

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

When I was in elementary up to high school, I dreamt of becoming a pilot. It was my dream to drive an airplane because I was fascinated by flying objects, I even wished to find a UFO capsule and navigate it anywhere I wanted. But as I grew older, I realized that it would never be easy to achieve that dream. I need to give my 100% focus, time, and money just to start my journey. Therefore, I pursued something related to my dream job, being a mechanical engineer. Some of my subjects back in college tackled aerospace and other topics related to navigation. It gave me satisfaction that at least, I experienced studying and learning the basics of it.

If it is still possible now, and I have enough money and resources, I will pursue being a Pilot. Even if I needed to study the course, and give most of my time and effort, I would gladly do so. Just to make my childish dream come true.

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 remember after I graduated, I worked in a manufacturing company far from my hometown. I was living alone, and I often felt nostalgic, and homesick, and my anxiety grew bigger. It is very difficult to adjust to the language, location, and even the lifestyle that I am used to.

There are some cases inside my workplace where I was power-tripped by one of my colleagues. He will give me all the difficult tasks that I am not familiar with, or he just gives me something to work on without proper instructions on what to do. I find it annoying sometimes because I overworked myself and I can't prioritize my main task. But on the brighter side, I considered them as a challenge for me to become better in whatever I do. I considered it new learning for me to grow my career and upskill, and also to improve my stress management skills.

From what happened during those times, I just accept whatever he gives me, and I just do it for the best that I can.

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

I used to work in an electronics company and my position was related to design. I do most of the calculations, evaluations, and verifications of products which I enjoyed during my stay there in the company. I also used to communicate and interact with the onsite customers regarding the design and propose necessary changes that would improve the products and services. I enjoyed the brainstorming, meetings, and collaborations with other teams.

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On the other hand, I found it challenging when I was appointed as an overall person in charge of all new models. I was just a probationary employee during that time, and I don't even know the whole process inside the production. It was a very good opportunity for me, but I think I am not ready for that kind of responsibility because that position is very critical, and someone must be an expert to do that certain job.

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

One thing I guarantee, they will describe me as a kind, compassionate, and considerate person. I always put myself in someone's shoes whenever I see them struggling or even just doing their work. I always assess myself on what should I do to make that person's task or job better, how can I help them, and how to make them feel better after a long tiring day of work.

I always chose to be kind to every person I encountered or spoke with because I know that small gestures can make them feel better at the end of the day.

I am a person who will correct their work or any bad habits they do inside the workplace, which my former colleagues or superiors find a very good attitude they want their employees to possess. They always say that my qualities are what they are looking for in the other employees or workers they want to work with because some of them are Japanese and they are very particular with their workers' behaviors.

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

One thing I am proud of is that I finished college with two diplomas and obtained my license. It took me 6 years in college just to get that license my parents wanted me to have.

It took me 3 years of technology course, 3 years to pursue my bachelor's degree, and almost 2 years before I reviewed for the board exam because of the pandemic where I experienced anxiety, disappointments, frustrations, discontent, and even pressure from my family and friends. It wasn't easy dealing with other people saying what's my work now since I graduated.

I took the Mechanical Engineering Board Exam last August 2022 and I fortunately passed on my first take. At that very moment, I told myself that I was very proud of what I had accomplished. Even if my peers and people my age have accomplished and achieved more than me, I'm still proud of myself.