

What have been some of your greatest challenges & how have you overcome them?

The biggest challenge I have is to keep up with the continuous changes in technology and the environment. I have developed quite a good discipline for continuous learning, upgrading my skills, and expanding both in breadth and depth.

Describe how you have balanced your career and personal life. Were there any corporate or professional programs that helped you advance both personally and professionally? Is there anything you wish you had known “then” or could have done differently?

In my view, there is always a compromise somewhere, and balance is not always 50/50. I will call it work/life decisions. I would say that throughout my career, I have had times when I make conscious decisions to slow down my career and focus more on my children (when they were younger and demanded more attention), and at times when I have put more focus on work (on such things as getting professional certifications), which represents major milestones that I must overcome in order to advance further. Regardless, when it comes to career or family, the family always comes first.

Are there further experiences or insight that you would like to share?

I think we need to be very self aware of the types of things we want to get out in life. If one decides to have a family or have children, one should step up to providing the best and adequate support for them, even if it means that the career side may be taking a slightly slower pace (I refer to that as taking a scenic route, vs. a racetrack ride). There should be no regrets once a decision is made, and we always look forward. If we are as good as we think we are, there will always be opportunities. It will be up to us to realize it and grab it when the time is right – for us, not for anybody else.