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# eResearch Technology Job Interview Preparation Guide.

#### Question #1

Can you describe your ideal boss/supervisor?

#### Answer:-

During the interview At eResearch Technology process employers will want to find out how you respond to supervision. They want to know whether you have any problems with authority, If you can work well as part of a group (see previous question) and if you take instructions well etc.

Never ever ever, criticize a past supervisor or boss. This is a red flag for airlines and your prospective employer will likely assume you are a difficult employee, unable to work in a team or take intruction and side with your former employer.

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#### Question # 2

How do you prioritize your work?

#### Answer:-

Depends on the situation... I like to label certain tasks as either A B or C...A being the one that requires immediate attention, and C which are tasks that aren't urgent but eventually need to get done... I like to focus my work At eResearch Technology on the things that need to get done, and done quickly... While balancing the other work alongside our first priorities.

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## Question #3

What are your greatest professional strengths At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer:

When answering this question, we recommends being accurate (share your true strengths, not those you think the interviewer wants to hear); relevant (choose your strengths that are most targeted to this particular position At eResearch Technology); and specific (for example, instead of "people skills," choose "persuasive communication" or "relationship building"). Then, follow up with an example of how you've demonstrated these traits in a professional setting.

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## Question # 4

What is your biggest weakness At eResearch Technology?

#### 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 At eResearch Technology 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 # 5

What's your dream job?

## Answer:-

Along similar lines, the interviewer wants to uncover whether this position At eResearch Technology is really in line with your ultimate career goals. While "an GGL star" might get you a few laughs, a better bet is to talk about your goals and ambitions-and why this job will get you closer to them.

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#### Question # 6

How did you handle meeting a tight deadline At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer:

Review every deadline you need to meet. Prioritize your projects by deadline and factor in how important each project is. Record your deadlines on a digital calendar or spreadsheet.

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#### Question #7

Explain me about a challenge or conflict you've faced at work At eResearch Technology, and how you dealt with it?

#### Answer-

In asking this interview question, your interviewer wants to get a sense of how you will respond to conflict. Anyone can seem nice and pleasant in a job interview, but what will happen if you're hired?. Again, you'll want to use the S-T-A-R method, being sure to focus on how you handled the situation professionally and productively, and ideally closing with a happy ending, like how you came to a resolution or compromise.

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#### Question #8

How do you deal with conflict in the workplace At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer:-

When people work together, conflict is often unavoidable because of differences in work goals and personal styles. Follow these guidelines for handling conflict in the workplace.

- \* 1. Talk with the other person.
- \* 2. Focus on behavior and events, not on personalities.
- \* 3. Listen carefully.
- \* 4. Identify points of agreement and disagreement.
- \* 5. Prioritize the areas of conflict.
- \* 6. Develop a plan to work on each conflict.
- \* 7. Follow through on your plan.
- \* 8. Build on your success.

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#### Question #9

How would you be an asset to us At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer:

Think again about the job specification and the skills needed for this role At eResearch Technology. Have a paragraph prepared highlighting how you will be able to do the job and what you can bring to the team. It goes without saying that this paragraph should be positive.

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## Question # 10

If you have seven white socks and nine black socks in a drawer, how many socks do you have to pull out blindly in order to ensure that you have a matching pair?

#### Answer:-

if the first one is one color (say, white), and the second one is the other color (black), then the third one, no matter what the color, will make a matching pair. (Sometimes you're not supposed to think that hard.)

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#### Question #11

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 # 12

What are your personal skills which make you a candidate for the position At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer:-

The list of crucial character traits includes patience, tact, and poise, with personal and cultural sensitivity. One needs the ability to work long hours, with much walking and some physical tasks. But the most important trait of all is to love people and to have the desire to care for them.

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## Question # 13

What do you like to do outside of work?

## Answer:-

Interviewers ask personal questions in an interview to "see if candidates will fit in with the culture [and] give them the opportunity to open up and display their personality, too,". In other words, if someone asks about your hobbies outside of work, it's totally OK to open up and share what really makes you tick. (Do keep it semi-professional, though: Saying you like to have a few beers at the local hot spot on Saturday night is fine. Telling them that Monday is usually a rough day for you because you're always hungover is not.)

