The Myth of the Qualified Developer

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Story A... ##ERR##
- Abort, retry, fail?
- Story B... ##ERR##
- Abort, retry, fail?
- FATAL ERROR
Introduction

• I am always awesome!
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• I fail **often**
• The developer journey
  – Beginning
  – Middle
  – ???
Mistake: Working as a means to an end

Zero investment will always yield zero return
Institutionalisation projection

Time

Ability

Confidence

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Graph showing the relationship between time, ability, and confidence.
You will eventually figure out the right path once you start walking in a definite direction.

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@jsonmez Important thing is to start walking. Standing still won't lead anyone anywhere (though there're times when being still is key).
Mistake: Coasting

On your journey, you must keep moving forwards
Meanwhile...
Choosing a leader

- Length of service
- Overall experience
- CV/track record
- Qualifications

or...

POLITICS!
Job vs Warcraft

- Use of computer
- Organisation/timekeeping
- Leadership structure
- Risk/reward
- Petty childish people
- Easier when single
Your connection Valcor has endorsed you for new skills and expertise!

- **Stealth**
- **Dungeons**
- **Anvil-as-a-service**
- **Enchanting**

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**Wrongface of Azeroth**

Raid leader in Core of Insight  Lunarfall, Draenor | Mythic Raid Tier

**Current**  Core of Insight

**Previous**  Encore, Saturday Knight Fever, EZO

**Education**  The Scarlet Monastery

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https://uk.linkedin.com/pub/wrongface/43/287/352
Backflips!
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Mistake: Comparing your journey and successes to others

Time spent is not important relative to actual progress
HOORAY!
WE'RE LIVING THE DREAM!
Mistake: Perpetuating the status quo

Don't do things just because everyone else is
The most dangerous phrase in the language is "we've always done it this way."
Mistake: Ignoring the personal touch

Criticising code can also insult the company/developer
"I've never tried your X, but my Y works for me, therefore your X is wrong." 2015 might be the year when I learn to dodge such discussions.
Mistake: Assuming others are like you

Don't forget how hard it was to learn things when you first started
Mistake: Not expecting to fail

We fail when we least expect it

Learn to expect it
The nugget of truth
Mistake: Thinking other people will fix your problems

On your journey, you are the sole navigator
Failure is constructive.

We learn far more through failures than successes
Never assume that you have finished learning

A journey is not a quest... it doesn't always have an end
Credits

• Alarm Clock 2 (Alan Cleaver)
  https://flic.kr/p/7xow5v

• Amazon – Random acts of management

• Jealousy - Luke Saagi
  https://flic.kr/p/8aAHLU

• Astoria-Megler Bridge
  https://flic.kr/p/akr8w1

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