



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

If anything was possible, my dream job would be to become a professional driver. Professional drivers do get a lot of opportunities to test the latest cars produced and the fastest ones developed by multiple multi-million-dollar corporations. I do want to experience it as well, because it is amazing to think about running a car at full throttle and on the ever-famous circuits around the world.

Driving has always been therapeutic for me. In times when I feel distressed, I would simply go out for a drive and take my time to regain myself so that I could function all over again. An exception would be the traffic in the city. As someone who is fond of driving at high speed, traffic stresses me out. The idea of being stuck behind someone's car is not very pleasant for me. But what is life without a little inconvenience?

Totally, this dream job of mine is far from reach. It is expensive and would require top-notch skills. Nevertheless, this dream is what keeps me going. I may not be a professional driver, but I will definitely be driving the cars I dream of having one day.

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 have experienced a stressful situation during my internship. I was in the Audit department and my main task there was cross-checking the documents. The setup was that we have a main document, and there are numerous supporting documents, which were my basis to make sure that everything was correctly encoded. Basically, piles of folders were placed on my table, which essentially became the cause of my stress.

The task goes repeatedly for a week. I was not taking breaks from time to time and my back and head constantly hurt, so I figured it must be because I was too focused on the task, that I was not



able to take rest. I thought to myself that I would easily get burnt out if I keep on overdoing myself and not manage my time well. Thus, I implemented a technique similar to that of Pomodoro, where I would do the task for 45 minutes, take a rest for 5 to 10 minutes, and then the cycle repeats.

I have come to the conclusion that breaks are necessary to prevent stressful situations. Having momentum when doing a task is an exception to this, but the point is, it is unhealthy to overdo everything. Thus, if we do not pay attention to the discomfort we feel, it could lead to a bigger disfunction.

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

During my internship, I was assigned to numerous departments of the company. Aside from being an Audit intern in which there was just one repeated task, I was also an intern in the Accounting department, which I would like to focus on in this question.

As an Accounting intern, the task that I found most challenging was posting transactions in the ledger. Aside from encoding data into the computer, we also did the manual part of posting the transactions. All transactions are in a sequential order from the oldest to latest, thus, there is no room for error. I found it challenging because it requires strong attention to detail. An error could lead to misstatements in the financial statements and would become a big work for the



accountants in the company since they would have to trace back everything to find out where the error was.

On the other hand, the task that I enjoyed most was Bank Reconciliation. It was not the easiest task, but it was something that requires analyzing data and proper data entry. I enjoyed it because it does not require me a day to finish it. As long as you have analyzed the transactions properly and did it correctly, you can proceed to the next task immediately. Additionally, I enjoyed it even more because of the reality that was slapped in my face. Bank reconciliation in class was way too hard and complicated compared to the practical application in the workplace.

Overall, the tasks that I found challenging and enjoyable have allowed me to see for myself what I needed to remember to become more competent in my workplace and which areas I need improvement so that I can do better in my future tasks.

4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?

My past managers have left numerous comments about my work ethic. One of that is being an efficient worker. I do my tasks effectively and I manage to pass most of them at a time earlier than the deadline. Aside from being an efficient worker, my manager has also commented that I have a strong willingness to learn. I consider myself a teachable person that is why I do show a lot of interest in learning different things, which I believe I have demonstrated in my previous workplace.

On the other hand, there were also negative remarks that I needed to work on. My punctuality was something that I was not very conscious of when I was having my internship back in 2023. I would arrive on time on most days, but there were instances where I would be late for a few minutes, which I believe was the reason why I was left with this feedback. I took that positively as I should, and I was able to work on it because I rarely get late now.



Aside from those remarks from my past managers, my past colleagues have also commented that I do have the initiative to work on tasks that were not expressly given. This was because I managed to takeover some tasks of my colleagues that they weren't able to do on time due to various reasons.

Collectively, the descriptions of my work ethic from my previous colleagues and managers were taken positively as they would help improve myself and work on my parts that needed polishing.

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

A personal accomplishment that I am most proud of was when I worked on my personal development to becoming a self-aware person. This accomplishment was a very long process. It took me years to be the person that I am today. It was not a destination because I am still in the process of becoming a more aware individual, but I have certainly reached a point where I could say the phrase "Malayo pa, pero malayo na" in my personal development journey.

This journey to self-development started when I was allowing myself to drown on social media for hours. I would read comments from different people in different perspectives to a point that I was anxious that I would unconsciously hurt people because I was saying the wrong things. I have become too sensitive to a point where I would choose to keep my mouth closed about situations or people rather than say something that could unintentionally hurt them. I was happy when I was trying to be a kinder individual to others, but I also loathed myself for being overly caring because I felt like I lost myself in the process.



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I learned to pay attention to what I was feeling and the underlying reason behind that. It was another difficult journey, but it was a process I have appreciated in the long run. I may have turned out to be a different person, but I can choose more wisely for myself now and understand the people around me.

The path to personal development was a conscious decision one has to make every single day. It is not something that is learned overnight but is something that is gained out of the intention of becoming a better individual.