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

If anything was possible, my dream job would be a NASCAR racer. I have always loved cars and racing in general. As a kid, I have always been fascinated with the idea of racing on mountain roads at night. Racing is fascinating because it helps manage stress and with the problems in life. I have participated in track runs with my friends back in Manila, and I think it's the closest thing to a NASCAR racer that I could experience. Until now, I still get excited whenever there's a small street race when I go to Manila. I took up Car Photography as a personal hobby and have always been happy whenever I see cars that I really like. I only posted some of them on different social media platforms, whenever I felt like it. One of my bucket list items would be to go to a NASCAR event and I do think that I will be able to cross that one out in the future.

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?

The most stressful situation that I experienced was when I was doing my thesis during my time at the university. The schedule for deadlines was strict, and late submissions were unacceptable. I mustered up the courage and led my group. There were days when I did not sleep just so we could finish the document and submit it by morning. One of the things that helped me get through it was practicing discipline and proper time management. I did not go to outings, instead, I focused on my work and made sure that I finished on time. Whenever I had free time, I would relax and organize my thoughts in order to keep what I have learned. I made a lot of sacrifices as I could not afford to be delayed for another semester. It was just a few months of sacrifice for success. Looking back, it really brought out the best in me and that experience helped shape who I am today.

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

For me, the tasks that I find challenging are the tasks that I enjoy the most. During my OJT, I had to create a Journal System for the university and every task that I did was hard. The most challenging part for me, however, was to create the whole front-end part of the system. I did get a little bit of assistance from my supervisor, but it did not change the fact that it was hard, especially since I was doing it alone. It was really challenging because I had to study again and learn different things related to the programming language that I was using that were not taught to us during our time in university. That part of the internship was also the part that I enjoyed the most. I do not consider myself to be a creative person, but that experience challenged me a lot and it did help me in the long run.

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

During my first informal part-time job, my mentor would describe me as someone who is good at thinking and planning, but sluggish and bad at communicating. Over the time that I have spent working with him, he taught me valuable things that helped shape who I am now. I have become more confident in the work that I do and make sure that I finish the task given to me in an efficient manner. I was raised in an environment where I just studied but had no actual training, and doing that part-time job really taught me the important skills that I needed in the real world.

My thesis group mates would describe me as a reliable, but a soft-spoken person. They always receive short, but direct instructions from me which probably contributed to how they see me. I always take my work very seriously, and I make sure that no one is left behind.

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

A personal accomplishment that I am the proudest of is my graduation this last June. I have been negligent towards my studies, and it cost me a lot of years in college. There were times when I dropped some of my subjects, thinking I could just take them again next semester. I focused on a different thing instead of studying for my future. I had a self-realization that I can't keep doing this forever and focused all my time and energy to study and complete my course. Things were hard, but things that are worth it are usually never easy at all. I developed the discipline and self-restraint that I needed in order to focus and to finish my studies. Looking back, the time that I wasted felt like it was worth it. To me, there was no time wasted as all of the mistakes that I made back then helped me develop the skills and attitude to get where I am now.