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## Assignment #3: My Greatest Challenge

**Instructions:**

1. Read through the ["Get Your Mind Right"](https://the-coding-bootcamp.gitbooks.io/pre-work-book/content/) chapter of Pre-Work.
2. Then identify which one of the *12 Keys to Success* will be most challenging to you. *Really think about it!*
3. Finally, write a 75–150-word paragraph describing which of the challenges you think will be most difficult for you and what steps you will take to overcome these difficulties.
4. Save the reflection in a *Word* or *Text* file inside of your Pre-Work folder.

**Pascal – My Greatest Challenge**

I think “Finding a Squad” may be somewhat challenging (or uncomfortable) to me. Not that I can’t be around or don’t like people because I’m around them all day long at my job, but because I can be shy or an introvert (until you get to know me). But, usually this is all temporary, and I’m able to make friends or acquaintances with other people in class since we do all have one thing in common. We’re all in the same coding bootcamp.

My other challenge would be “Put in the Hard Hours” outside classroom balancing that will my full-time day job that requires a lot of my time. Not saying I can’t do it because I just did it these past 7 years going to school part-time while working full-time to get my Bachelor of Science degree in Web Design & Interactive Media, and literally had to do some kind of homework almost every single weekday and of course every single weekend all day both days. It was brutal, and I survived it. I know this class will require that same amount of time and concentration, and I only graduated this past February 18th. Also, the last 6 of the 7 years I went to school part-time was completed through the online division of The Art Institute. So this is my first real classroom experience again since 2010.

I’m not too much out of the student way of life practice yet since that was only five months ago. I know some weeks will be more challenging than others because my day job requires more than 40 hours fairly frequently (if not on a regular basis), and I work in far north Plano. And SMU is in Dallas (thankfully I live in Dallas). So my extracurricular reading, studying, and practicing time is cut down each week on weekdays quite a bit just sitting in traffic alone.

But I’m bound and determined I can do this, and I’ll do whatever it takes to succeed because I want this certification (and all the knowledge that I’ll get from taking this bootcamp) and my Bachelor’s Degree to finally be enough for me to make that much wanted and needed career change I’ve been waiting such a long time for. I’m excited about this class and all that I will learn. I’m a great student as well!

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