



"PROJECT IMPACT"
STORIES ON MASTERY BY AAPNA
COMMANDOS

Mastery Story - Ms. Bhuvaneshwari R

Here is my story on "Mastery /Excellence"

In my point of view my Mom is Real time example of Mastery in my life. We are the Joint family (5 Families) and we are former, After my 6th std, we faced some financial issues, so we relocated to another place from Native place, That time some of the people talked too much, that time my Mom decide whenever we will comeback Native, that time we will be good in all the aspects.

In the new place getting everything is very difficult, My father not well, so Mom decide go to work, we also plan for go to work (my sister and Me)

that time my sister completed 10 th Std, me 6 th Std and my brother 4 th Std.

So we plan ,only my brother will join the school, me and My sister go to work, but my mom decide , me also go to school.

My Mom always told me, Education is the best way to get Respect and also earn Money.

So My Mom and Sister went work for Day and Night Swift and earn for our living ,Medical expenses and also Education.

My Mom have only one thing in her Mind , we will grow and also get Respect from all of the them,

Her Zeal and confidence , for continuous working , Patience ,financial planning and support in all the aspects for the family ,is exceedingly large.

My Mom learnt many things from society and Educated us too ,

How will be treated, for this How we will be respond, based on time and place will decide. we need to wait for the correct time.

After the 15 years we went back to Native, My Mom is got huge appreciation from Everyone in my Native place because that time my Sister got married (without others support)

I also completed my Master degree.(in my family I am the first person completed Master degree) and started to earning, my brother also start earning. Now also she learning and also leading a successful Happy Family.

From my Mom, I learnt Patience , continuous learning (in all the persons, place and also Technology) will help to grow with Self Respect.

We are the responsible for our Word and Actions. Life will teach many lessons. Accept the Mistake, Live the Life Happily, without Give up, Enjoy every movement.

Mastery is Like, Learning and also continuous process. Enjoy Learning and try to Mastery in your Own Beautiful and Powerful Life given by God.

Mastery Story – Ms. Tejshwini J

Here's My Story on Mastery :-

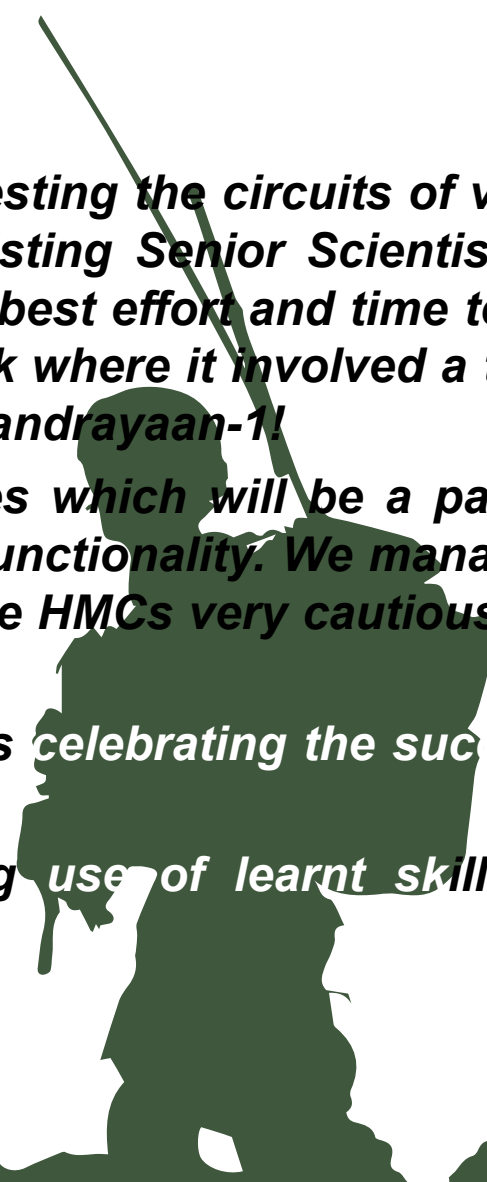
I would like to share one of my experience on Mastery.

During my working days in ISRO, my work was to assist the Scientists in Testing the circuits of various satellite receivers. In our team, my colleague and I, we were 2 of us assisting Senior Scientists and initially we were given to test proto-types for training purposes. We put our best effort and time to learn the testing procedures of various circuits and as days passed, We got a task where it involved a testing of onboard Hybrid Micro circuits for a receiver of a satellite project called Chandrayaan-1!

