

Tips for Success

Being a successful software developer is more than knowing how to code. It is important that we develop good habits and a frame of mind prepared to provide solid solutions.

Here are some habits we've found common in successful students.

Participate in your Learning Community

Being part of a learning community goes both ways. You get out what you put in. Bonus: the best way to learn something is to help someone else understand it. The second best way is to collaborate and work together to figure it out. This means being present for your cohort-mates. You are all in this together. Support each other. Encourage each other. And be a model student.

Strength through Struggle

The army has a phrase: embrace the suck. A bootcamp is tough, frustrating, and grueling work. But it can make the success so much sweeter. There will be moments you get frustrated. That's ok. Take a break, take a walk, do some yoga. A secondary skill you are learning is persistence, which is a developer's best friend. Developers love to solve puzzles, so when you're frustrated, try to reframe it as a new puzzle to solve.

Weekly Rear View Mirror

You may find yourself forgetting to celebrate the little wins, like when the code finally runs after hours of tinkering with it. It's important to take a moment and celebrate how far you've come. At the end of each week, look back at where you were the previous week. The grind can feel like you're pushing a boulder uphill, but when you stop to reflect back, you'll see how far you've really come.

Celebrate Your Wins

When you've cracked the code on something you've been struggling with for hours, share it! It's good not only for you, but also for your cohort-mates to see that everyone struggles and that victory happens at each other's own pace. And join in celebrating with your cohort-mates.

Finding Solutions

Software developers are expected to be 'answer people' and problem solvers. Check out this video to get some strategies for finding solutions to your coding challenges.



Knowing Your Tools


A key characteristic of a developer is curiosity. Being curious and having an advanced understanding of your operating system will increase your productivity.

How to take a screenshot:

OS	full-screen	portion of screen	paste into message
Linux	CTRL + PrtScn	SHIFT + CTRL + PrtScn	CTRL + P
Windows	PrtScn	Windows key + SHIFT + S	CTRL + P
MacOS	SHIFT + CMD + 3	SHIFT + CMD + 4	CMD + P

Mattermost formatting:

Code will format nicely if it is placed between 2 groups of 3 backticks:



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'''
for book in library:
    price += book.price
'''
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=>

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for book in library:
    price += book.price
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