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Why did you choose Purdue?

I chose Purdue because of its dynamic and multi-cultural learning environment. Purdue's Cyber Security program (my research focus) is one of the best in the whole world.

What is your favorite fact about Purdue?

#1 destination for international students in STEM disciplines.

Please briefly describe your research:

My research focuses on the provision of security for internet related activities (Cyber Security) that produce large volumes of data (Big Data).

Name one to three words that best describes your work?

Solution, Technology, Assurance.

Where do you spend most of your time on campus?

In my office at Young Hall, B-83.

If you have free time, how do you spend it?

I spend my free time on communicating with friends on social media platforms.

Current mobile device/computer:

Microsoft-Nokia, Apple iPad 3, Apple Macbook Air, Dell E6400 Laptop and a Dell Optilex 7010 Desktop.

What apps, software, or tools can't you live without?

Microsoft Word. Adobe Acrobat and Media player.

What's your workspace setup like?

Made up of a c-shape mahogany desk with multiple drawers, double 19" Dell monitors, external keyboard & mouse, Cortelco office phone and a swivel chair with arm rest. .

What's your favorite to-do list manager?

I use pen and stickers on the analog side, and Any.Do app on the digital side.

Besides your phone and computer, what gadget can't you live without?

I keep my Apple iPad with me always because it embodies almost all the stuff I may need for each of my moments daily, such as scheduler, music, video, email, internet, camera, notes, caller, etc.

What do you listen to while you work?

I listen to a lot of old school country musics and Christian songs.

I'd love to see _____ answer these same questions.

Ravi Zacharias and Elon Musk.

What's your best time saving shortcut or life hack?

I capture most of the needed information from different sources on my iPad for later study and review on transit.

What are you currently reading, or what is the last thing you read (aside from academic reading)?

David and Goliath: underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants written by Malcolm Gladwell

What's your sleep routine like?

I don't have a specific sleep routine, I work into the midnight and head for my bed when I start dozing.

How do you recharge physically and/or mentally?

I recharge by communicating with God and people. I also recharge by reading biographical news.

What's the best advice you've ever received?

The best advice I have ever received is to be sure of what I wanted before dabbling into a process.

What is (are) your career goal(s)?

I aim at becoming an IT Solution Consultant and a Professor.



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