

Jeremy, Data Scientist

1. “What Attracted You to This Career Path?”

Obviously computers and math, What is interesting to me: To quantify things that are hard to quantify. make predictions on data that are not obvious.

2. “What Previous Professional Experiences Have Helped You Most in This Role?”

I was a developer and wrote code.

3. “What’s Something That Would Surprise People About Your Day-to-Day?”

The amount of time I spend preparing data vs performing analytics on data

4. “What’s One Thing You Wish Somebody Would’ve Told You Before Going Into This Field?”

I wish somebody could have given me an understanding of my role in my field, insurance. 7-8 years have shown me that there are lots of traditional examples. Example: Can't do pricing because of federal regulators. some idea of how to apply all my knowledge. There are not tons of examples out there directly related to my industry.

5. “What Are Some of the Biggest Rewards of Your Position?”

It's wonderful to help automate a task that people didn't think was solvable by a machine. easier to have the lesser problems be done by the machine.

6. "How Would You Describe Somebody Who Would Excel in This Career?"

They would have to be intellectually curious. You're drinking by the fire hose but if you're too tired to learn, then you wouldn't excel.

7. "What's Most Important to Prepare for a Role Like Yours?"

Taking into account humility and perseverance over the obstacles, balanced by "I'm not getting this --good to ask for help"

Tracy, Bioinformatician

1. "What Attracted You to This Career Path?" It's multidisciplinary, biology plus computer scientist. It's always evolving so it's interesting.

2. "What Previous Professional Experiences Have Helped You Most in This Role?" All of my experience has prepared me for this role, both work and graduate school.

3. "What's Something That Would Surprise People About Your Day-to-Day?" I'm not in front of my computer all day, but in meetings, going to seminars. I go to a conference once or twice per year. I'm writing papers.

4. "What's One Thing You Wish Somebody Would've Told You Before Going Into This Field?" I wish I had known more about the medical-industrial complex--how much is driven by the Pharma industry, its history--the social impact.

5. “What Are Some of the Biggest Rewards of Your Position?” It’s exciting when you find something new. You get a new understanding of biology.

6. “How Would You Describe Somebody Who Would Excel in This Career?” Someone who's creative, can be focussed, has a kind of persistence is somebody who would excel in this career.

7. “What’s Most Important to Prepare for a Role Like Yours?” Going to graduate school was the most important activity.

Ginny, C.E.O.

1. “What Attracted You to This Career Path?”

What attracted me was helping people with their careers

2. “What Previous Professional Experiences Have Helped You Most in This Role?”

Working at Accenture as an IT consultant

3. “What’s Something That Would Surprise People About Your Day-to-Day?”

How overwhelming and stressful it was.

4. “What’s One Thing You Wish Somebody Would’ve Told You Before Going Into This Field?”

To be very careful managing risk

5. “What Are Some of the Biggest Rewards of Your Position?”

The benefits were flexibility. Opportunity to be very creative.

6. “How Would You Describe Somebody Who Would Excel in This Career?”

Be disciplined.

7. “What’s Most Important to Prepare for a Role Like Yours?”

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