LETTER TO YOURSELF

Starting something new is always very exciting as you get to learn a whole new set of skills and also experience something new. But remember this experience is going to involve different phases and contain different sides to it. Embrace all of it, as they, as a whole will teach you something different and important that would prove really beneficial in future. Now that it's a month into the program, things start to get a little more real and you will face newer challenges, but that's how it is supposed to be, to help you grow and excel.

Getting stuck at a problem isn't the end of it all! So, rather than thinking that you are totally stuck, think what is to be done next to tackle the same.

- First let's begin with listing the things that you have learned in the month that is related to your project. Go through it again to ensure that you have got your concept correct and applied it correctly. Sometimes we tend to miss out a point or two which leads to confusion and gets us stuck somewhere. So try eliminating any such errors.
- Generally when we get stuck, we tend to get frustrated, we read the code or the project again and again, still not able to find it, we lose focus, though we are still trying to find the mistake or the solution, we just can't see it. That is when you leave it, leave it alone for some time, take a break, get refresh or just take a nap. Come back with a fresh mind, it helps you see things that you previously overlooked or just couldn't get a hold of. That's just because everything gets so mixed up and haphazard and your mind just gets blocked, and it can't see those small errors or find a solution to it.
- Read the question again. You might have already read it a couple of times, but after the brainstorming, please go and read it again. Sometimes you find a path or a different direction by it. Understand what is being asked and if possible divide the question into parts or subsections which helps you get a clearer view of what is to be done.
- To simplify the process, list out the things to be done or draw a graphical picture of the project. Highlight what is to be done and how. This simplifies the process and saves you from a lot of confusion. You can always refer to this if you feel stuck to ensure that you did not miss out any of the steps.
- Analyse! Analyse your project at hand and the problem and do some homework about it; find out the problem causing area and research about it. Know your current skill set and if you are lacking somewhere. Identify them and work upon them. You grow if you learn and strengthen your skills.
- Don't be afraid to talk about your problems. You do not know everything yet, and it is okay, so ask questions, as many questions related to your project till you are clear about it. There are professionals out there and many sites that can help you get a better hold of it. Talk and discuss about it and you will definitely get to learn something new. They can guide you and you might find a new direction to progress.

When we achieve something it certainly adds up to our confidence. As long as you are able to solve the problem, it interests you and you are all motivated. But it does take some efforts to achieve it. There will be time when you are stuck and self-doubt creeps in. You start doubting your abilities and competency. You rather end up focusing on your drawbacks but a change in perspective changes the whole game! Remember, if and how soon you find the solution also depends on how you look at the situation. When you are stuck and eventually find out a solution to it and identify the problem, in this process you are also learning something new that is now

you know what mistakes could create such problem and you won't repeat it again; and in the process you also get to strengthen your base and work upon your skills. Do not run away or give up on it, tackling the problem will only add up to your confidence and knowledge, so keep challenging yourself. Hold on to that growth mind set always and remember the mantra that you were taught 'Being wrong means that you are not right yet'.

GOALS AS A DEVELOPER

As a developer I would want to continue learning new skills sets and keeping myself updated with the advancements. Another important thing would be to have a strong base. I would always want to have my basics clear because a strong base would help to grow and develop a stronger future.

In future I would like to work upon complex projects and would love working with professional developers and handling major or important projects and excel in my field.