What is your career goal?

Question Analysis

As this is a developer role, I am avoiding mentioning management responsibilities.

I try to answer the question concisely but do not want sound too sharp and short. OK.

My answer:

I am hoping to have a long career as an IT engineer or developer in the Finance industry.

If they ask me why:

Most parents would like to have their children to study at a top university. However, top university graduates seem to want to have a career at a financial services company. I feel so honored and excited in working at a financial services company that I do not feel the necessity to consider the background reasons.

If they ask me how:

1. I want to hit the ground running by putting extra time and effort into work during the early days ~~start period~~;
2. I hope to anticipate potential future tasks and get technically prepared well in advance;
3. I plan to continue learning more about the business domain knowledge;
4. \*I think that the text in red already indicates the connotation of keep learning. I think that concept is already covered.

Can I just say the text in blue and wait for their possible questions? I guess you would have to make a judgement from the set-up of the interview and the style of the interviewers. If they don’t ask you much, it is probably a good idea to find a way to get across the points you want to make.

If I need to talk about my weakness:

As I am still new in the financial services industry, my knowledge in this area is limited, and I am willing to learn more about the business domain knowledge. I am always willing to study in my own time and improve my skills.

If they invite me to ask questions;

For a new application development, do you usually have company-wide recommended architectures, frameworks, third party libraries, or do you make the decision within your group?

My current workplace?

We do have some company-wide policies to follow:

Company color schemes; some technologies such as uwp (universal windows platform) and azure applications are not allowed to be used at the current point in time.

On the other hand, as the number of users is rather limited, we are flexible in selecting technologies and frameworks.

If you answer questions on your current workplace, could you maybe include your own experience, decision-making, team role, etc, within the company’s policies and flexibility in technology selection? Eg, have you been a decision-maker in selecting a framework on a particular occasion?