

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

To be completely honest, I still haven't figured out yet what my dream job would be. I have goals and dreams of who I want to be and where I want to be but not a specific job in mind. I am more focused on what I am doing now and what I could do to be better at it. I am more focused on improving myself in the present to make sure that when the time comes that a big opportunity comes knocking at my door, I am ready for it.

When I was growing up, I would decide on so many things such as wanting to be a lawyer, a flight attendant, a radio DJ, etc., but I ended up not taking any of those because of low self-esteem and a constant fear of rejection. Although I might be taking a while in figuring things out, I trust the process and I believe that good things take time and what's meant for me will always be for me.

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?

When I was in my previous workplace, one of the most stressful tasks that I had to do was to create a Work Order for a particular project every month. I had to create and submit for approval a minimum of eight (8) Work Orders for a single area. Previously, I was only handling projects for Negros area, but unfortunately, the person in charge of the Panay area was retrenched and I had to take over.

I struggled the most with the deadline since I was only given a limited time to work on those tasks without them considering that I was given a job for two with the same amount of time as others who handled a single area only. I was obligated to work until late hours just to finish the tasks on time. My colleagues were already resting in their respective homes while I was still working in the office making sure I didn't miss the deadline.

It was stressful but I managed to submit the Work Orders completely and on time. Once I was done, I felt relieved and fulfilled so I rewarded myself with a well-deserved meal.



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

In my previous position, the task that challenged me the most was when I was required to present to our Chinese managers. One struggle is the language barrier. Although they have been studying the English language, there are still instances where misunderstandings are inevitable. I had to be concise and straightforward whenever I was speaking for them to understand and comprehend without having trouble.

On the other hand, the task that I enjoyed the most was when I was checking and validating our subcontractors' data and I didn't see any errors. Having fewer errors means saving more time and accomplishing more tasks. It feels satisfying when they have taken notes on the revisions and applied them in the future to avoid returns.

In conclusion, effective communication is always the key to building strong relationships with colleagues. Also, effective communication increases productivity in a workplace since it saves a lot of time when things are in place.

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

My previous coworkers would always comment on how calm and passive I am in the office without them knowing that I have already finished my tasks on time. As much as possible, I try to finish my tasks early but without compromising the quality of my work.

In cases when I am under a lot of pressure, that's when they describe me as someone who is controlled and disciplined, who makes sure the job gets done no matter what. When I am under stress, I am also very quiet because my mind is chaotic already and I want to focus and be as calm as possible.

Outside of work, my coworkers would always describe me as warm and approachable. They would always come to me for help, and I would always try my best to be there. It is important to build a strong relationship with your coworkers not only within the four walls of the office but also outside when the work is done.



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

I always commend myself for being able to last three years in a job I was never familiar with. Being a billing assistant under a telecommunications company is very different from Interior Design, the profession I chose to pursue in school.

I have always thought it was because of my adaptability, flexibility, and eagerness to learn. Being adaptive to any environment has always been a skill that I am proud of. Being flexible also is a skill that not many people are willing to practice since they are comfortable working inside their comfort zones. And eagerness to learn is one skill that is also very crucial in a company since it is when people, especially those with higher positions, can rely on you to make it easier for them to teach you with little to no trouble.

It is always fulfilling to be relied on with responsibilities that you thought were out of your league, and it is also always nice to explore possibilities and conquer personal fears.