

Top 3 Competencies



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Key Insights

Job Match



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FAIR

Relevance 100.00 %

COMPETENCY MATCH

A measure of behavioral traits and their impact on the key competencies for the role

ADAPTABILITY



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- Multitasking - Prefers an unpredictable work environment, which could potentially result in making unwarranted changes to stay motivated.
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- Assertiveness - May dominate conversations and may not always listen to the concerns and suggestions of those involved.
- Interpersonal Insight - May not perceive the subtle differences and needs of the audience, in order to best adapt communication style.
- Positive View of People - Balances trust with skepticism; should be able to communicate effectively in both positive and difficult interactions with others.
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- Criticism Tolerance - Is open to receiving feedback from others and should seek this to improve on innovation and ideas.
- Multitasking - May be so busy managing multiple demands that little time is allotted to innovate.
- Objective Thinking - Is capable of balancing intuition with facts when generating new ideas or considering possibilities.
- Realistic Thinking - Is likely to make recommendations that consider the practical side of adopting new processes.
- Reflective Thinking - Has a need to understand underlying business processes at a deep level, which is beneficial when considering alternative and innovative approaches.
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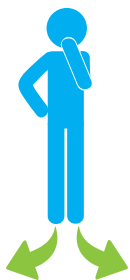
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- Criticism Tolerance - May discount feedback or differing opinions that arise after a decision has been made.
- Detail Interest - Prefers to understand things deeply and may waste time digging into details rather than being decisive.
- Follow Through - May not follow up with key stakeholders to ensure alignment when making decisions.
- Objective Thinking - Should balance facts with intuition before drawing conclusions.
- Realistic Thinking - Is likely to consider the practicality of solutions when making decisions.
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- Assertiveness - Is comfortable voicing opinions and displaying a confident attitude to convince others to adopt a course of action.
- Follow Through - May not consistently follow up with others to ensure buy-in of new ideas.
- Sociability - Is moderately social, which will help to influence and understand the needs of others.
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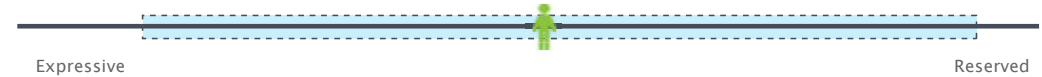
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MARTHA G

Network and Computer Systems Administrators

Interview Date: _____

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Please tell me about your work history. How has your previous work experience prepared you to take on the challenges of this role?

2. Tell me about what attracted you most to this position. What prompted you to apply for this job?

3. Describe your ideal work environment. In what type of work culture do you feel you perform best?

4. We all have preferences when it comes to supervisory style and the type of manager with whom we work most effectively. What type of oversight and interaction do you prefer from a manager? Why do you feel this helps you work most effectively?

COMPETENCY QUESTIONS

ADAPTABILITY

Think of a time at work when you were asked to adopt a change with which you did not agree. What was the situation? Why did you disagree with the effort to make the change? How did you react? What was the result of your action?

ANSWER:

Describe a time when you were working on a project and something happened which required a significant change to your plans. What was the situation? What happened to derail your original plan? How did you react?

ANSWER:

COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY

Tell me about a time when you needed to adapt your communication style to meet the needs of a particular person or audience. What was your approach? What was the outcome?

ANSWER:

Tell me about a time when you had a miscommunication with someone. What happened? How did you become aware of the miscommunication? What was the final outcome?

ANSWER:

DELIVERING RESULTS

Tell me about a time when you were assigned an important task at work. How did you hold yourself accountable to ensure the task was completed on-time and up to standards? How did you approach the task? What was the result?

ANSWER:

Tell me about a time when you were assigned responsibility for a work project, and you did not achieve your desired objective. What was the project? What did you do to accomplish it? Why do you think the project was not completed or fell short?

ANSWER:

INNOVATION

Give me some examples of your most innovative business ideas. What were they and what issue(s) did they address?

ANSWER:

Tell me about a time when you generated an innovation or idea that was ultimately unsuccessful. What was the situation? Why didn't the idea work? What lesson did you take away from the experience?

ANSWER:

MAKING SOUND DECISIONS

Describe a time when you had an important decision to make, but had several alternatives to choose from. What criteria went into your decision? What was the result?

