# IDES Interview Questions And Answers Guide.



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## **IDES Job Interview Preparation Guide.**

#### Question #1

What is your greatest strength In IDES?

#### Answer:-

This is your time to shine. Just remember the interviewer is looking for work related strengths In IDES. Mention a number of them such as being a good motivator, problem solver, performing well under pressure, being loyal, having a positive attitude, eager to learn, taking initiative, and attention to detail. Whichever you go for, be prepared to give examples that illustrate this particular skill.

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#### Question # 2

What have you learned from mistakes on the job?

#### Answer:-

Candidates without specific examples often do not seem credible. However, the example shared should be fairly inconsequential, unintentional, and a learned lesson should be gleaned from it. Moving ahead without group assistance while assigned to a group project meant to be collaborative is a good example.

#### Question # 3

If you have multiple projects on your plate, how do you handle completing them on time?

#### Answer:-

Prioritize based on business importance. Set clear timelines for each so that you know which ones to knock out first. Get your teammates to help if necessary. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 4

Are you willing to work in shifts?

#### Answer:-

If the job calls for shifts that vary, be ready to do that for your work. If you aren't open to that, then explain why and see if they can adjust it for you. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 5

Explain what are your strengths In IDES?

#### Answer:-

Bad Answer: Candidate is unprepared for question or only gives generic answers.

This is the most common job interview question - everybody should be expecting it. If they don't seem prepared, or give a fairly stock answer, it's probably a bad sign.

Good answer: The consensus is to go for quality, not quantity here. Candidates should give a short list of strengths, and back each one up with examples that illustrate the strength. Also, they should explain how these strengths will be useful in the job you're applying for, and use this question to say something interesting about themselves.

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#### Question # 6

What kind of work interests you the least In IDES?

#### Answer:-

What bores you? What fails to challenge you? What fails to excite you?

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#### Question # 7

You notice there are too many non productive internal meetings being held, what do you do?



Reach out to your boss and let him know that first you value his leadership and organization but that you are being overwhelmed with the amount of non productive internal meetings.

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#### Question # 8

Tell me about a time when you had to think strategically?

#### Answer:-

There was a time when I was told I had to get rid of 20% of my people. I had to determine which persons I needed the most by determining who could do what. I had to put aside personal feelings so that I could keep a working crew to handle he same workload with less people.

### Question # 9

Top 13 Situational Interview Questions In IDES:

#### Answer:-

Situational interviews In IDES are similar to behavioral interview questions - but they are focused on the future, and ask hypothetical questions, whereas behavioral interview questions look at the past.

- The advantage is that employers can put all candidates in the same hypothetical situations, and compare their answers.
- 1. What would you do if you made a strong recommendation in a meeting, but your colleagues decided against it?
- 2. How you would handle it if your team resisted a new idea or policy you introduced?
- 3. How would you handle it if the priorities for a project you were working on were suddenly changed?
- 4. What would you do if the work of an employee you managed didn't meet expectations?
- 5. What would you do if an important task was not up to standard, but the deadline to complete it had passed?
- 6. What steps would you take to make an important decision on the job In IDES?
- 7. How would you handle a colleague you were unable to form a positive relationship with?
- 8. What would you do if you disagreed with the way a manager wanted you to handle a problem?
- 9. What would you do if you were assigned to work with a difficult client In IDES?
- 10. What would you do if you worked hard on a solution to a problem, and your solution was criticized by your team?
- 11. How would you handle working closely with a colleague who was very different from you?
- 12. You're working on a key project that you can't complete, because you're waiting on work from a colleague. What do you do?
- 13. You realize that an early mistake in a project is going to put you behind deadline. What do you do?

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#### Question # 10

Where do you see yourself in five years? Ten years?

#### Answer:-

Bad Answer: A generic or uninspired answer. Also, answers that show that this career/company is just a temporary stop for them.

Good answer: One that shows the candidate has thought about this question, has plans, and that those plans align with the job and a career path that is possible in the company. You want to see that this candidate is a good long term investment.

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#### Question # 11

What do you see yourself doing within the first 30 days of this job?

#### Answer:-

Typically the first 30 days are designed for you to learn as much as possible In IDES. Work hard to get to know your teammates, how they work together, and how you can make the biggest impact.

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Are you good at working in a team In IDES?