We were so feared to test those flight HMCs because those were the ones which will be a part of a launching satellite and if anything goes wrong it might impact the satellite functionality. We managed Overcome the fear and made use of our skills that we learnt and tested those HMCs very cautiously and hand

And I was very happy with a proud feeling that day where whole Nation was celebrating the suc mission of Chandrayaan-1 :)

Here in this Story, Mastery for me is Overcoming the fear and making use of learnt skills



Mastery Story - Ms. Chhaya Verma

Story based on my experience:

During my college years, I tutored children ranging in age from third to eighth grade. My students included three siblings from the same family. There were two girls and one boy. Academically, the girls were strong, with scores of 65 % or higher. Boy used to get only 45% of the time.

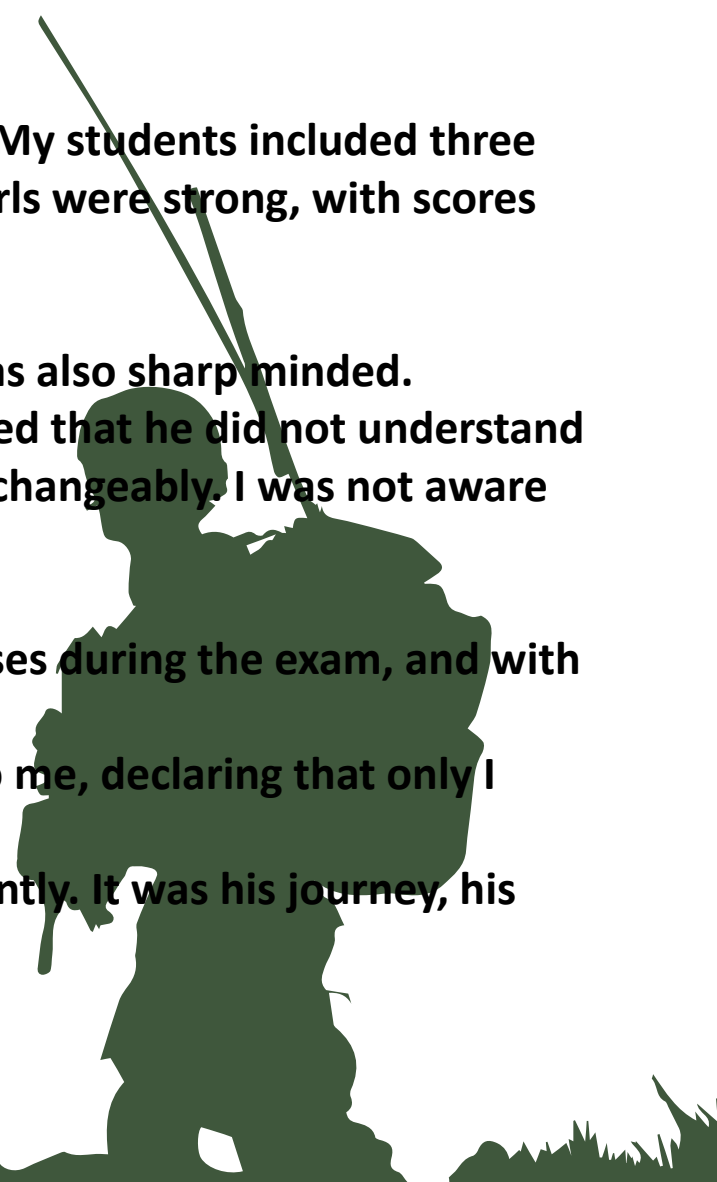
I discovered that he was good at memorizing content and math, indicating that he was also sharp minded. However, there were issues while he used to write. Aside from spelling errors, I noticed that he did not understand the difference between the letters "b" and "d" and frequently used such letters interchangeably. I was not aware of the Dyslexia problem at the time.

I took it as a challenge and assisted him in overcoming his issues. I gave him free classes during the exam, and with regular practice, he improved significantly and received 75% Score in his final exams.

Looking at his report card, his mother got overwhelmed with emotions and rushed to me, declaring that only I would teach her children.

That was the true reward for my efforts. Nothing is impossible if we practice consistently. It was his journey, his consistent learning and improvement.

Truly said that mastery is dependent on “the intensity of our focus.”



