepts we had learned earlier in the day. This was an opportunity to test our understanding and apply the knowledge we had gained. I worked diligently on solving the questions, using the concepts of functions and problem-solving techniques discussed in the morning. It was a great way to reinforce what I had learned and identify areas where I needed improvement.

Before long, our senior Askin arrived and reintroduced himself to the group. He reflected on our first meeting and then initiated a discussion about Artificial Intelligence (AI). He asked thought-provoking questions about why AI is essential and how it can be used effectively in real-world applications. This discussion encouraged us to think critically about the role of AI in modern technology and how it impacts various industries. It was fascinating to explore AI concepts and understand how they can be applied in real-time problem-solving.

Askin also revisited an important topic he had emphasized during the first week: responsibility and ownership. He reminded us that we are accountable for the tasks we choose to undertake and that it is our responsibility to complete them with dedication and commitment. He explained that taking ownership of our work not only helps us grow professionally but also instills a sense of discipline and purpose in our lives. His words were inspiring, and they motivated me to approach my work with greater responsibility and determination.

He shared valuable advice about his own journey, explaining how he worked hard and continuously improved himself to reach his current position. He also mentioned some recent issues that had arisen in the company, which many employees had overlooked due to their focus on their respective tasks. He highlighted how dedication and effort had contributed to the company's growth and success. His key message was to take responsibility and ownership in both professional and personal aspects of life.

Askin spoke for several hours, sharing insights and advice that were both inspiring and practical. Although the session lasted a long time, it was incredibly valuable and gave me a fresh perspective on personal growth and accountability. By the end of the day, I still couldn't finish my binary search task, but I felt motivated to keep working on it with a stronger sense of responsibility and dedication.