#### Answer:-

Before you answer, consider how you best contribute to a team:

- \* Do you get along easily with people?
- \* Are you an effective collaborator?
- \* Can you communicate with people from various backgrounds and with different personalities?
- \* Can you motivate people?
- \* Do you know how to push back tactfully?
- \* Can you mediate conflicts?
- \* Can you deal with difficult personalities?

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#### Question # 13

What is your biggest weakness In IDES?

#### Answer:-

No one likes to answer this question because it requires a very delicate balance. You simply can't lie and say you don't have one; you can't trick the interviewer by offering up a personal weakness In IDES that is really a strength ("Sometimes, I work too much and don't maintain a work-life balance."); and you shouldn't be so honest that you throw yourself under the bus ("I'm not a morning person so I'm working on getting to the office on time.")

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#### Question # 14

How do you believe you would benefit our organization?

#### Answer:-

This is a great question that provides you the opportunity to put your best foot forward, to tell the interviewer why he or she should consider hiring you for the job. Make sure you're well prepared for this question as you won't likely get a second chance to really shine.

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#### Question # 15

What education or training have you had that makes you fit for this profession In IDES?

#### Answer:-

This would be the first question asked in any interview. Therefore, it is important that you give a proper reply to the question regarding your education. You should have all the documents and certificates pertaining to your education and/or training, although time may not allow the interviewer to review all of them.

#### Question # 16

Why did you leave your last job In IDES?

#### Answer:-

Regardless of why you left your last job make sure to stay positive. Always smile and focus on the positive reason such you were seeking the opportunity to expand your career opportunities, your interest in working with a new firm that provided greater opportunity, you desired to work in a new location, etc. Don't reference previous job problems or differences with management that caused you to leave. If you stay positive, your answer may help you. If you're negative, you will likely decrease your chances of getting the job for which you're interviewing.

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#### Question #17

What has disappointed you about a previous job?

#### Answer:-

Again, this question could get you in trouble so tread carefully. Some good answers might be that your previous job didn't provide any room for growth, that you were laid off due to a mandatory reduction in staff, that they closed their office in your state and required you to relocate, etc. Make sure not to mention anything negative about the people you worked with, the company in general or the job itself.

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#### Question # 18

What is your personal mission statement?

#### Answer:-

Is it to conquer the world? Is it to become a CEO? Is it to give back to the community? Is it to inspire others? Define your statement by stating a clear vision of how you want to make an impact on the world with your work.

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#### Question # 19

What critical component of this position In IDES makes the work challenging?

#### Answer:-

Heading information: This should include job title, pay grade or range, reporting relationship (by position, not individual), hours or shifts, and the likelihood of overtime or weekend work.

Summary objective of the job: List the general responsibilities and descriptions of key tasks and their purpose, relationships with customers, coworkers, and others, and the results expected of incumbent employees.

Qualifications: State the education, experience, training, and technical skills necessary for entry into this job.

Special demands: This should include any extraordinary conditions applicable to the job In IDES (for example, heavy lifting, exposure to temperature extremes, prolonged standing, or travel).

Job duties and responsibilities: Only two features of job responsibility are important: identifying tasks that comprise about 90 to 95 percent of the work done and listing tasks in order of the time consumed (or, sometimes, in order of importance).

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#### Question # 20

Why do you think you'll do well at this job?

#### Answer:-

Provide several reasons including skills, experience and interest. If you can show how you've been successful in a similar career field or job position that will go along way to helping the interviewer believe you'll also be successful at this new job.

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How do you keep others informed on work issues?

#### Answer:-

Possible methods: Talking to them, emailing them, sharing best practices in meetings



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#### Question # 22

If selected for this position In IDES, can you describe your strategy for the first 90 days?

#### Answer:-

This depends on the job role. Make sure you break it down into

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Question # 23

What do you feel you deserve to be paid?

#### Answer:-

Do your research before answering this question - first, consider what the market average is for this job. You can find that by searching on Google (title followed by salary) and globalguideline.com and other websites. Then, consider this - based on your work experience and previous results, are you above average, if yes, by what % increase from your pay today from your perspective? Also - make sure if you aim high you can back it up with facts and your previous results so that you can make a strong case.

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#### Question # 24

What will your ramp time be before you become a meaningful contributor?

#### Answer:-

Companies want staff that can ramp quickly, but also want people who are realistic. So take into consideration how intense the job is and then give a good answer. For example, if you have simple responsibilities that don't require a huge development curve, then your ramp time will probably be shorter. If it's a complex set of skills that you need to develop, then your ramp time could be longer - the key is you have to explain why you believe that ramp time should be.

