## 1. Title Page

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## 2. Introduction

As part of the fulfillment of our finals requirements, our group interviewed Engr. Carmello Canonoy, an alumnus of the Technological Institute of the Philippines, a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, and currently working as a professor. The interview covered his advice, tips, and answers to the given questions that will benefit and guide future Computer Engineering students such as us. It tackled most of the questions focused on the common misconceptions, ideas, and personal perspectives that Engineering students mostly have. Additionally, it included questions that give peers such as us, learning Computer Engineering, guidance on how we can navigate our journey.

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## 3. Summary of the Interview

During the interview, one of the key points and insights we picked up from Engr. Carmello, who has been working for multiple academies throughout the years, is the importance of building your foundational knowledge and skills. He clearly emphasized that there is a significant difference between simply knowing your materials and truly understanding the knowledge required in this engineering profession. He also pointed out how such foundational skills can serve as an advantage and remain an essential aspect of becoming a competent and capable Computer Engineer.

Moreover, he highlighted that learning and dedicating more time to understanding the basics can greatly support our future careers and professions by the time we graduate and begin facing real-world challenges. This involves exploring more programs, studying various codes, and familiarizing ourselves with other technical materials that will develop our skills before entering

the fast-paced corporate world that continuously integrates technology into our modern way of living.

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## 4. Personal Reflection

What stood out to me the most during my interview with Engr. Carmello was how grounded and practical his outlook was toward the field of Computer Engineering. Instead of focusing only on achievements, he talked about the everyday realities—moments of confusion, long hours of practice, and the constant process of adjusting to new concepts. Hearing him express that no one becomes an engineer overnight made me realize that growth in this field is gradual and requires patience. It was inspiring to see how he used every challenge as motivation instead of letting it discourage him. His openness helped me understand that feeling lost or unsure at times doesn't mean I'm not meant for this path—it simply means I'm learning.

What also made a strong impact on me was his reminder that Computer Engineering is constantly evolving, and because of that, students need to be flexible and willing to adapt. He encouraged us to explore different aspects of the field, especially the ones we're unfamiliar with, because we might discover strengths we didn't know we had. This shifted the way I think about my future goals. Instead of limiting myself to what I already know, I now feel more eager to explore new technologies, improve my problem-solving skills, and take on tasks that challenge me. His advice taught me that the journey toward becoming an engineer is not just about passing subjects but about building the mindset, curiosity, and resilience needed in the profession.

## 5. Connection to Course or Program

The interview with Engr. Carmello connects with what we have learned in class because it emphasizes the importance of foundational knowledge, coding skills, and practical applications, all of which we study in our courses. His advice and teachings closely relate to my personal experiences in college, as we have faced challenges in understanding complex concepts and managing my time to practice coding and other technical skills. The interview reinforced my understanding of my future profession by showing that success in Computer Engineering requires not only technical knowledge but also determination, continuous learning, and the ability to overcome any obstacles. At the same time, it also challenged us to think beyond textbooks and lectures, reminding me that real world engineering involves continuous learning, problem solving, and adapting to fast paced technological environments.

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## 6. Conclusion

In conclusion, the interview with Engr. Carmello really left a strong impact on us and helped us understand what it truly takes to pursue Computer Engineering. From him, we learned the importance of building a strong foundation in the basics, not just rushing through lessons. We also realized that struggles, mistakes, and failures are natural parts of the journey and should be seen as opportunities to grow rather than setbacks. He emphasized being proactive, taking the initiative to learn more about programming, coding languages, software tools, and other aspects of Computer Engineering beyond the classroom. Learning that determination, willpower, and a willingness to constantly improve are key to staying on track and preparing for the fast paced tech industry. We're genuinely grateful for the chance to hear his insights because they gave us the clarity, the motivation, and the practical advice that we can apply to our academic and career path. We hope to carry these lessons with us as we move forward and possibly even stay in touch to continue learning from someone who has already walked the path we're about to take.

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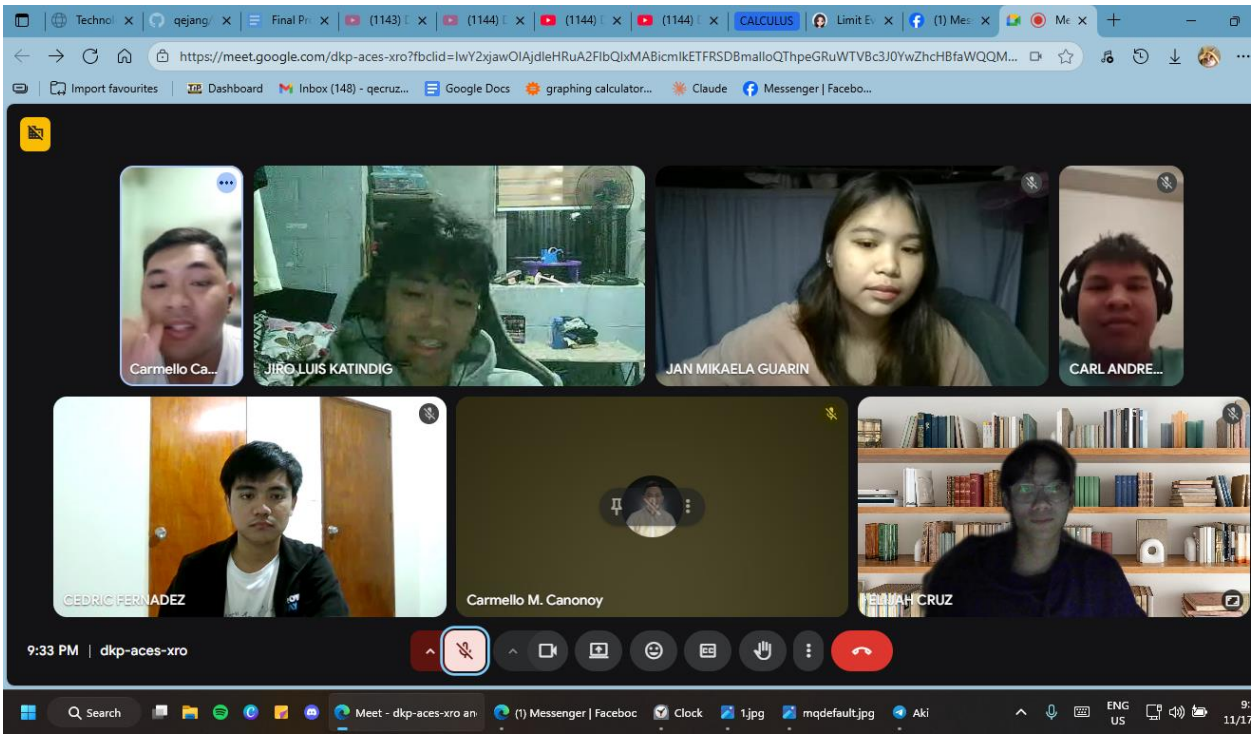
## 7. Appendices

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