

2023 was the year of a hard stop for me, and a new beginning. Resigned from my Job to pursue a career in software engineering.

So far, it has been amazing. I saw notable growth in adaptability and resilience effectively managing challenges and uncertainties as a result of this new journey.

I have seen growth in time management, as I dedicated much time to mastering languages such as Java, python and tools or technologies relevant for my new field.

Challenges

Initially it was a huge challenge to adapt to being in a controlled learning environment again, there was a need for a new mind shift, that was all that was required to adapt to my new reality.

I had the support of friends and family. I also adopted the mindset of proactive learning, self study to help me adjust quickly to our fast-paced learning here at Semicolon. I leveraged greatly on the assistance of peers, this helped me appreciate and develop great team work spirit. I also shared knowledge and provided support to my teammates where necessary. I pay great attention to feedback and endeavour to make improvements where necessary

Mistakes

My regrets are basically around joining this program very late. I have had several opportunities in the past to initiate a hard stop and make a switch into tech early on, but the courage to abandon everything and look forward was not there. If I could turn the hand of time, I would rewrite that part of my life. I am here now and I have no regrets whatsoever.

Looking ahead

I'll pay attention to the following.

- Professional network and collaboration. I plan to expand my professional network by actively engaging mentors, industry experts, events and seminars.
- Emotional intelligence
- I plan to be more proactive and cultivate a more creative and innovative mindset, consistently seeking new solutions.
- Industry trends and work on my professional visibility.