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#### Question # 25

What do you consider to be your weaknesses?

#### Answer:-

What your interviewer is really trying to do with this question-beyond identifying any major red flags-is to gauge your self-awareness and honesty. So, "I can't meet a deadline to save my life In IDES" is not an option-but neither is "Nothing! I'm perfect!" Strike a balance by thinking of something that you struggle with but that you're working to improve. For example, maybe you've never been strong at public speaking, but you've recently volunteered to run meetings to help you be more comfortable when addressing a crowd.

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#### Question # 26

Tell me about a time when you were held accountable for a problem that you hadn't caused?

#### Answer:-

If someone puts the blame on you (incorrectly), the best thing you can do is NOT to retaliate. You want to make it known that you were not to blame (explain all the facts) and then focus on fixing the problem in the best way possible.

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#### Question # 27

What do you aspire to be?

#### Answer:-

Discuss your aspirations for the near, immediate and long term. You want to show them you are thinking of making an impact now as well as the future. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 28

Why are you interested in this type of job In IDES?

#### Answer:-

You're looking for someone who enjoys working with the elderly, or a caring, sociable, and nurturing person. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 29

How articulate are you in expressing your ideas?

#### Answer:-

One of the best ways to answer this question is clearly articulate three points that demonstrate how articulate you are (and in a sense show that in a live setting) - for example: "I would say I'm articulate because one, I typically gather my thoughts before speaking, two, I organize my thoughts well, and three I'm concise when making a point.

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Question # 30 Why should I hire you In IDES?



To close the deal on a job offer, you MUST be prepared with a concise summary of the top reasons to choose you. Even if your interviewer doesn't ask one of these question in so many words, you should have an answer prepared and be looking for ways to communicate your top reasons throughout the interview process. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 31

What do you think of your previous boss?

#### Answer:-

Do not belittle or talk badly of your last boss - it will come off as being petty. Instead, talk about the positive lessons you were able to learn from your last boss. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 32

How do you prioritize your work initiatives In IDES?

#### Answer:-

Discuss how you prioritize your work initiatives based on the company initiatives. For example, if you're in customer service discuss how you're focused on providing the best customer experience.

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#### Question # 33

Have you ever mentored anyone before? If yes, describe the situation?

#### Answer:-

Describe a time where you've helped someone else. Mentor ships can be informal so as you've helped someone over a period of time that can certainly count. The key is to highlight how you utilized certain skills/attributes like coaching, teaching, patience, communication skills, and so forth to mentor that person. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 34

What type of mentors do you seek out and why?

#### Answer:-

Think of your top 3 mentors and what attributes they exhibit that you want to emulate. Common attributes include passion, desire, will, leadership, ability to influence others, intelligence.

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#### Question # 35

If you look at a clock and the time is 3:15, what's the angle between the hour and the minute hands?

#### Answer:-

Usually, if the answer to a brainteaser seems too easy, chances are the answer's wrong. And in this case, the answer is not zero degrees. The hour hand, remember, moves as well. That is, in addition to the minute hand. And so, at 3:15, the hour hand and the minute hand are not on top of each other. In fact, the hour hand has moved a quarter of the way between the 3 and 4. This means it's moved a quarter of 30 degrees (360 degrees divided by 12 equals 30). So the answer, to be exact, is seven and a half degrees (30 divided by four).

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#### Question # 36

What other jobs are you applying for In IDES?

#### Answer:-

If you're applying with other similar companies in a similar or the same industry, it's actually okay to state that as it shows you're valued and wanted. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 37

How do you take "No" for an answer?

#### Answer:-

You want to be persistent enough to understand why someone is saying no so that you could potentially convince them otherwise with a sound reason. However, if they are still saying "no" to you, then you need to humbly accept their position and move on.

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#### Question # 38

How do you handle conflicts with people you supervise?

#### Answer:-

At first place, you try to avoid conflicts if you can. But once it happens and there's no way to avoid it, you try to understand the point of view of the other person and find the solution good for everyone. But you always keep the authority of your position.

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#### Question # 39



#### Describe your vision of your perfect dream job?

#### Answer:-

Ideally, the role you're applying for either is that dream job or will help you get to it. If it's going to help you get there, describe the elements of that job role that you are passionate about so that it ties to the vision of what your dream job is. Be honest and talk about the type of work environment, management team / leadership, coworkers, culture, vision and products/services you'd like your dream job to entail.

