**Interview** **Answer to “Tell Me About Yourself”**

Interview is more formal than a social gathering. A practiced brief monologue from you to the interviewer(s) – that relates to your skills and experience and how those relates to the role being offered.

1. **Introduce self** – Say your name if you feel a proper pronunciation will be helpful. Otherwise, you can go right into the next section.
   1. **Motivate** – A nice way to make a connection with the interviewer is to thank them for the opportunity and perhaps a comment about what you found in that company’s profile or your research that impressed you.
2. **Body of Skills**
   1. **Offer** – some personal characteristics that based on the job description and your toolbox of characteristics that will match well for the role and the company
   2. **Skills** – provide information relating to your skills relating to the role – soft skills or technical skills
3. **Connect your reason to their need**
   1. **Explain passion** for, background in, desire to be in, the Information Technology career field and specifically in the x x x field. – Be sure the “why” is clear and understandable in your statement.
4. **Closing**
   1. **Re-motivate** by remaining strong in your finishing comments and make sure to express your desire to join their team.

**Sample comments for an interview scenario**

“Tell me about yourself?”

First I want to thank you for the opportunity to come in and talk with you. I’ve done a lot of research on your organization and the company values of Competence, Teamwork and Customer-centric, reflect my values and I’m pretty excited about having the chance to contribute.

I’m very dependable and flexible. I enjoy challenges and problem-solving. When challenges emerge, I’m equally comfortable working independently and remotely to solve customer concerns and also enjoy working in teams to innovate or develop solutions to complex challenges and I have a number of past experiences to illustrate that.

I served in the U.S. Army’s infantry and while we followed established procedures most of the time, there were those rare situations where procedures did not fit the challenge and I had to think creatively, collaboratively and safely to solve them. I also had the opportunity to work with some cutting-edge technology and always had a passion for IT and how that technology is important to accomplish the mission. Information Technology gives me the opportunity to continue to serve.

That’s some information about me and again, thank you very much for the opportunity to interview. I’m looking forward to coming aboard.