



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

I have always dreamed of becoming a pilot. It might sound cliché, but I was jealous of Superman's and a bird's ability to fly. I always yearned to have that freedom to take to the skies and see all parts of the world. The next best thing was being in an aircraft behind the steering wheel thousands of feet in the air. Travelling the world and seeing different cultures is just a plus as I really wanted to soar high like an eagle. I can confidently say that I have traveled a lot here in the Philippines and I would always wait for the pilots to leave the cockpit. Sometimes they would give me a high five but my most memorable moment was when a very friendly old pilot invited me to see the cockpit. I was over the moon but sadly, smartphones were not yet a thing and my only witnesses were some of the flight crew and the pilot. But alas, aside from the fact that I lack the physical requirements what with my height and all, enrolling in a flight school is just a pipe dream due to my family's financial circumstances.

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?

I've had a lot of bad experiences when it comes to work but there is one stressful situation that I will never forget. I was working as a working as a Line Technician at that time for a semiconductor company in the Engineering Dept., specifically, under one of their Design Engineers. I would often do tasks that my Engineer would ask of me, and he would evaluate my work after every shift. One day, he was clearly having a bad day thanks to being chewed out by our manager due to the quality of his being subpar. When he gave me my tasks for that day, he was grumpy and yelled at me saying awful things about how the quality of my work affected his standing and that I should keep up with the company's standard to compete with the industry. I clearly am just following his orders and the quality of my work is actually better compared to my colleagues as our manager would often praise my work. I never said a word and just did what I was told and just thought to myself that maybe he's just stressed out and needed a breather. I finished my tasks early and asked if I could get more work from him to ease his mind and he gave me tons of tasks that by the end of the day I was exhausted. A couple of days later he invited me to lunch and confessed that he was stressed out and I was actually helpful that day. He said thanks and after that would always remind myself that sometimes stressful situations might be from stressful environments and that a small help can go a long way.



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

I was always drained when answering calls from customers back when I was a Tech Support / Network Operations in my previous job. I always dread irate customers and would let their anger get to me. My supervisor would often tell me I should not take it to heart but sometimes I just can't help it especially if they would insult and personally attack me. On the flip side, I love troubleshooting call traces. I would find faults or detect erroneous routing with the client's call routing. It was very fulfilling to see that I have offered a solution to their dilemma and hearing their compliments was a huge plus. Aside from that, my supervisor would tell me I'm doing good was very empowering because he does not give compliments to anybody and that he is a top expert in the field. Another thing I enjoyed is doing a little bit of programming for my previous job because sometimes our IT would ask me to help a little bit with the company's UI.

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

My previous coworkers would describe me as friendly and laid-back. I had tons of friends in my old workplace and that includes some of the supervisors and managers. I would also be in the production line either engrossed in my work or I would be busy talking to my colleagues. Any signs of trouble and I would handle it smoothly and without any grumbling. Treating any obstacles as a challenge is what motivates me to work silently, and my coworkers would sometimes commend me for such a mindset. I also think that not letting the problems get to me really helps my mental health and in turn, my coworkers' peace of mind. I also like lounging around, whether in the canteen or in the lobby, when I do well because it gives me a sense of satisfaction and motivates me to do more and give my all with my responsibilities and hopefully get a promotion.



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

I am most proud of passing the licensure board exam for Electronics Engineer. The licensure exam for ECE is one of the most difficult exams here in the Philippines. With a passing rate of less than 40% every year, I never thought I was going to make it. I was not doing well during the review because most of the topics have been added recently updated and even our review coaches were uncertain of what will be the questions that the board of examiners will send. Becoming an engineer has always been my family's, especially my father's, dream for me. I am the first engineer on my father's side of the family, and they have always shown support for my decisions. Seeing both sides of my family beam with pride and happiness has made all my efforts worth it. I just wish that my father could have witnessed me becoming an engineer. I know he would be the proudest and happiest for me.