ANSWER:

Tell me about a time when you implemented a solution to a problem and then discovered later that the problem was not fixed. What actions did you take? What was the result?

ANSWER:

INFLUENCING

Have you ever had to persuade a coworker or manager to accept an idea that you knew they would not like? What was the issue? How did you go about convincing them? How successful were you in getting them to change their mind?

ANSWER:

Tell me about a recent work experience when you tried to persuade a colleague or customer of something and were unsuccessful. What was the situation? What did you do? What would you do differently next time?

ANSWER:

RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT

Give me several examples of important business relationships you have developed with people from other parts of your organization or with people outside the organization that have helped you to meet your business objectives.

ANSWER:

What is your strategy for developing business relationships? How do you go about developing these relationships? What do you do to sustain and maintain them over time?

ANSWER:

WORK ORGANIZATION

Tell me about a recent time when you had to plan a project or some work you had been assigned. What was the assignment or project? Describe your approach.

ANSWER:

Tell me about a project that you were responsible for planning that did not go as smoothly as you would have liked. What did you do? If you could redo the planning of the project, what would you do differently?

ANSWER:

FOLLOW-UPS

For the following competency(ies): **Influencing**, the individual scored **below** the match area for Accommodation.

Tell me about a time when you had to respond to a request that seemed unreasonable. What was the request? How did you respond?

(Listen for an attempt to meet the need to the best of their ability.)

For the following competency(ies): **Communicating Effectively**, the individual scored **above** the match area for Assertiveness.

When you are working as part of a team, what is your style in interacting with others? Do you try to 'go with the flow' or take the lead? How do you think your approach impacts the team dynamics? Have you received any positive or constructive feedback on your interpersonal style?

(Listen for an ability to get along smoothly with others, and to exert influence without coming across as a poor listener.)

For the following competency(ies): **Making Sound Decisions**, the individual scored **below** the match area for Cautious Thinking.

Tell me about a time when you took a risk at work and it paid off. What about a time when you took a risk that you later regretted? How did those experiences influence your approach to decisions going forward?

(Listen for indications of wisdom and maturity in the individual's decision-making process.)

For the following competency(ies): **Making Sound Decisions**, the individual scored **above** the match area for Criticism Tolerance. Tell me about constructive feedback you have received in the past. How did you become aware of the issue? What did the person say to you? How did you react? How has that influenced you today?

(Listen for an ability to listen for feedback and take it to heart (rather than discounting or ignoring it).)

For the following competency(ies): **Making Sound Decisions, Work Organization**, the individual scored **above** the match area for Detail Interest.

When you are organizing a project, what types of activities do you prefer to do yourself and what do you give to others? Give me examples from a recent project.

(Listen for a tendency to be too involved in details personally or to become overly focused on the details.)

For the following competency(ies): **Adaptability, Delivering Results, Influencing, Making Sound Decisions, Work Organization**, the individual scored **below** the match area for Follow Through.

Tell me about a time when you were not able to complete a project on time. What was the situation? What did you do? What was the outcome?

(Listen for a tendency to miss deadlines and not hold self/others accountable.)

For the following competency(ies): **Communicating Effectively**, the individual scored **below** the match area for Interpersonal Insight. Describe a recent difference of opinion you had with a co-worker. What was their perspective? What was yours? What were the underlying issues?

(Listen for an ability and willingness to understand and anticipate another person's perspective.)

For the following competency(ies): **Adaptability, Innovation, Work Organization**, the individual scored **above** the match area for Multitasking.

What type of work do you like? Do you like variety or consistency? Would you rather focus on one task or do several at the same time?

(Listen for a tendency to become easily bored or uninterested in the work.)

For the following competency(ies): **Adaptability, Delivering Results**, the individual scored **above** the match area for Realistic Thinking. Tell me about a time when you felt it was better to continue with a way of doing something rather than adopting a new approach. How did others feel? What did you decide to do in the end?

(Listen for a resistance to new ideas or trying new solutions.)

For the following competency(ies): **Adaptability, Innovation, Making Sound Decisions**, the individual scored **below** the match area for Work Intensity.

Describe a time when you were responsible for a project at work that required a fast response or had a really short deadline. What did you do? How did you feel working under these circumstances? What was the result?

(Listen for a tendency to work more deliberately and slower than is ideal. Can the individual adjust their work intensity to meet the demands of the situation? What impact does this have on the individual?)