

Prepress Supervisor Interview Questions

1. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?
2. Share an experience in which you effectively corrected preliminary and/or final proofs.
3. Provide an example of a time when you successfully organized a diverse group of people to accomplish a task.
4. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.
5. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the candidate has open lines of communication.)
6. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.
7. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your company?
8. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best solution to a problem.
9. In your experience, what is the key to ensuring your company was compliant with all laws, regulations and standards that were applicable to your area of responsibility?
10. Share an effective approach to working with a large amount of information/data. How has your approach affected your company?
11. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine which information was relevant?
12. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last company.
13. Name a time when your advice to management led to an improvement in your company or otherwise helped your employer.

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14. Name a time when you identified strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions to problems. What was the impact?
15. Provide an experience in which you effectively designed, laid out, and produced camera-ready copy.
16. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you respond?
17. Tell me about an effective design print or web page which you designed using your knowledge of type styles and size and layout patterns.
18. Share your experience using computer software to convert files.
19. Provide an example of when you set expectations and monitored the performance of subordinates. What guidance and direction did you find most effective?
20. How do you determine the work to be done on a certain layout or design? How about sequence of operations?
21. Describe an experience in which you identified the educational needs of your students and successfully developed a way to teach/train them.
22. How do you balance cooperation with others and independent thinking? Share an example. (Try to determine if the candidate has a cooperative attitude or is otherwise good-natured.)
23. Provide an experience in which you effectively collaborated with graphic artists, editors, and/or writers to produce a master copy.
24. Share an experience in which you used computer software to import text and art elements.
25. Provide your experience entering digitized data into electronic prepress system computer memory.
26. Share your experience preparing sample layouts.

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27. What factors do you consider when selecting number of colors and determining color separations?
28. Name a time when your creativity or alternative thinking solved a problem in your workplace.
29. What factors do you consider when selecting the size and style of type, column width, and spacing for printed materials? Share an experience in which you created an effective document.
30. Describe your experience using pixel editing, bitmap editing, airbrushing, masking, and/or image retouching.
31. Share an example of when you went above and beyond the "call of duty". (Look for answers that show the candidate is dependable.)
32. Describe your experience retouching and making color corrections.
33. Provide a time when you worked in a rapidly evolving workplace. How did you deal with the change? (Make sure the candidate is flexible.)
34. Please share with me an example of how you helped coach or mentor someone. What improvements did you see in the person's knowledge or skills?
35. Please share an experience in which you presented to a group. What was the situation and how did it go?
36. Provide an example of a time when you were able to demonstrate excellent listening skills. What was the situation and outcome?
37. Share a time when you willingly took on additional responsibilities or challenges. How did you successfully meet all of the demands of these responsibilities? (Make sure the candidate is a self-starter and can demonstrate some initiative.)
38. How would you rate your writing skills? (Ask for an example that demonstrates great writing skills.)
39. Provide an example when your ethics were tested.

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40. Tell me about a time when you developed your own way of doing things or were self-motivated to finish an important task.
41. Name a time when your patience was tested. How did you keep your emotions in check?
42. Share an example of when you established and accomplished a goal that was personally challenging. What helped you succeed?
43. Would you consider analyzing data or information a strength? How so?
44. Share an experience in which your ability to consider the costs or benefits of a potential action helped you choose the most appropriate action.
45. What have you found to be the best way to monitor the performance of your work and/or the work of others? Share a time when you had to take corrective action.
46. Provide an experience that demonstrates your ability to manage time effectively. What were the challenges and results?
47. Provide a time when you dealt calmly and effectively with a high-stress situation.
48. Provide a time when you were able to identify a complex problem, evaluate the options, and implement a solution. How did the solution benefit your employer?
49. Share an experience in which you successfully coordinated with others. How about a coordination effort that was not as successful?
50. Share an experience in which personal connections to coworkers or others helped you to be successful in your work. (Make sure candidate works well with others.)
51. Provide an example of when you were persistent in the face of obstacles.
52. Provide an experience in which you were sensitive to someone's needs or feelings. How did your

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helpfulness affect your work environment?

53. Describe a time when you successfully serviced, repaired, calibrated, or tested a device that operates mainly by electronic principles.

54. Share an experience in which your understanding of a current or upcoming problem helped your company to respond to the problem.

55. What is the key to success when communicating with the public.

56. Share an experience in which your diligence of inspecting equipment, structures, or materials helped you identify a problem or the cause of a problem.

57. Share an experience in which your willingness to lead or offer an opinion helped your company.

58. Share your experience creating special effects and adding elements, e.g. sound and animation, to electronic publications.

59. Share an experience in which you've successfully learned how to handle a new piece of equipment?

60. Please share an experience in which you successfully taught a difficult principle or concept. How were you able to be successful?

61. What is the most challenging part of budgeting for you?

62. In your experience, what is the key to developing a good team? (Look for how they build mutual trust, respect, and cooperation.)

63. Provide an experience in which your ability to actively find ways to help people improved your company or your own work ethic.

64. Describe a time when you successfully persuaded another person to change his/her way of thinking or behavior.

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65. Provide an example when you were able to prevent a problem because you foresaw the reaction of another person.

66. Share an experience in which you used new training skills, ideas, or a method to adapt to a new situation or improve an ongoing one. (Look for the candidate's ability to learn.)

67. Tell me about your last experience recruiting, interviewing, or hiring an employee. What techniques did you find most effective in finding the right person for the job?

68. Tell me about a time when your ability to analyze needs and product requirements helped you create an effective design or make an informed decision to benefit your company.

69. Tell me about some of your most recent computer programming projects.

70. Tell me about a recent experience you've had working with your hands.

71. Provide an example of a project you worked on that demonstrates your programming abilities. What was your role in the project?

72. What are some long-range objectives that you developed in your last job? What did you do to achieve them?

73. Share an experience in which you conducted a test of a product, service, or process and successfully improved the quality or performance.

74. Tell me about the last time you oversaw the work of someone else. How did you effectively motivate, develop, and direct the worker(s)?

75. How do you stay fit in order to perform physical activities that are required in the workplace?

76. Describe an experience in which your ability to work well with others and reconcile differences helped your company or employer. (Make sure the candidate knows how to negotiate.)