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

If anything was possible, I would choose a job to be a time traveler, in order to prevent life-threatening events. I am fond of watching science-fiction movies or films, mystery, and most especially horror. That piqued my interest in time and how it works when we can manipulate it. I was mesmerized by the idea of this specific animation entitled "Erased", where the main character was having an ability of "Revival" and that ability helped him to stop any crisis. If that could be possible, it would also help me go back in time and even go beyond the future, to puzzle some happenings that would cost my family and loved one's lives. Although that might have some consequences, I think the idea of time traveling has been a mystery that any of us want to unravel. Each person might be given many chances to correct some of their mistakes and could eventually change the whole timeline of their future.

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?

Human as we are, we also make mistakes. In my case, I have experienced a lot of stressful situations that lead me to where I am now. I would like to talk about the time when it was pandemic, I had my first ever work experience as an Online English Tutor. To give you a background, my students are mostly Chinese in various ages. Unfortunately, there was one time that a student and her mother attended our class together and at first, we could not hear each other. Since I was a newbie, I panicked because I did not know how to fix the problem. It went on for quite some time until the mother decided to cancel the lesson. I wasn't paid and that also affects my performance. What happened is my microphone was just muted, and I didn't see where I should unmute it. I was down and disappointed in myself, but it led me to a realization that nobody's perfect and we must be gentle to ourselves too. I accepted the student's feedback and my manager re-oriented me about it. So, in the end, I let myself be calm and I made sure that all my devices were working every time I had a class.

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

- I want to talk about my internship. We were working on a web application project together with my other co-interns. I was tasked to do the documentation, front-end development and sometimes debugging the errors in our code. The most challenging task for me is knowing which of the parts of codes were causing the error in our project. We usually utilized copilot as it was embedded in our code editor, but we cannot guarantee it's accuracy. So sometimes, we spent all day just making the code run. What I enjoy the most is when the code is totally running, and we can already see the design we made and the functions of the system. It is rewarding because it took us long hours, even days just to finish one project. For me front-end design is likely easier than the back-end development because there are various tools that I can use to make the web app pleasing while there are lots of processes when it comes to back-end development.

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

- My colleagues described me as positive and having leadership skills and that I am also team-oriented because I enjoy working in teams. I believe that we need good communication as well during our internship because it is key to have an effective collaboration. Although, we have struggles due to internet connectivity, I usually take initiative by telling them what they can do offline and I always consult our manager if I can cover for their task while waiting for their connection to return, also to avoid any delays in our projects. My manager would describe me as a reliable and quick learner. I am not proficient in most tools that we have used, but I manage to grasp how to navigate them, including a new programming language, even in a short period of time. I make sure that I see progress in my work and that I am open to feedback, especially constructive criticism.

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

- What I am most proud of is our thesis project when I was in the university. It is entitled "Plant Health Monitoring with Sensor-based Nutrient Recommendation System". As part of the engineering department, we have to make a system at the same time work with the machine or hardware part. It was the most challenging project that I encountered throughout my college years. We were given a short period of time to complete our hardware and the system. We ran out of supplies and during the initial defense our system suddenly malfunctioned. I was tasked to do our research papers, and my other two members were tasked to complete the system hardware and software. Here comes our final defense and our thesis has won the Best Research Paper both in our school and in a research colloquium. We did not expect any of those to happen, because we made many mistakes along the way. But it serves as my proudest achievement so far and I still hope that I can create another system that benefits our small-medium scale farmers in the Philippines.