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#### Question # 14

What motivates you to succeed?

Answer:-



Your interviewer will likely want to know the reasons why you will remain motivated to do your best during your employment with the company At eResearch Technology. Perhaps you are interested in being challenged, but you may also have interest in being recognized for your hard work in the form of the number of sales you can attain. A great example answer for this question is "I always do my best in everything, including my job. I take pride in my success, and I also want the company for which I work to be successful. Being affiliated with a company that is known for its excellence is very important to me."

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#### Question #15

Where do you see yourself in five years At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer-

If asked this question, be honest and specific about your future goals, but consider this:

A hiring manager wants to know

- \* a) if you've set realistic expectations for your career,
- \* b) if you have ambition (a.k.a., this interview isn't the first time you're considering the question), and
- \* c) if the position aligns with your goals and growth. Your best bet is to think realistically about where this position could take you and answer along those lines. And if the position isn't necessarily a one-way ticket to your aspirations?

It's OK to say that you're not quite sure what the future holds, but that you see this experience playing an important role in helping you make that decision.

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#### Question # 16

Why do you want to join our company?

#### Answer:-

This is a question that is aimed at finding out whether you know enough about the company and the basic market. The best way to answer this question is to do some research on the company and highlight its positive points.

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#### Question # 17

Do you have any questions for me?

## Answer:-

Good interview questions to ask interviewers at the end of the job interview include questions on the company growth or expansion, questions on personal development and training and questions on company values, staff retention and company achievements.

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## Question # 18

Do you like to start personal relationships with other employees?

#### Answer:

Well, the right answer is yes and no. Good personal relations can improve the overall performance of a team. But on the other hand, you should not let your emotions to affect your decisions in work.

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## Question # 19

Do vou work well under pressure?

## Answer:-

Yes.. When it comes down to the wire, the best thing I can to remain focused, have some flexibility, and understand priorities.. Giving them attention in the order they are needed

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#### Question # 20

How would you observe the level of motivation of your subordinates?

#### Answer:

Choosing the right metrics and comparing productivity of everyone on daily basis is a good answer, doesn't matter in which company you apply for a supervisory role.

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## Question # 21

What are three positive things your last boss would say about you?

#### Answer:-

It's time to pull out your old performance appraisals and boss's quotes. This is a great way to brag about yourself through someone else's words:

"My boss has told me that I am the best designer he has ever had. He knows he can rely on me, and he likes my sense of humor."

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## Question # 22

What do you think is your greatest weakness?

#### Answer:-

Don't say anything that could eliminate you from consideration for the job. For instance, "I'm slow in adapting to change" is not a wise answer, since change is par for



the course in most work environments. Avoid calling attention to any weakness that's one of the critical qualities the hiring manager is looking for. And don't try the old "I'm a workaholic," or "I'm a perfectionist.

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#### Question # 23

What does quality work mean to you?

#### Answer:-

Quality work to be is about doing work to the require or set standard, which is very important when it comes to warehouse operations.

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#### Question # 24

What type of work environment do you prefer?

#### Answer.

Ideally one that's similar to the environment of the company you're applying to. Be specific.

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#### Question # 25

What types of personalities do you work with best?

#### Answer-

In the past, I have found it difficult to work with others who see themselves as better than others, who can take criticism, and who refuse to work with others. I have found it challenging to work with them b/c I am a team oriented person who feels the importance of working together over the needs of the individual especially in a learning environment.

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#### Question # 26

Why do you want to work At eResearch Technology for this organisation?

#### Answer-

Being unfamiliar with the organisation will spoil your chances with 75% of interviewers, according to one survey, so take this chance to show you have done your preparation and know the company inside and out. You will now have the chance to demonstrate that you've done your research, so reply mentioning all the positive things you have found out about the organisation and its sector etc. This means you'll have an enjoyable work environment and stability of employment etc everything that brings out the best in you.

