



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

Back then, I had a lot of ideal jobs. My childhood aspirations were to become a teacher, followed by a doctor, an architect, a typographer, and an interior designer. My interests shifted over time, though, and the last I knew, I was enrolled in an IT course at University of St. La Salle.

Maybe I would have taken a different route if there was a way to go back in time, if my parents hadn't had to worry about paying for my education and practical considerations. Architecture is what I would have chosen.

I have a strong curiosity for design, architecture, and structures. I find it amusing that people can envision constructions such as the Taj Mahal. Every building, in my opinion, has a purpose and a backstory, and for some people, it's where they create priceless memories. If I were an architect, I would like to work on projects that result in structures that have the potential to have an impact on people. Structures that serve both people and the natural world.

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?

It is inevitable. I have been in a few stressful circumstances in my life. whether it be at employment, school, or even a personal hobby.

The most memorable experience I had at my last job, in my opinion, was when my manager gave me a last-minute assignment to perform a tour of the new software tool that the project will be utilizing moving forward. We will use it daily, which is why it is a crucial tool. Before integrating the software tool into the project, they allowed me a week to become acquainted with it.

We anticipated that our project members would have many queries because it was a new software application. Representatives were tasked with fundamental functionalities so we could concentrate on our given responsibilities. If someone has a query about a certain function, the representative should be able to address it.

To ensure that we could easily conduct the whole process, we practiced for several days before the walkthrough.



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

As a software engineer, being keen on details was one of the most challenging tasks. It is expected to have updates, and fixes from previously detected bugs/defects every three weeks or so. Depending on how big the update is going to be. My work is to check every functionality. Every page, link, and button, I must verify whether they function properly or not.

Despite all that, I think the task that I like doing the most is test planning/test preparation. I work with the development team throughout this phase to make sure everything is done as it should be. They conduct a meeting every now and then to provide the details I need for the test planning. I create a set of test scripts that will be later reviewed and approved by the team lead. A test script is a set of instructions that the user must follow to get the expected result. It's similar to creating a user manual for a first-time customer. Organizing is something I enjoy doing and I see it as a skill. I like using this skill because I was able to put it to use during the test planning process.

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

The project conducts assessments quarterly. There are three topics covered: list of achievements done in that quarter, list of skills that I want to improve or work on, and the feedback from my colleagues, managers, and anyone who I worked with.

According to most of the feedback I received, they see me as someone reliable; I am their go-to person when they need assistance with applications, they are not familiar with. I respond to their queries as fast as I can so they can also get their job done. It is necessary especially if you work in a fast-paced setting.

They also think I'm a flexible person. I've moved to other projects with various work settings, and I was able to adapt quickly. I pick things up effortlessly and can complete my work with minimal supervision. Regarding the latter, they claimed it was really beneficial. They trusted me to complete my work precisely so they could concentrate on their own admin tasks.



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

I was very proud of my accomplishment when I was promoted back in 2021. I am diligent, precise, and I always manage to get the tasks done before the deadline. I prefer working peacefully rather than expanding my skillset that could give tasks outside my expertise. So, receiving a promotion indicates that my efforts over the previous years have been acknowledged, and I should be proud of it. In particular, when I was the reserved kind.

As for my personal accomplishment, I take pride in my ability to spoil my sisters. My parents taught us to be independent. We always had to earn the things we desired, and we never took advantage of other people's generosity. I started looking for a job as soon as I graduated, and once I did, I was able to provide things my sisters wanted. Give and take is our unwritten norm between me and my older sister. She will most likely treat me the same way the next time she has extra allowance. And as for my younger sister, I'm proud that I can support her financial needs in terms of her education. It's not much but still.