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## What motivates you when a problem seems impossible?

In this edition of SWEet Wisdom we asked engineers and engineering students how they were motivated through a problem which seemed impossible. Everyone approaches challenges differently and a key aspect of being an engineer is working through tough problems which have no obvious answers. Whatever challenge you are facing, these SWE stories are sure to motivate and inspire!

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There are pretty much two things that motivate me more than anything else: 1) the people in my life (my friends and family) and 2) the opportunities that I've been lucky to be a part of!



My friends and family have played a huge part in who and where I am today. Every time I am stuck on a particular problem that I'm not sure how to approach, my friends have always been there to guide, mentor and most importantly, listen to me. At the same time, my family, especially my parents, have been some of my biggest cheerleaders and sources of inspiration. Every day, I see and hear about their success stories as well as their journeys to be the people that they are today – and I couldn't be prouder and more inspired by their growth stories. I can only hope to one day be as balanced, dedicated and caring as they are today!

I also consider myself super lucky to have access to the resources that I have today. I look at my experiences within India, the resources that many people that I know have access to and think about how much I can do with the opportunities and knowledge that I am presented with at a university such as the University of Washington. I know I am so lucky to be there surrounded by the people that I'm with today, and that in itself is a huge motivation for me!

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