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#### Question # 27

Are you planning to continue your studies and training At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer:-

If asked about plans for continued education, companies typically look for applicants to tie independent goals with the aims of the employer. Interviewers consistently want to see motivation to learn and improve. Continuing education shows such desires, especially when potentials display interests in academia potentially benefiting the company.

Answering in terms of "I plan on continuing my studies in the technology field," when offered a question from a technology firm makes sense. Tailor answers about continued studies specific to desired job fields. Show interest in the industry and a desire to work long-term in said industry. Keep answers short and to the point, avoiding diatribes causing candidates to appear insincere.

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#### Question # 28

Give an example of a time you successfully worked At eResearch Technology 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 # 29

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.

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## Question # 30

How do you think I rate as an interviewer?

#### Answer:

I think you did fine. I'm sure you've conducted a lot of interviews, and it's probably second nature for you now. Thanks for taking the time to meet with me today. I'm sure you have a lot of things you have to juggle every day.



I'd say you rate at least ten out of ten. The questions you asked seemed spot on. I can tell you guys are working hard to find the perfect applicant for the job. I'm glad I could meet with you.

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#### Question #31

What have you done to improve your skills over the past year At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer:-

You'll want to be prepare with some very specific examples of what you've done over the last year and what you're currently doing to improve your professional knowledge and skill set as well as anything else you're doing the shows self improvement.

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#### Question #32

What do you consider to be your greatest strength?

#### Answer:-

There isn't any right answer. Just make sure to make your response positive and true. A few good examples include: Your ability to solve complex problems, Your ability to work well on a team, Your ability to shine under pressure, Your ability to focus in chaotic situations, Your ability to prioritize and organize, Your ability to cut through the fluff to identify the real issues, Your ability to influence other positively. If your strength relates to the position in question that will be more beneficial - but again be honest, don't create a strength for yourself just because you think it will sound good.

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#### Question # 33

Do you think you are overqualified for this position At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer-

No matter your previous job experience or educational background, be sure to tell the interviewer you have the knowledge and skills to successfully execute the job responsibilities.

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#### Question #34

How do you propose to compensate for your lack of experience?

#### Answer:

The first thing you should do is discuss experience you have the interviewer is unfamiliar with. Once that is detailed, tell the person conducting the interview that you are able to learn new tasks and information in a reasonable period of time and possess a strong work ethic. However, only state this if you can live up to these expectations.

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## Question # 35

Explain what are your strengths At eResearch Technology?

#### 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 #36

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 # 37

Tell us something about yourself?

## Answer:-

Bad Answer: Candidates who ramble on about themselves without regard for information that will actually help the interviewer make a decision, or candidates who actually provide information showing they are unfit for the job.

Good answer: An answer that gives the interviewer a glimpse of the candidate's personality, without veering away from providing information that relates to the job. Answers should be positive, and not generic.

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## Question #38

If you felt like you were hitting the proverbial "wall" and getting burned out, what would you do to re-energize yourself?



#### Answer:-

Take a break to rest. Work in smaller increments of time to increase focus with breaks in between. Delegate tasks to those that are willing to help.

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#### Question #39

Tell me about a problem that you've solved in a unique or unusual way. What was the outcome? Were you happy or satisfied with it?

#### Answer-

In this question the interviewer is basically looking for a real life example of how you used creativity to solve a problem.

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#### Question # 40

Tell me about a time when you had to make a decision without all the information you needed. How did you handle it At eResearch Technology? Why? Were you happy with the outcome?

#### Answer:-

In many scenarios, you will not have all the information needed. The key is to make the best possible decision based on what you deem to be a sufficient amount of information

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#### Question # 41

Give me a specific example of a time when you had to conform to a policy with which you did not agree?

#### Answer:-

You want to first understand why the policy was put into effect. From there, if you truly disagree with it, explain your position to your management. If they don't change it, then you must accept their decision and continue to work or the alternative decision would be to find a new job.

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## Question # 42

Describe a time when you anticipated potential problems and developed preventive measures?

