

1.If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

My dream job is to be a cybersecurity officer. Back in my 2nd year of college, I had a subject about Information Security and there was an invited speaker to tell us more about Information Security in the real world. The speaker was a cybersecurity officer, and he had a very interesting presentation. He discussed the different types of hackers and how important their role is in the industry. According to the speaker, Cybersecurity is a profession that is important in keeping our information secured and preventing any data breach but is not widely known about. This has piqued my interest and has always been my dream job ever since that day. Considering however, that there are limited opportunities here in the province as a cybersecurity officer, I'm trying to venture out to different industries. I'm hoping that as technology continues to evolve, so do the opportunities that I can explore on.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

There have been a lot of times when I've been in a stressful situation. I thought I was doing so much more in Senior high school, but I was proven wrong as soon as I entered college. The week before the exam would usually be the time when I believe most students are stressed. The number of activities, quizzes, presentations, and the actual preparation for exam week is intense that having little to no sleep is normal. But one stressful situation I can clearly remember was the last practical exam I did before graduation where I had slept for only an hour and had to hassle to finish the remaining activities before the deadline. I felt exhausted at the end of the day and it's something I don't want to experience again. I think I was able to overcome it by doing mind control. I kept on reminding myself that I've been in this situation a lot of times and all the time I was able to overcome it. Having someone to lean on helped me as well, which is why having my family and friends whom I can relax with after long hours of putting in work played an important role in overcoming a stressful situation.

3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did you enjoy most and why?

I was an intern at a big distributor company in the province, which is why most of the time, I am swamped with invoices and other documents to work on. I was first assigned to make sure that all the invoices are scanned properly and that all the details such as the invoice number are named accordingly in the system. Honestly speaking, it was not the most taxing job I had to do in the company I was an intern for. I had to physically scan, rename, and input the invoices into the system. The challenging part was that there was no variety in my workload, and I was thinking if this would help me hone my skills and if I could use them in the future. I was also thinking that it made me feel stuck in a cycle that does not help me grow professionally. With that thought, I think it made the simple task more challenging.

4. How would your previous managers/coworkers describe you?

At the end of my internship, I had to submit the final requirements and one of those was the supervisor's feedback. There were factors that they needed to evaluate such as communication, work ethics, professionalism, etc. Fortunately, I was able to get the highest score on all of the factors. My supervisor commented on me that I was easy to work with and does the job I am assigned to accordingly. She also noted that I can work really fast on certain tasks, especially one where I was pulled to do data entry for their purchases and sales. With regards to communication and how I deal with executives and coworkers, I do my best to be polite and respectful which is why there were no negative comments from my supervisor. I was working alone most of the time but whenever I work with other people, I try to be proactive as much as possible which is why one of my coworkers said that she enjoys the time when we work together.

5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

Graduating with Academic Achievement Award was something I am most proud of. College was not easy. The number of times I struggled made that award more fulfilling. I had to shift from Accountancy to Accounting Information Systems in my 2nd year of college as I was not able to reach the cutoff score for the qualifications exam and just like anyone who experienced it in our program, it felt like an end to what I believe was what I was meant to be doing. Being on the dean's list was also fulfilling as I felt like my efforts were seen but walking onto the stage and receiving the Academic Achievement Award made me think of my 2nd year self. It made me think that maybe it wasn't so bad after all and that it helped me become a better version of myself. Overall, there are a lot of things I am proud of and the most recent one, and something I still cherish is the Academic Achievement Award that I worked hard for.