

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

I have an interest in learning different languages, and if everything were possible for me, my dream job would be to become a language interpreter. Being able to communicate through different languages fascinates me. And if nothing held me back at all, I would pursue this kind of role or profession. Learning different languages is just like learning different cultures. With this kind of job, I can be of help to mediate or, like, become someone who can help people understand each other and break barriers between people from different cultures. It is an edge to be able to transcend through a diverse community by simply knowing and being able to speak their language. It can be very convenient as well when you are traveling to other places. Being able to communicate and converse with the locals comes in handy. One more thing about being able to interpret languages is I can see an opportunity for myself to become a voice for those who are not heard just because they were not understood.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if a fresh graduate)? What was it, and how did you overcome it?

In my previous job, I encountered a lot of challenging situations, and one of them was when I was assigned to a new product development. That season was very stressful as I needed to cover loads of activities and deadlines to meet, wherein at the same time I was just learning since I am not familiar with the new product development process yet. I really find it stressful since I was the only support engineer assigned to the entire process design stage. It's just loads of work, plus I am at the same time learning about it for the first time. To help myself manage my stress, I practiced being assertive enough to discuss the arrangements of my activities with my superior. Other things I did were just go to some place on my day off to unwind, eat my comfort food, or just go treat myself to go watch a movie at the mall. Somehow, they worked.



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

I think it was when I got assigned as a support engineer for a new product development. I have found it as challenging as I needed to cover an entire process design stage. Although I am just a support, it was still quite a load for me, as it was a project with which I am not familiar, and I was a pioneer for the role, at least in our section. I needed to push myself to learn at a faster pace to execute the necessary activities, given that there were also schedules and deadlines to meet. I can say it was the most challenging task or role I have received because, as I am still familiarizing myself with the project, there were additional activities requested of me. Somehow, with the help of my superior, I managed to make it through until the launching of the new product into mass production. As for the task I enjoyed the most, it's when I was assigned to process or transact a procurement for the materials needed for the new product development. I enjoyed it, as I just find it fulfilling to be able to complete every transaction. It's just that I like the sense of accomplishment in every successful transaction.

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

Given my few years of experience, I have received comments and remarks both from my superiors and colleagues regarding my work ethic. For my values and conduct at work, I have been observed as someone who doesn't take my job lightly. I am conscientious of my tasks. Also, some of my colleagues tend to say that I am just approachable and willing to help if I can, and I show respect regardless of their position. On the other hand, my superiors mention that I am attentive, open to learning, resourceful, and have a sense of accountability in my job. They have mentioned as well that I truly value my job and do not take it lightly, and I can work independently if necessary. With all these things mentioned, I might still have a few more areas to improve, which I am willing to explore as I venture further as a professional.

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

I can say that one of my personal accomplishments that I am most proud of is when I got to pass the licensure exam for mechanical engineering after I failed my first attempt. When I failed, it was challenging to take, especially because I know that I did my best. I got consumed by a lot of thoughts, like maybe I'm not smart enough. I will say that passing the second take makes me proud. Not because I finally made it, I got my license, or I have what it takes. I am proud because that season taught me to be resilient. I had a difficult time, of course, but I chose to outgrow it and just mustered up the courage to try once again. I can say it is to redeem myself. But most of all, I am proud because I chose to get up rather than get consumed by my failure.



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