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What is your greatest weakness?

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Overview

The interviewer is assessing whether your weaknesses will get in the way of doing the job. Employers are looking for humility and whether you're committed to learning and growing. This is a place you can showcase what you're doing to improve.

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Sample answers

Sample answer 1

By Gene F., Hiring Manager
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I get excited when people on my team brainstorm about big new ideas. I sometimes get so caught up in the moment that I volunteer to do too much. I know this can be a distraction in ways that put me at risk of not...

Sample answer 2

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In my current role as a product manager, I'm responsible for specific feature building. So, I work with a lot of cross-functional teams like engineers and designers. I think one thing that I can always improve on is patience....

Sample answer 3

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I have a strong desire to succeed, which generally serves me well. But I've realized that it can also be a blind spot if I'm not being honest with myself about what's possible. A few years ago, I was working on a remote control....

Sample answer 4

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I have worked on my inclination to hold back on giving tough feedback. A few roles ago, I'd just been promoted to management and joined a project that my boss was leading. The work was about 30% baked when I joined....

Answer framework



How to approach this question

By Gene F., Hiring Manager

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This can feel like a tricky question, but it's a good opportunity to shine. Here are some tips on how to answer:

Be humble.

You want to communicate an authentic story that shows you're self-aware. It's okay that you don't come off as perfect, that's authentic, which is important for someone who will have to trust you in the role that they're hiring for.

Choose a trait that is not too relevant to the job.

For example, if you're applying for a project manager role, choose a weakness that is more related to creativity, which is something that doesn't disqualify you from the description of the things that would make someone successful in that role.

Show how you manage it.

Have a fix-it strategy. For example, if you struggle with remembering product details so you track them in their phone or side notebook, that's okay, share that with them. That shows that you've got commitment to solving that problem and addressing it.

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Tips

- Employers are looking for self-awareness and personal accountability.
- It's good to be honest about what you're not great at.
- Share what you are doing to actively improve on this weakness.

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