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#### Question # 40

How do you imagine a typical day of an employee in our company In IDES?

#### Answer:-

Just do not say that you imagine to only walk and watch what people do. Rather try to show them your attention to details and proactive attitude to job. Mention that you would try to observe the problems, weaknesses as well as opportunities to improve the results and take measures according to it.

#### Question # 41

What did you major in and why?

#### Answer:-

Tell them your major and the motivations behind why you chose it and how it's helped to prep your of this potential job.

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#### Question # 42

What is your perception of taking on risk?

#### Answer:-

You answer depends on the type of company you're interviewing for. If it's a start up, you need to be much more open to taking on risk. If it's a more established company, calculated risks to increase / improve the business or minimal risks would typically be more in line.

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#### Question # 43

What is your greatest weakness In IDES? What are you doing to improve it?

#### Answer:-

I believe my biggest weakness In IDES is wanting to help anyone I can help. What I mean is I am willing to take on task that are not my job. I want to learn all I can. However, that has helped me get promoted or even asked to help in times of need in other department. I have been know as the "go to person" when help is needed. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 44

How long will it take for you to make a significant contribution?

#### Answer:-

First define significant contribution - once you do that - lay out a timeline plan in which you think you can achieve that. Read More Answers.

#### Question #45

How do you handle stressful situations?

#### Answer:-

By remaining calm, weighing out all my options and executing a plan to get the situation resolve . Read More Answers.

#### Question # 46

If you had to choose one, would you consider yourself a big-picture person or a detail-oriented person?

#### Answer:-

Both are important. You need to stress that. However, if you could only choose one, ask yourself In IDES - do you like to be "in the weeds" with your work, or do you want to be the one painting the vision?

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#### Question # 47

Describe to me the position In IDES you're applying for?

#### Answer:-

This is a "homework" question, too, but it also gives some clues as to the perspective the person brings to the table. The best preparation you can do is to read the job description and repeat it to yourself in your own words so that you can do this smoothly at the interview.

#### Question # 48

How would you go about establishing your credibility quickly In IDES with the team?



Fully understand my responsibilities, work hard and exceed expectations, learn as much as possible, help others as much as possible, understand what my teammates' goals and needs are, be on time, and gain a mentor.

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#### Question # 49

How many square feet of pizza are eaten in the United States each month?

#### Answer:-

This is a classic guesstimate question where you need to think aloud. And so first off you round the U.S. population to 300 million people (it's actually about 315 million but rounding will be much easier and your interviewer will not score you lower for rounding). Then estimate how many people eat pizza. A decent educated guess is two out of every three people, or 200 million. Now let's say the average pizza-eating person eats pizza twice a month, and eats two slices at a time. That's four slices a month. If the average slice of pizza is perhaps six inches at the base and 10 inches long, then the slice is 30 square inches of pizza. So, four pizza slices would be 120 square inches (30 times 4).

Since one square foot equals 144 square inches (12 times 12), let's assume that each person who eats pizza eats one square foot per month. Since there are 200 million pizza-eating Americans, 200 million square feet of pizza are consumed in the U.S. each month. To summarize: 300 million people in America, 200 million eat pizza, average slice of pizza is six inches at the base and 10 inches long or 30 square inches, average American eats four slices of pizza a month, four pieces times 30 square inches equals 120 square inches (one square foot is 144 square inches), so let's assume one square foot per person, and thus one square foot times 200 million people equals 200 million square feet of pizza a month.

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#### Question # 50

What's the least rewarding work you've ever done and why?

#### Answer:-

Describe work you've done that you feel doesn't take advantage of your full potential. For example, "I once had to make paper copies for my job and I feel it didn't take full advantage of my skills. However, it did teach me to be humble in my work and to appreciate a good opportunity when it arose to use my skills" Read More Answers.

#### Question # 51

How would your friends describe you?

#### Answer:-

My friends would probably say that I'm extremely persistent - I've never been afraid to keep going back until I get what I want. When I worked as a program developer, recruiting keynote speakers for a major tech conference, I got one rejection after another - this was just the nature of the job. But I really wanted the big players - so I wouldn't take no for an answer. I kept going back to them every time there was a new company on board, or some new value proposition. Eventually, many of them actually said "yes" - the program turned out to be so great that we doubled our attendees from the year before. A lot of people might have given up after the first rejection, but it's just not in my nature. If I know something is possible, I have to keep trying until I get it.

