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      If anything is possible, my dream job is to be an astronaut. Ever since I was a child, I have been captivated by the wonders of space. Sitting below the starry skies, I thought, what else does the universe have to offer? Do aliens exist? What's inside a black hole? What about a white hole? What happens if they collide? These questions come from the active imagination of the child me.

      Now that I'm an adult, I understand the obsession, like what Neil deGrasse Tyson said: "When you stand outside under a moonless, country sky, you feel some ineffable tugging at your innards." Like a child to its mother, I am drawn to space. However, as fate would have it, today is not an era of space exploration, so I was born "too late to discover the world, too early to explore the universe." The reason I chose to study computer engineering was because I was hoping in the future maybe I could contribute to space missions.

      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 takes a lot to put me under pressure and be stressed. However, during our thesis design and fabrication, I've been put in a lot of stressful situations for an extended period of time.

Our thesis title was proposed by me, and we successfully defended it. Thus, I feel like it was my responsibility whether or not we would succeed. Thinking I already knew how to do our project, I was confident, but along the way we encountered various problems, and I started to doubt if we could finish it. So, I humbled myself and started asking for guidance, and through perseverance we solved those problems, finished our project, and won the best thesis paper/document in our program. Although we didn't get the best thesis project, I feel contented because finally it was done.

In summary, the secret to overcoming a stressful situation is to humble yourself. A third-person viewpoint would really help in seeing problems from a different angle; oftentimes solutions lie in the most obvious places, but we are too focused on what is in front of us that we fail to see it.

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

I do not have prior work experience; however, I have internship experience in an IT company where I learned web development, communication, and team collaboration.

The most challenging task I did was integrating JWT authentication into a web application that our team created. It forced me to research and read much documentation to implement it.

During my internship training, we initially struggled organizing our tasks and collaborating on our work. Hence, there are a lot of bugs in our program, and we struggled to debug all of them. On the contrary, I find debugging enjoyable—albeit it is hard, but there is joy and satisfaction when you solve the problem and see the code work.

Overall, everything was great; all tasks are enjoyable to a certain degree, it just depends on how you look at the tasks. The most important thing is that you learn something and always try to improve.

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

Our internship was home-based; hence, my colleagues and I rarely met in person. There were some instances where we were required to meet, such as when introducing the team or discussing past projects.

I think my colleagues would describe me as dependable; there are times when they are stuck with some tasks, and I would lend a hand. Those are also times when I really have to try communicating properly to be efficient in doing our tasks.

As for my instructor, he would describe me as competent. I usually complete the tasks given in a timely manner without any assistance. However, I also know when to ask for help to not delay the process; this means I acknowledge that I am not perfect and would prioritize the completion of the tasks.

Overall, my colleagues and instructor would have a positive description of my work ethic. I am confident I left a good impression during training.

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

I don't have a professional accomplishment yet, but I do have an academic accomplishment that I am most proud of, and that is winning the best thesis paper during college.

I am proud of winning the best thesis paper because of the struggles that preceded it. I spent many restless nights researching, debugging, finding solutions, and planning just to finish completing the project and documentation. I have

experienced frustrations and anxiety during the fabrication, and it paid off when we won the award.

I felt a certain feeling of pride and relief when something that has been bothering me for months is finally done. Every time I go to school, there's no feeling of oppression from the pressure it caused. Every time I wake up, I don't worry about passing or not. For a moment it felt that the world was full of sunshine and rainbows.

Although we did not win the best thesis award, I am content with the results. Nevertheless, it was a great experience, as it humbled me a lot and prepared me for the real world.