WHEN YOU JOIN A NEW PROJECT

* Go through the system under test manually.
* Go through the test automation framework manually.
* Go through the testcases manually.
* Take one test case and execute on the system under test.
* Raise and Log defects.
* Perform sanity, exploratory manual execution first.
* Take notes on everything and anything useful.
* When you find bug, raise a query, then a bug.
* Play around manually with each feature or unit of a functionality first before automation.
* Also try to manually execute the steps based on feature file, so that you get to know the functionality.
* Manual use of the app features just like an end-user will use the system or application functionalities to complete a task.