#### Answer:-

The key here is to show that you were proactive. How did you find out about the potential problems? How did you address it quickly?

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#### Question #43

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.

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## Question # 44

What are your lifelong dreams?

#### Answer:

If your dreams don't relate to the job closely, make sure you highlight aspects of the job that will help develop the skills that will help you with your dreams. Ideally, you want your dreams to relate strongly to the career path you're interviewing for though.

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## Question # 45

How long do you envision yourself staying with this company?

#### Answer:-

Understand that companies invest a lot of money into hiring the right staff. You want to emphasize that you are in it for the long run and you want to develop a career there and that it's not just a "5 month stepping stone" type of a job. You should be thinking how you're going to grow with that company. After all, don't you want to invest your energy and time with a company that is going to continue to be successful and one that will help you grow?

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## Question # 46

What types of situations do you consider "unfixable"?

#### Answer:

Most situations are "fixable" - the ones that are not are typically related to business ethics (someone is cheating the company, someone is stealing, etc)

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#### Question # 47

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 # 48

How do you inspire others to be better?

#### Answer:-

First, the key to inspiring others it to first understand what their goals and objectives are. Once you understand what people want, you can inspire them with a vision that aligns to what they care about. People generally care about having purpose, being successful (and being recognized for it), contributing in a meaningful way, and financial rewards (to a degree) and much more. Then once you understand what people set as goals, you can inspire them through 1:1 pep talks, a presentation to multiple people and so forth.

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#### Question # 49

Would you describe yourself as more analytical or interpersonal?

#### Answer:

If you answer either, just make sure you explain why. For example, "I would consider myself to be more analytical because I'm good at examining a data set and then understanding how to interpret it in a business environment." or "I'm more of interpersonal person because I enjoy working and collaborating with my teammates and clients"

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#### Question # 50

What qualities do you believe are important to have as a manager?

#### Answer:-

Great managers tend to empower their employees to be successful through strong coaching. They understand how to manage relationships - this is commonly referred to emotional intelligence. They have to be able to handle both client and staff situations that require them to be calm under pressure to clearly think of solutions to complex problems. Most importantly they must be able to articulate the vision to the team and inspire them to work together to collectively achieve that goal

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#### Question # 51

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 # 52

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"

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#### Question # 53

How good are you at problem solving?

#### Anewor:

Describe the problem first and then discuss how you were able to fix it.

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#### Question # 54

What would you do if our competitor offered you a position At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer:

I would weigh the offer and consider it, however, this company and this role is my first choice.

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## Question # 55

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.

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## Question # 56

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 #57

Tell me one thing about yourself you wouldn't want me to know?

#### Answer:

Talk about a trait that you would consider a weakness. No need to talk about your deepest darkest secrets here.

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#### Question # 58

Who are your heroes?

#### Answer:-

Have at least one person you consider a hero or role model. Be ready to explain why they are a hero to you and how they've inspired you to be a better person.

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#### Question # 59

How do you continue learning on a daily basis? Why is continuous improvement necessary At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer.

You can learn on the job, through books and magazines, through social networks, blogs, seminars, mentors and so on. Continuous improvement is important because the one thing in life that is constant is change. And you have to continue to push yourself day in and day out to be the best.

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#### Question # 60

What aspect of supervision do you find the most difficult?

#### Answer:

Managing different personalities and keeping them focused on the goal at hand.

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## Question # 61

How much time do you need to join the organization At eResearch Technology?

#### Answer:-

You should be able to join it right away, barring plans you've already made (family travel, vacation, other obligations). The key is to simply be open in communication of what's already committed on your schedule. Most companies are accommodating. If they are not, weight the importance of joining that company vs. your plans.

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#### Question # 62

What kind of work interests you the most?

## Answer:-

You can talk about what you're passionate about. What motivates you. What excites you.

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## Question # 63

How do you handle repetitive tasks?

#### Answer:

Some people enjoy it, others don't. Which are you? If you don't like it, can you at least do it well? And if you don't like it, be ready to explain why in a positive way (i.e. your potential is to do much more than simply be repetitive)

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