Mastery Story - Mr. Abhijit Roy

My story on Mastery –

The path to mastery is available to all of us. With enough effort and persistence, achieving greatness in a chosen field is within reach. We can capture genius and direct our focus and attention to a singular aim that brings both intrinsic and extrinsic rewards. – Extract from :-

[https://blog.doist.com/mastery/#Beginning Masters Journey](https://blog.doist.com/mastery/#Beginning_Masters_Journey)

This story is about one of our AAPNA commandoes, Niraj. In his own written admission, when Niraj joined AAPNA, he had very limited skill at being a software developer. Over the years, it has been a pleasure watching Niraj grow as a professional, and I have tried documenting some of my observations, of the things that he has done on the way. Once again, I would not call him a Master (yet), but he is definitely, someone who is relentless in his search for MASTERY. The first key observation I made is when Niraj came and requested my permission to teach at a local coaching centre, after office hours. The key take away, was the reason he gave, that by teaching, one is to consolidate his learning – such was his dedication. Apart from learning from all his seniors, Niraj was also quick to observe the talent of one of our clients, Jeff Miller, who many of you know. Niraj latched on to Jeff, and started a series of long email conversations, detailing out proposed solution paths etc., which I believe not only helped hone his technical abilities but also his written communication, which is a key (and often missing) tenet of a good technical person. Nevertheless, I suppose the best reward that Niraj could have hoped for was in form of appreciation from Jeff. During one of my onsite visits, Jeff pulled me aside, for specially telling me, how he thinks Niraj is one of the key AAPNA team members, especially due to his inquisitive mind and keen sense of constant learning. Having said all the above, I would like to repeat that Mastery is a journey, and not a goal, and Niraj will finally become a master if he makes this endeavour to learn and grow a lifelong journey.

Mastery Story - Ms. Simranjot Kaur

I am not even super sure that it really fits into mastery because literal meaning of mastery is comprehensive knowledge or skill in a particular subject or activity. But my belief is no body is master, but we can our real efforts daily to grow together to make an IMPACT. Also, we can acquire any skill but using that skill in real time is actual MASTERY.

So, here it goes...

This story is about my parents.

My mother is a lady with beauty and brains. She wanted to be an IAS but conditions at home made her leave her studies. She left her studies but did not give up on herself she learned the art of sewing. She not even supported her parents but supported my father in his thick and thin times with her skills. Her art of maintaining finances and being technically skillful made her the perfect homemaker.

My father was 18 years old when he left his studies to support his family. He worked hard and mastered the art of fixing technical machines. He started as a helper and today he is working as Manager (Mechanical Engineer) at top-notch Product based company. Since 2000 he has been continuously awarded as Best employee in his firm.

My parents have always told me nobody is the master of anything. Nobody is perfect. Nobody is excellent. There is always "room for improvement". If Arthur Scherbius developed the 'Enigma' then Alan Turing decoded the 'Enigma'. Someone will always know the art of mastery better than you. Your biggest competition is you. If you are a little better today than you were yesterday, then you are on your way to real victory!

Mastery Story - Ms. Priyanka Gurnani

So here is my story on “**MASTERY/EXCELLENCE**”:

" There lives an old man in my neighborhood who has two sons, John and Jackson, both having hearing and speech impairment. But the old man and his sons never lost their hope to live happily in their life. With their constant practice and hard work, all members in family mastered lip reading and sign language.

Today they can well communicate with all other people in the society confidently and manage their work life balance happily.😊

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Mastery Story – Ms. Yashika Singhal

This is going to be a very simple story yet at the same time delivering an amazingly inspiring message.

When I sat down to think about a story based on my experiences where I mastered some skill, to be honest I could not think of much.

Wait does that mean I don't have mastery in anything in life? No that's not true. I think in my humble opinion I have mastered the art of learning.

The roots of this mastery stems from a simple process that most of us go through.

Remember when we were a newly born babies. We did not know how to talk, walk or even eat. We even did not understand the language of expressions. Basically, we all were brand new waiting for ourselves to get ready for the world.

But see we have developed ourselves into one of the most intelligent and smart people. We can understand someone's message or a feeling just by watching out their tone or gestures which could be a gaze only.

