

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

My dream job would be to become a shark biologist. When I was young, I was fond of watching the National Geographic shows. I would remember that I clearly paid attention when it shows marine wildlife. I am still in awe when I get to experience the beauty of nature. I wanted to explore the depths of the ocean. I was fascinated to study the lives of the apex predators in the sea. I wanted at that time to be specifically a shark biologist because of my fascination towards those beautiful creatures. They are the apex predators in the ocean and from watching a lot of documentaries about them, they are one of the reasons why a marine ecosystem is thriving. I wanted to study them more and understand how they live. I also wanted to destroy the perception of people towards them. We are entering their territory, and we should expect that they would protect it. Basically, they are just dogs protecting their home. I am also at peace when I am swimming underneath the ocean floor. One of the main reasons that I wanted to be a shark biologist is to protect them. It would have been a dream come true to live each day swimming and studying with the creatures that you love.

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?

Yes, I had a few stressful situations with my past work. There was one project that our team got stressed. It was a new project, and the head client wasn't cooperating with us. He was always giving us trouble and ways to delay the project. We always try to do our best but there came a point when we were able to do all his additional requests and nearing the project, that he was avoiding us. We didn't know what to do because we still needed his approval to finish the project. I overcame that situation by staying through to myself. I gave my best despite the trials because our project could be a huge benefit to the company and ease the work of the operators. We also proved to that client that despite everything we will finish the project and give it our best output. After we finished our project, the other heads from that company still commended us for making their system more efficient. That made us feel good because of all we have gone through from that certain client, there are people who still appreciated our work.



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

I had an opportunity to be part of the pioneering team to promote and integrate a new system here in the Philippines. It was a challenge because it was all new to us. Despite having a training course to help us with our project, it still lacked information. I needed to study every part of the manuals so that I'll be able to incorporate it in the interface(computer). It still had a lot of bugs. It was a struggle because you couldn't ask anyone questions because all of you are unfamiliar with the programs. With everyone helping each other and giving their own input, we were able to push through and finish our project. I enjoy programming and creating the interface for my projects. It was fun and fulfilling that the clients and operators will be able to use it and make their work easier and more efficient. I also enjoyed learning new things, especially in the engineering field where it is always a constant learning process towards everything.



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

I think they would describe it as good. I tend to have a workaholic nature within me, and I sometimes finish the tasks, even if it's already late, or I'll skip my breaks just to finish that certain task. I am not alone from my previous company because all of us would go home late just to finish the tasks. I think I also got it from my colleagues due to time contracts on the project that we needed to do extra time to finish the projects as soon as possible. I am also resourceful because when we were deployed in the field, we really needed to act and know the dos and don'ts. I think they would also describe me as adaptable. We had a lot of projects, and it is not for the faint hearted. Sometimes I had to go to certain areas just to check the field instruments. And the companies that we were assigned to are all different. You needed to adjust to any kind of situation for you to produce well in the company. I am grateful that I got to experience it, and it was fun working with different kinds of people and different industries.

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

I am most proud of, in my professional accomplishment, being part of the team to incorporate a new system (specific to a brand) in industrial automation here in the Philippines. It was a huge headache when we started it, but after completing the projects and integrating that system to other companies it made me proud. You could say we are the pioneers of that system here in the Philippines. By just that I am proud of it. In my personal accomplishments, there are a lot, but I think the most recent one that I could remember is swimming with turtles. It was a fun experience and part of a dream since I was a child. Experiencing the dream from my childhood made me proud that I was able to do that. It is always fun to tick all your bucket lists you made from childhood. No matter how old you will be, your inner child will always burst out if it's from your childhood dream.