

## **I. Work/Professional Background**

1. What is your field? Why did you choose this field?

I am a Practice Executive and Distinguished Engineer in IBM Global Services. I lead a national practice of services professionals (consultants) that provide Portals and Content Management solutions for customers. The combination of both the Practice Lead role and the Distinguished Engineer allows me to perform in both management and technical roles. I chose the consulting field as I wanted to be in a technical consulting role that allowed me the ability to work in many different client environments and industries. I have worked with clients in government, media and entertainment, banking, education, manufacturing, retail and financial markets.

2. Is the engineering/science/technology field different than what you thought it would be?

Engineering/science and technology fields can be applicable to all sorts of careers. I started out in college with internships as a Mechanical Engineer in various companies, but decided on systems consulting as it would allow me to work with a variety of customers and technologies. At the time going through Mechanical Engineering, I never really considered a career in Systems Integration and the computer field. However, I find that I use skills every day that I learned during my undergraduate work – most of all the logical approach to solving problems.