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**After 10,000 hours of practice**

There are so many different factors that make people become successful, and practice may be just one of them. For me, to achieve true world-class expertise, that is, to succeed, there’s way too much to do than practice. There is no doubt that practice is an indispensable part of becoming successful, but learning is as well important. For those who have spent tens of thousands of hours practicing but still haven’t become a master, maybe it’s because they have been practicing in the wrong way, or they’ve been just literally “practicing”.

     To really make progress, it is necessary that aside from practice, you should learn a lot of new things. Since if you don’t learn and you just keep practicing the things that you’ve already known, there is no way for you to become better. Once you’ve already acquired all the skills you need, that’s when practices become more important. Namely, unless we’ve made sure what we are going to focus on and work on, we don’t want to jump straight into the practice loop.

Then what distinguished those who had succeeded from ordinary people who had also put in 10,000 hours of practice? The answer is that successful people don’t just practice. By the time the opportunities arrived, they had already prepared themselves up. That is, they seized the chance and didn’t let go of it because they know they’ve got what it takes to be recognized as an expert. So, practice is like a rehearsal, and people won’t become an expert if they are only good at rehearsing. One becomes an expert as long as others consider him/her to be one, after all, who will call himself/herself an expert?

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