Let that sink for a while. When I tried to think about this amazing transformation, I could think of couple of main reasons. Firstly, we were never afraid of us being judged by someone. To be honest we did not know that feeling of being judged. Secondly, we were so busy in learning that anything except it hardly mattered to us since our moms used to care of us.

So, I think I am good on both of these points when it comes to mastering a new skill. So Yes, I can say that I have mastered the art of learning something to become a master in something.

Mastery Story- Ms. Swati Gupta

To me Mastery specially means the efforts an individual does to have a proper gain of a skill from learning with the basic ,Intermediate and Advanced levels by going beyond our limits and comfort levels.

A short story I would like to share with you all,

In my 10th standard ,in one of our Preboard School exams i scored very low marks in one of the difficult subjects which I used to feel that time was Math's , it was just the passing marks .I got scolded by everyone for taking granted my subject Math's and my teachers and my family was also very disappointed with me. My father was also very upset with me ,that time i promised myself that I will do my best and put all my efforts so that I will prove myself that it is not difficult subject and with my regular practice and continuous efforts I scored a very good marks in my 10th boards as well as in Engineering Joints entrance examination and my college Papers with no fear from Maths .For me it was the mastery to overcome the fear of Maths .

Quote: Don't Doubt it Do it

Thanks,
Swati

Mastery Story – Ms. Rituja Bhishkar

I am sharing story on mastery. Hope you will enjoy reading it.

A boy from a village came to city to learn new skill. He started assisting a tailor who was skilled person. He judged the boy. He accepted him as student.

One day the tailor handed him 2 gloves black and white. He said these two gloves have magical power. The White glove will help you to learn this skill quickly. The Black glove will help you to design and stitch the clothes directly. Tailor said to student to take time, think properly and tell his choice tomorrow morning.

Student was so happy to receive both gloves. He thought and said to tailor that he wants to start earning from that moment itself and he will choose Black glove. Tailor was disappointed but gave him his nod.

The boy became famous in a very short span of time and became rich as he wished.

Next day he was summoned to the king's court to show his skill and make a dress for queen.

Here comes the twist.

He used to keep his white glove with utmost care but due to popularity and invitation from King made him proud, arrogant, and careless.

One day mice chewed his glove. Boy searched for black glove every where and he found it shredded. Now boy was very angry, disappointed, and scared as he didn't make the queen's dress.

King called him next day and asked about dress. He lied and said he will finish that dress in 15 day.

He came back home and wore that shredded glove and tried to cut the fabric but was not able to cut fabric even in straight line.

He realized his grave mistake. He went to his master and asked him about that glove. He said it was only one. He was devastated. He told his master about queen's dress and asked for desperate help.

Tailor said you still have time wear that white glove and start learning. I will guide you and you will be able to prepare that dress yourself.

Boy followed his teacher and devoted himself towards acquiring that skill. He made a very beautiful dress and queen loved that dress a lot. King awarded him handsomely.

Moral : Mastery / Excellence is achieved with through patience and perseverance. Excellence/Mastery is always followed by Success. So always strive for Excellence.

Mastery Story – Mr. Ankit Kumar

It starts with the very first step taken.... YES... , we never knew that we are going to MASTER this...

Here I am sharing a story of one of the Master that took his first step some years back....

Ankur Rajput, who is the Master of Decisions today, took his first challenge in decisions, he initially hesitated but when after he dived deep into that project which he had to deliver the very first PoC with number of challenges he faced at that time.

Working on PoC in daytime, doing training at night, it wasn't an easy journey, working with decision team, regularly follow up with them on queries and day to day challenges, these are first step towards learning and sharpening his skills into the Hyper Automation platform.

Not only he worked and got excelled on the very first project of Decisions, but he has proved to be a good leader and leading the team and working as an Architect in Decisions. I see him as a master and salutes him for his mastery in this platform. He gave a lot of confidence to AAPNA and his team that we are standing with multiple decision projects and has also given couple of talent pool to the Decision team in a company.

Cheers to Ankur!

Mastery Story - Mr. Kishor Kumar

As a kid, I was very reserved and quiet. I never liked mugging up the solutions as is the case in the Indian schooling system. By mugging up I mean you have the answer you just have to remember it not learn it.

As I grew to higher classes it became very difficult for me to keep mugging up and eventually it led to frustration and disliking the school itself.

