**BOOTCAMP CHALLENGES AND HOW I HAVE ADAPTED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS**

Wow! This is my 7th day of bootcamp at Andela Rwanda, cycle 7. So far so good with the camp, we are learning while working on project as a part of program. Although the progress seems to be good, along the way I faced so many I difficulties that required me to persist, adaptation and self-discipline.

Albert Einstein said, “**The measure of Intelligence is the ability to change**”.

Just to remind you the lifecycle 7 bootcamp is remaining 3 days to finish. It means more learning and challenges are still coming.



Source: <https://www.senorcool.com/en/art/genius7/yes-i-can-do-it/poster>

As young person who inspired to become a world class software developer who trained at Andela I would like tell you how I adapted the challenges and the skills I used to overcome it.

The challenges are time management, growth mindset, team collaboration, adaptation, understand Learning facilitator and sleep less.

**Time management**, learning how to manage time is the essentials skills or a habit everyone should have. The LFA instructed me a couple of times to continue working on project, correct bugs found in existing code and write a blog on “**my experience in bootcamp so far**” in less than 3 hours. Normally I would do it in half a day but in bootcamp it is different. I am proud to tell you that with in a given time I pushed hard to finish all task at time.

**Growth mindset**, for me it means that may be your knowledge is not enough you can learn more in short period. I remember my first 3 days of bootcamp was tough time I learned and felt like my head was about to burst. It was a time I acquired all skills I did not learn or missed in Home study Curriculum for example testing code and writing clean code. After some hours of frustration, I was able to wrap my head and wrote the test coverage and continuous integration test with Travis CI.

**Team collaboration**, in the beginning it was challenge for me to work with people I did not know and even I have not meet in life was challenge. I was shy that may be they are expert than me, there code are cleaned. It took me only a day to realize that they are good people and we shared the same environment. Furthermore, I found if we work together and share skills, we would be able to finish the project. Ever since I began to enjoying the power of teamwork if I stuck, I ask why and what mistake I did and they helped.

**Adaptation**, at Andela bootcamp it is the best moment I understood what it means to adapt. Imagine you are alone working on the tasks that would require 3 to 4 person to be done. In my experience at Andela so far I realized this what most boot campers missed and eventually failed it. I used YouTube motivation videos I watched about “The power of dream” and “if you can see it in your mind you can hold it in your hands” to get my hands dirty and do the task.

**Understand Learning facilitator**, these awesome people do not hate us rather they want us to unleash our potential while delivering best project.

**Sleep less**, simply means that do not sleep more than 4 hours during boot camp. I used this technique to work extra hours during night just ensure I finish all tasks as requested.

**Conclusion**

I have past knowledge about bootcamp and have not future. However, I believe that I can do what it takes to pass it and become world class developer at Andela.