title: **Is a programming job easier than bootcamp?**
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In an actual software development job, how fast-paced is the work? Does it vary by Front-end, Back-end, start-up, older company? I don't want to invest months of my life in something if I will work too slowly to do well at the actual job.   Background: I was briefly in a full-time boot camp this fall. I loved the prep work for bootcamp (HTML, CSS, Bootstrap) and started a full-time, full-stack bootcamp but had to leave after a short time for family reasons, and am now considering returning. In the short time I was in bootcamp, I thought that it was taking me way too long to do the homework and there's no extra time to spare in an intense bootcamp. In my prep work, it was also taking me longer (Free CodeCamp, CodeCademy) than the number of hours the sites said it would take. I'm motivated, like coding, and like to learn and teach myself new things. I'm good at taking what I know and turning it into useful, finished projects. My current plan is to teach myself to code using online resources, with help and structure from an ADHD job coach, and a mentor who is a developer, and possibly go back to bootcamp when I've already done some projects. But I need to know how slow/fast the job itself is.

Comments ####

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fast/slow is going to depend on company. I interned at a small place w reasonable pace. currently in job w not a reasonable pace that is small/med size startup.

it will likely be more chill at a larger company vs smaller company that is in startup mode. though there are chill small companies assuming they aren't likely startups.

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Thanksthat makes sense

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If you really like to code and Really are good at getting things done (tm), just keep coding however feels best for you. You will find work

Commenter_4
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No. It is much much harder. Boot camp is measuring nothing at all. it is not a measuring stick for anything but your ability to retain information for yourself.

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I should have phrased it differentlythe question is about the pace of workis it faster, the same, slower than a coding bootcamp?

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depends on how much experience you have. when I was wiring my first spring/flask app, it took days.

now I can use my own boiler scripts and pop out rest api in hours.

soo. really depends on how good you are and what your current job is.

again . boot camp is not a measuring stick. also you cannot use any of your other jobs as measuring stick. it will be a grave mistake to use things you cannot control as measuring stick.

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Yes and no. A programming job will not give you the immediate feedback and critique on your work that Bootcamp does. You aren't given "grades" for your work. But if you don't give yourself the same sense of urgency and direction you had in bootcamp it will catch up with you silently and impede your growth and promotions or even get you fired.

Do it because you like it. But don't forget results matter. If your job doesn't have a lot of structure (some have more than others) you have to give yourself structure and make month goals and 6 month goals. Keep a written record of what you've accomplished as you go because (especially with ADHD) you won't remember 6 months from now what you've done.

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Why does it matter? If you like it and you wanna do it, then try! If you are too slow for one job, then study more and apply for another one!

But starting a new job is always hard and good bosses don't expect you to be productive the first 2-3 months anyway. You will be tired and overwhelmed, and then after about a year you will settle in. It also depends on your boss and project. I'm quite slow but i do a good job so my boss doesn't mind :)

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In coding the pace very much depends on the company, the project and your boss.

It's really hard to tell and it can switch. Or, to be honest, the workload can switch with right schedules.

I'm not sure if s bootcamp is the best place for you, but I also have no idea what Bootcamps do.
I. General it sounds like you would be a good addition to a company at training level already - but different country etc.

If pace is important to you, that will be something you should talk through with mentors, especially regarding how to recognize it in a hiring place.

While in general big companies can have lower pace then startups, it's not generally true. There are startups watching closely that employees grow with them and have a good life balance. There are big companies which are always running their Dev departments in crunch mode.what is true for either is that pace is super hard to compare. It's not like homeworks, it's not like everyone does the same.