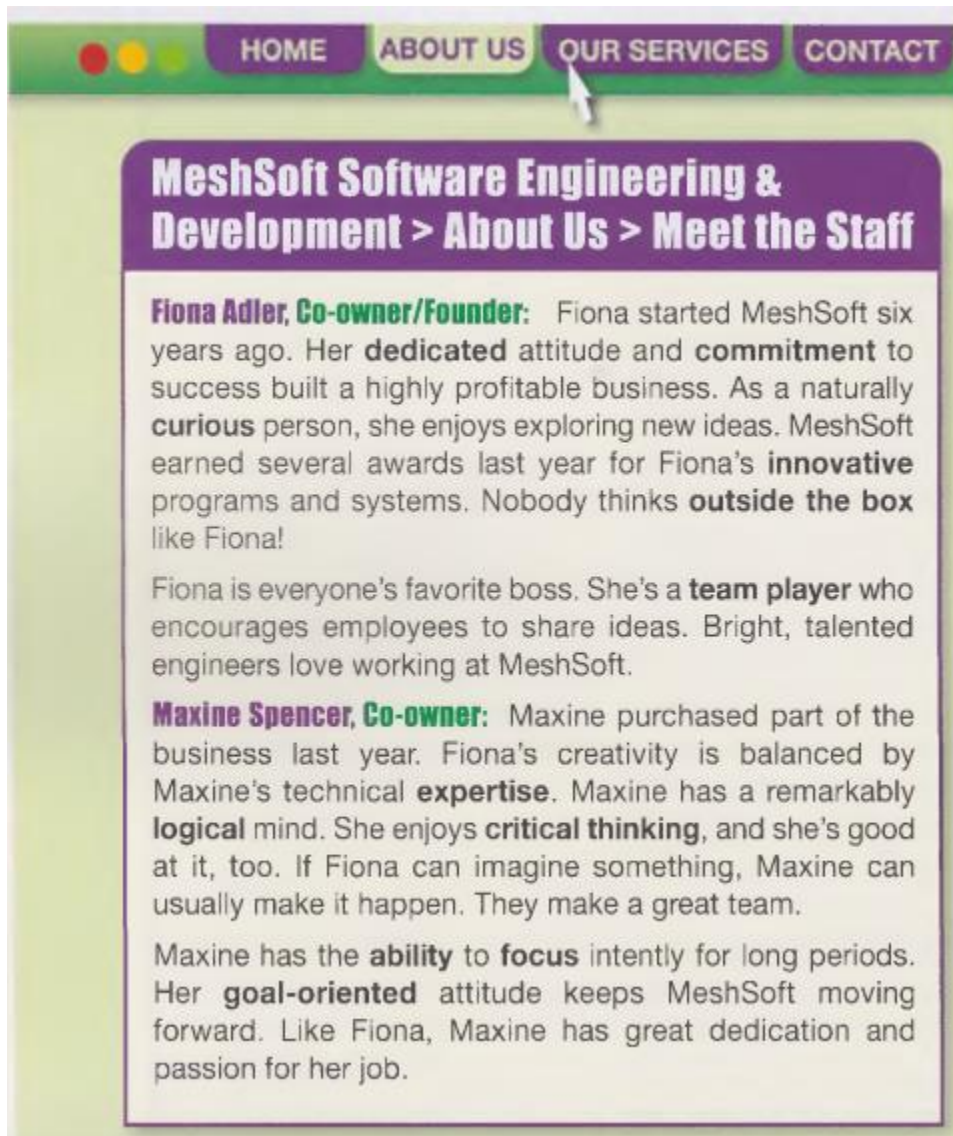


TRAITS OF A SOFTWARE ENGINEER

 Talk about these questions:

- What qualities are important when you work closely with other people?
- How do engineers benefit from both being logical and creative?



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Fiona Adler, Co-owner/Founder: Fiona started MeshSoft six years ago. Her **dedicated** attitude and **commitment** to success built a highly profitable business. As a naturally **curious** person, she enjoys exploring new ideas. MeshSoft earned several awards last year for Fiona's **innovative** programs and systems. Nobody thinks **outside the box** like Fiona!

Fiona is everyone's favorite boss. She's a **team player** who encourages employees to share ideas. Bright, talented engineers love working at MeshSoft.

Maxine Spencer, Co-owner: Maxine purchased part of the business last year. Fiona's creativity is balanced by Maxine's technical **expertise**. Maxine has a remarkably **logical** mind. She enjoys **critical thinking**, and she's good at it, too. If Fiona can imagine something, Maxine can usually make it happen. They make a great team.

Maxine has the **ability** to **focus** intently for long periods. Her **goal-oriented** attitude keeps MeshSoft moving forward. Like Fiona, Maxine has great dedication and passion for her job.

 Read the webpage. Then choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the main idea of the webpage?
 - A descriptions of people who work at an engineering firm
 - B the types of projects that an engineering firm handles
 - C clients' experiences with an engineering firm
 - D job opportunities at an engineering firm
- 2 Which of the following is NOT true of the engineering firm?
 - A It attracts talented engineers.
 - B It won awards for its creative projects.
 - C It was started by two engineers.
 - D It is a profitable company.
- 3 According to the webpage, how are the two owners similar?
 - A They are passionate about their jobs.
 - B They can focus for long periods.
 - C They have highly creative minds.
 - D They are naturally curious people.

 **Vocabulary: Match the words (1-8) and the phrases (A-H).**

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| 1 __ focus | 5 __ dedicated |
| 2 __ ability | 6 __ team player |
| 3 __ logical | 7 __ outside the box |
| 4 __ curious | 8 __ critical thinking |
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- A the skill to do something
 - B wanting to know more about something
 - C related to unusual or creative ideas
 - D the skill of drawing conclusions based on facts
 - E enthusiastic about a task or cause
 - F based on evidence and reason
 - G someone who takes actions that benefit a group
 - H to watch closely

 Read the sentence pairs. Choose which word or phrase best suits each blank.

1 goal-oriented / innovative

A A(n) _____ engineer is always thinking about the final product.

B A(n) _____ engineer is always coming up with new ideas.

2 commitment / expertise

A The intern had no experience, but the firm was impressed with her level of _____.

B The engineer went back to school to gain more advanced _____ in his field.