One fine day my Mom told me that when you are in an unknown territory do not be afraid to venture into unknown corners and repeat yourself. Eventually, you will explore things that no one else knew. I was a bit puzzled initially but eventually, I went to a point where I could prove my own formulas could prove the same theorem in many different ways and solutions just started flowing. I have never seen a problem that could not be solved it's just a matter of time and enough repetitions and failures.

“My Mother is My Mentor”

An expert is someone who is not afraid of the unknown.

Mastery Story – Mr. Naveen Satywali

So, this Story can be quite different from your expectations, but I feel this story will not be less than a mastery story.

I am a non-vegetarian and till I was 16-17 years old, I use to have it any day and never use to think whether it is Tuesday or Saturday. I am Brahmin and opposite to my family culture, I was like I will not follow any rules for having non-veg.

Suddenly, one day my mother went to an Astrologer, and she showed my Kundali to him by saying that I am not that focused in my daily life, and she needs some solutions to it. Astrologer said that I need to take Tuesday's fast for some time and will have to leave Non-Veg on Tuesday for lifetime. This was very shocking for me, but my mother told me that I need to follow it anyhow. I took my mothers word and started taking fast and did not take non-veg for 1 year on Tuesday and you will not believe that I followed it without any fail. After 1 year I realized that fasting and worshiping is making me more focused, so I started taking Saturday's fast as well and I left Non-veg on Saturday also. Then it became 2 days in week, and it kept me motivated to leave non-veg on other days also. Then I left Non-veg on Monday as well, as my mother started taking continuous fast on Monday and then respectively on Thursday as well and finally, I left non-veg for 4 days a week.

So now time spent, and it's been almost 9-10 years since I never took non-veg on these four days and Today, when my mother still thinks about it, she cannot believe the same, But I can proudly say that I have mastery in ~~winning~~ ^{winning} these 4 days for not having Non-veg and Surprisingly I am planning to leave non-veg for lifetime 😊 Just Need some more determination.

Mastery Story - Mr. Hardik Shah

When I was working at TCS (about 15-16 years back), I had a colleague Yogashish. Even though we were in same project and churning out the same amount of work, he was able to complete the work in about 9-10 hours in spite of being a high-pressure project. On the other hand, I along with my other colleagues were slogging for 12-14 hours every day.

First, I thought he is bluffing or may be generating bad quality work, but to my surprise, he was the one with least amount of defects in the code.

I decided to decode his secret of efficient working. I tried to analyze and find the reason for the same. I found out that his qualification was exactly same as mine. We both were in many ways very similar like, we born and brought up in same city Ahmedabad and migrated to Mumbai same year(same struggle), same education qualification, same # of years' experience and on top of that our birthday was also few days apart. I decided to ask him. I was shocked to know the secret. The only difference between him and me was the effective Time Management.

Wow.....

Very simple solution. He was keeping a diary and writing the tasks to be done on the day every morning which included the personal and professional, both. And he diligently follow the tasks written in the diary and made sure every task is attended to from the list before going to bed. Great insight but very simple to follow.

It takes hardly 10 minutes of morning time, but it makes sure you do not forget anything and when you go to sleep, you know that you have taken care of everything. Absolutely bug free code, so happy clients, happy family and peaceful sleep. I learned to do that, implemented in my day-to-day life and started seeing the results in few days.

So, I believe Mastery has many aspects, one of them is how you manage your time efficiently. That will also improve your overall life, be it personal or professional.

Mastery Story – Mr. Biswajit Sur

In my own words Mastery is something which can be achieved by *overcoming our own challenges* specific to anything with *continual learning and improving*. Mastery is not exactly how well we are talented; it is more about our day-to-day *self-discipline* practices and *going beyond the limits* to achieve something. So, if we make a habit of *consistently working on the improvements*, the success we get is actually the price money of Mastery J.

My story is folded into two parts –

1. First part of my story is all about to overcome my own challenges. I started my career in .NET technology and had a dream to become an expert in the technology someday. But for some reason I had to move to other technology PHP/WordPress based on company's requirement at that time.

Initially it was no fun to work on the new technology since in back of my mind I always used to think that I would be back to my choice of technology soon. During that phase of time, I was bit disarrayed, but it did not last for long as I started realizing that there is always an opportunity to improve ourselves.

