1. Please describe the challenges you had in your latest project -including what was interesting and not with this project?

The latest project was a huge one which was implementing different aspects of functionality like below

- Data Migration through ETL
- Building new front end channels/ screens and checking the end-to-end flow
- Code Modernization

The project had strict timelines and was to go live in phases. So handling the testing /deployment considering the various applications teams involved and good amount of bugs was quite challenging.

- **Interesting**: the latest project consisted of running functional suites in different test environments. So the kind of bugs encountered were due to

  - Network/connectivity factors-from frond end to middleware to backend
  - Environmental factors,
  - Test Data
  - Design issues
  - Coding issues
  - Scheduling issues etc

  As the application was huge, during testing it was challenging and interesting to deep dive into the issues and find out the reasons and documenting it was a great learning process.

- **Not Interesting**: During testing, there is always a challenge of test data preparation in different Environments and we need to ensure all applications have the same test data. Setting up the data manually is not interesting as sometimes it had to be done manually.

2.What is the coolest project you have worked on and what made it so fun?

When I was working with Volvo Cars for the 'parts and logistics' functionality few years back. I got to work with the inventory, refill, refund, reporting and distribution systems. I got real exposure on how different parts and stored in the warehouse, how they are integrated etc. We were taken to the Volvo cars manufacturing facility in Gothenburg, Sweden and enjoyed the tour where robots did all the work and a Volvo car was ready from scratch to finish in 52mins.!

3.What would be the perfect job setup for you?

For me an ideal job would be something

- Where I can use my creativity and analytical ability to solve the challenges and sharpen my intellect.

- Where I can contribute and simultaneously grow and enrich myself with skills, attitude and personality by solving the problems at work place
- Where I can have fun and maintain work life balance
- Where I get mentored and get more passionate about my work

4.How were the teams you worked in so far?

- Most of the teams where I worked were mainly cross functional who were skilled in all phases of SDLC/STLC
- It was a different experience having worked with many teams sometimes ranging from just 2 people in a team to 12 people.
- Each one in the team got their own expertise and we were collectively able to contribute and learn from each other

5. Which qualities do you appreciate in your colleagues?

- Supporting during tough phases of test cycles and under stringent deadlines
- Dedication
- problem solving/analytical skills
- Some colleagues actually have a very good stress Quotient, they are able to manage work and can remain cool during high pressure, which is inspiring and where I learnt from them how to handle such situations

6. Do you have any projects you are working on for fun? If so, how is the most recent one?

Recently I learnt Python and am working on implementing some fun games like 'rock, paper, scissors' etc. So learning this is fun. I plan to deepen and enrich by delving more into python packages.