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#### Question # 52

How good are you at problem solving?

#### Answer:-

Describe the problem first and then discuss how you were able to fix it. **Read More Answers.** 

#### Question # 53

What's the most rewarding work you've ever done and why?

#### Answer:-

Companies love it when you discuss how you've made an impact on your teammates, clients, or partners in the business or in school. It should be rewarding because of the hard work and creative process that you've put into it.

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#### Question # 54

Rate yourself on a scale of 10?

#### Answer:-

If you truly believe you're a 10, you better be able to explain why with examples / stories. If you believe you're a great contributor and have room to grow, say 8 or 9. If you're below that, explain what you would do to improve yourself to get the ranking you believe you can be.

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#### Question # 55

What is your desired salary In IDES?

#### Answer:-

Bad Answer: Candidates who are unable to answer the question, or give an answer that is far above market. Shows that they have not done research on the market rate, or have unreasonable expectations.

Good answer: A number or range that falls within the market rate and matches their level of mastery of skills required to do the job.

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#### Question # 56

Give me an example of when you competed hard and won?

#### Answer:-

You can reference many different areas here when discussing a story of where you won in competition: Work experience (ideal), sports, clubs, classes, projects. Read More Answers

#### Question # 57

If I talked to your three biggest fans, who would they be and why?

#### Answer:-

If you can reference three professionals with executive titles (CXO, VP, Director, Manager), that carries a lot of weight. Make sure you highlight how you've helped them achieve their biggest objectives and how that's made them your fan.

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#### Question # 58

How do you evaluate your ability to handle conflict?

#### Answer:-

I pride myself on being a good problem solver. Through my previous job and management positions I have faced numerous conflicts in different situations, and my experiences have helped me to hone my issue resolution skills. I believe that it is important to get to and address the root of the issue, in a respectable manner. Read More Answers

#### Question # 59

Give an example of a time you successfully worked In IDES on a team?

#### Answer:-

On the whole I prefer to stick to doing what I'm told rather than setting myself up to fail by doing things off my own bat. But there was this one time when I suggested to my boss at the pizza parlor that she try offering an 'all you can eat' deal to students to boost trade on Mondays. She thought it was an interesting idea but nothing ever came of it.

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#### Question # 60

What are your salary expectations In IDES?

#### Answer:-

This question is like a loaded gun, tricky and dangerous if you're not sure what you are doing. It's not uncommon for people to end up talking salary before really selling their skills, but knowledge is power as this is a negotiation after all. Again, this is an area where doing your research will be helpful as you will have an understanding of average salary.

One approach is asking the interviewer about the salary range, but to avoid the question entirely, you can respond that money isn't a key factor and you're goal is to advance in your career. However, if you have a minimum figure in mind and you believe you're able to get it, you may find it worth trying.

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#### Question # 61

What's a time you exercised leadership?

#### Answer:-

Depending on what's more important for the the role, you'll want to choose an example that showcases your project management skills (spearheading a project from end to end, juggling multiple moving parts) or one that shows your ability to confidently and effectively rally a team. And remember: "The best stories include enough detail to be believable and memorable,". Show how you were a leader in this situation and how it represents your overall leadership experience and potential.

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#### Question # 62

What techniques and tools do you use to keep yourself organized In IDES?

#### Answer:-

Utilizing a calendar, having a notebook with your "to do" list, focusing on your top 3 priorities each and every day, utilizing a systematic way of storing documents on your computer (like box.net)

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#### Question # 63

What problems have you encountered at work?

#### Answer:-

Wow, do we have problems! Where do I begin? Well, most of the problems are internal, just people not working well with each other. I have one person on our team who is a real problem, but it seems like management is afraid to do anything about it. So we all end up having to do extra work to cover for this person, who just doesn't work. We all say that he's retired in place. I think he's just holding on until retirement in a couple years. But he's a real problem. I complain about it -- a lot--but nothing ever seems to get done. I've even written negative reviews about the person, hoping he will get canned, but it doesn't happen. I can't wait for him to retire. Read More Answers

Question # 64 How would you define success?



Success is defined differently for everybody. Just nake sure the parameters are defined by you with regards to work life balance. financial gain, career growth, achievements, creating meaningful work / products and so forth. If you can clearly articulate what it means to you that is a strong answer.

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