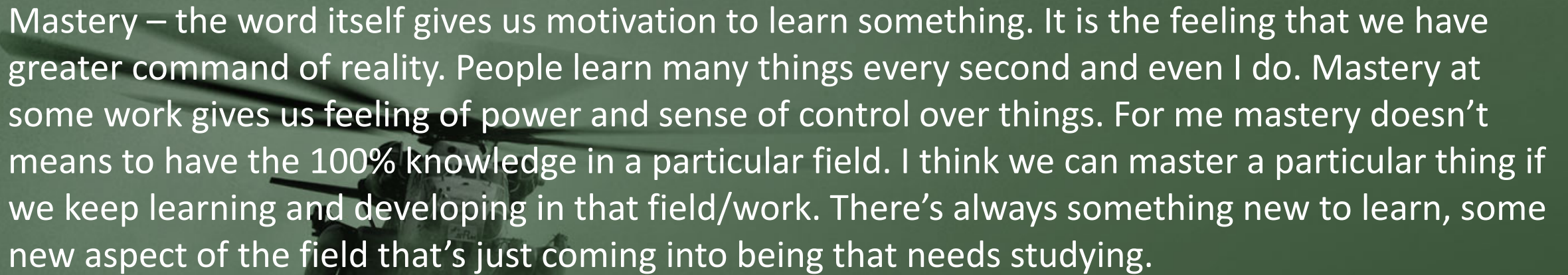
I started realizing that I must look forward to it and be passionate about my work and skills rather than specific to any technology. I became my own mentor and continuously pushed myself to adopt that new phase of work and honestly, I succeed to achieve with all satisfaction.

2. Second part of my story is all about determination and repetitive process of improvements. The realization in my first part of the story above actually came into effect after I started working with Corey Shaffer – a team member of AAPNA's client INIKO. What I can say that Corey has an excellent technical skills. I really admire his excellence in work. Initially when I got an opportunity to work with him, it was really challenging for me to align with his working standards.

In earlier days whenever I submitted any work to him, he provided a big list of feedback items and honestly mainly those items were from the coding which can be further improved/optimized. I always thought while submitting him the work that this time I would not get any feedback related to coding standards but again and again he pointed out the improvement areas. I was determined and I started reviewing his code to know his way of working, and it really helped me to focus more on improvement areas in my coding standards.

After repetitive process of following best coding standards, I actually made a habit now to look into all possible improvement areas in my coding 2-3 times before the final work submission.

Mastery Story - Ms. Deepika Soni



Mastery – the word itself gives us motivation to learn something. It is the feeling that we have greater command of reality. People learn many things every second and even I do. Mastery at some work gives us feeling of power and sense of control over things. For me mastery doesn't mean to have the 100% knowledge in a particular field. I think we can master a particular thing if we keep learning and developing in that field/work. There's always something new to learn, some new aspect of the field that's just coming into being that needs studying.

My thoughts about Mastery is to overcome the problems of the subject matter and grow towards the positivity, whether is a matter of study, or some life experiences.

My family had faced some difficult phases when I was child and even, I was not so good at studies, I was an average student, that time I felt like, why all the problems come to us. Once my father asked me why I am so sad. I explained him what was going in my mind. My father said, **“Everyone have problems in their life and each problem have a unique design”**. When you take it as a challenge to overcome any problem you will master over the situation and will make yourself feel happy and satisfied. From that time, I failed to do many things, but after every failure I have tried with more efforts to give better performance, to do things better and learnt about them. Now, I feel like I have mastered few things, but yet to know many other aspects of work and life.

Mastery Story – Ms. Bhavna Sonkar

Please find my story on Mastery below which I came across during my daughter's online reading story session, hope you enjoy reading this, as much I enjoyed writing it



Why Jack of all trades-be the master of One!

On a hot sunny afternoon, the two friends, cat and fox were resting under the shadow of a tree. While they were resting, they got into a conversation. They had a common enemy. The Dogs.

The cat said- We need to figure out an easy way to protect ourselves from the dogs. I'm tired of their problems caused to us.

The fox said - Yes! You're right my friend. The dogs are always causing us the trouble in some way or the other. Let us discuss how to escape from them first of all. I know lot of ways through which I can easily escape from the dogs.

Fox continued.. I'll tell you my strategy to escape from the dog attack. I have not one but many ways of escaping from a dog attack.

Number 1 - I can run into the deep thick forests and get inside the caves of one of my friends

Number 2 – I can find myself a burrow and slide into it

Number 3 – I can hide myself behind the thick bushes in such a way that I'm not visible to the dogs.

Number 4 – I can fight the dog with my strength if none of these works out.

The fox assumed an air of superiority and looked at the cat which was patiently listening.

Fox moved on to explain.. These are my escape strategy from a dog attack. Now you tell me what do you do if you're chased down by dogs? I'm sure you at least have one solution if not for many! Ha Ha!

The cat didn't like the way fox reacted, but he didn't express any sort of anger.

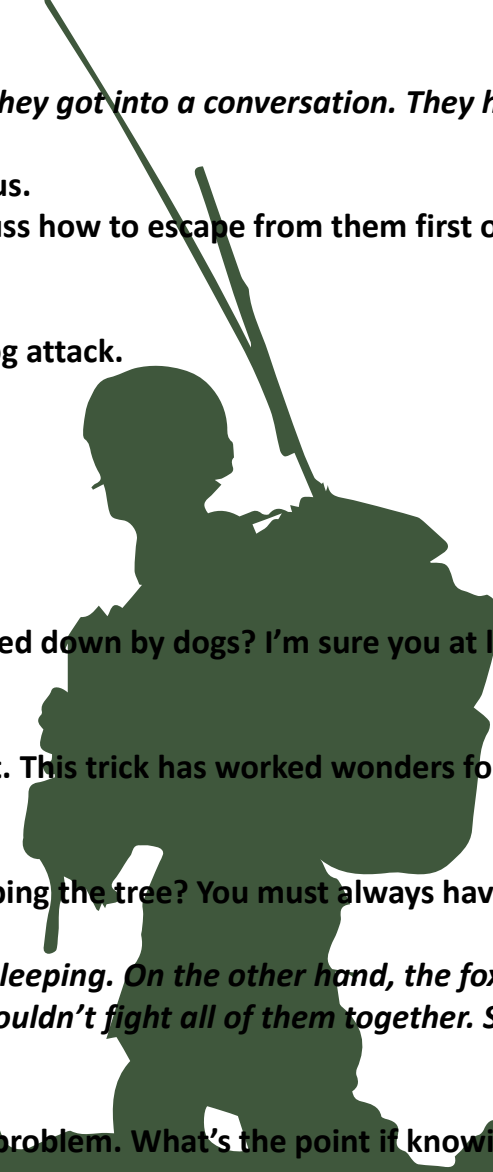
Cat said: Yes! You're right! I only have one way of escaping from the dog attack. I find the nearest tree and start climbing it. This trick has worked wonders for me, and I'm always rescued from the dogs when I apply this trick.

Fox laughed and said: What a pathetic situation! What would you do if you do not find a tree or find any difficulty in climbing the tree? You must always have a list of plans ready instead in relying upon just one trick

While they were still talking, a gang of 5 dogs attacked them. The cat quickly climbed up the tree under which they were sleeping. On the other hand, the fox ran to find a burrow or thick bushes or the way through which it could enter the thick dense forests. There were 5 dogs, and the fox couldn't fight all of them together. So, he was running all over the place and finally the dogs caught hold of him and tore into pieces!

The cat who was watching all of this happen from a tree branch and felt – I was right in my way of dealing with the dog's problem. What's the point if knowing a hundred methods that can't be applied in real time.

There's no point in being the jack of all trades, instead being the master of one is always better! This principle has saved my life today!



Mastery Story – Ms. Preeti Joshi

I am now sure if this relates to our MASTERY topic of the month but here is my story :

If I talk about 2 years back from now riding a scotty was a dream for me. I was not at all sure if I can ever ride a one as everyone use to say “Oh, you don’t know bicycle, now it will be very difficult for you to learn scotty. You better learn a bicycle first & then it will be easier for you to learn scotty.”

So, I had discussion with my father & he asked me to spare just 1 hour per day for learning scotty. Finally, one fine day we started our mission i.e. LEARNING SCOOTY !!!

For next 1 week, me & my father use to wake up at 5:00am (which was surely difficult for me with my 4pm to 1 am shift 😊) & go for scotty learning. He gave me a few basics about scotty & then I took the lead.

It took me approx. 1 week to get mastery in riding scotty after which I even gave ride to my father. I am thankful to my father for his contribution in waking me up early morning & being there on pavement while me riding my scotty. This learning will remain with me for FOREVER.

We can say with little efforts each day we can surely get MASTERY in any field. Just that one step is required.