

Connect

1 Hey Akanksh! First off, can you introduce yourself and describe your role at Vymo?

I joined Vymo on October 17, 2022, as a Quality Assurance Engineer. Since then, I've been involved in various significant client projects. It's just the beginning of my journey here at Vymo, and I'm excited to contribute further!



2 How did you join Vymo in the first place?

Well, my journey to Vymo was quite unconventional. With a background in Mechanical Engineering, I initially worked as a Product Quality Engineer in the Foundry Industry for a year. During my time there, I started gaining insights into the IT industry through conversations with friends and family members. Intrigued by the prospects in IT products, I decided to pursue a certification in software QA after resigning from my job.

After five months of training, I received an unexpected email from Vymo. They had noticed my resume on Naukri and requested I come in for a walk-in interview. The interview was scheduled for the end of September 2022.

I was determined to make a good impression. The interview process was rigorous, with a mix of technical questions and casual conversations with the engineering managers. Fortunately, everything went smoothly and I received an offer!



3 You're currently in Japan, can you talk us through that process – how did you find out you were going to go there, what the move was like, and so on?

So I've been a part of the Engineering team for Japan ever since I joined Vymo. One unique aspect of this team is that every three months, they offer one team member the chance to visit Japan and collaborate closely with Vymo's team there.

Then, one day, I received a message from HR requesting my passport for verification. Naturally, I was curious about the reason, so I asked for clarification. That's when I learned that they had initiated the visa process for my trip to Japan.

Excited about the prospect, I reached out to my manager and the team in Japan to learn more about the purpose of the trip. They explained that with a major project launch approaching, having a QA person on-site in Japan would greatly benefit the team.

I am immensely grateful to my team for recognizing my hard work and giving me this incredible opportunity to work onsite in Japan. It's an experience I'll always cherish.

4 What is Japan like? Any new foods you've tried?

Visiting Japan as an Indian has been a fascinating experience. The culture here emphasizes politeness, discipline, and strict adherence to rules, which has been quite different from what I'm accustomed to. Riding bikes in India, I often found myself bending traffic rules, but I suspect I'll be much more conscious of them after returning from Japan (laughs).

As for the food, I've had the pleasure of trying a variety of traditional Japanese dishes, including Ramen, Sushi, Tempura, Shabu Shabu, Soba noodles, Karage, and various fish cuisines. Among them, I particularly enjoyed Ramen and Tempura, to the point where I find myself craving them at least once a week. However, given my inclination towards spicier flavors, I often find myself reaching for the salt and pepper shakers whenever I dine at Japanese restaurants (laughs).



5 If you had a piece of advice for yourself when you were ten years younger, what would it be?

If I could offer advice to my younger self, I would emphasize the importance of investing in education and skill development early on. I would probably encourage myself to aim for admission into prestigious institutions to acquire high-quality skills and knowledge that would pave the way for future success.

It might be late to pursue this path now, but I am dedicated to making up for lost time by actively seeking opportunities to gain the knowledge and skills that I missed out on during my college years.

6 Professional life can be challenging, how do you de-stress?

I don't really feel much stress. If I find myself losing concentration during work at the office, I simply rush to the fourth floor to play table tennis (laughs).

7 Okay, enough with the career talk, let's talk about some fun stuff - what do you do in your spare time, what are your hobbies?

In my spare time, I like hanging out with my friends, riding my bike through the streets of Bangalore at night, and visiting temples on weekends.

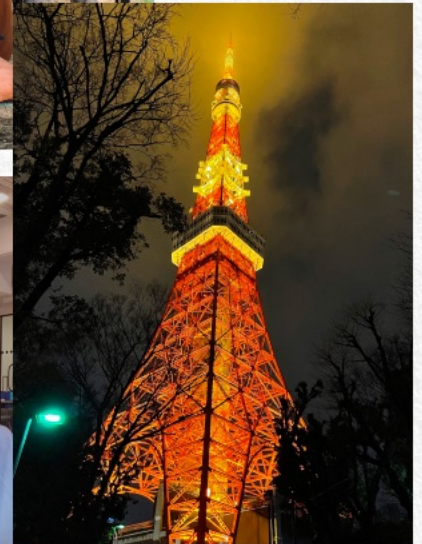
I also have a passion for cooking, and I love experimenting with different recipes. Exploring the city to discover a variety of cuisines is another activity I enjoy.



8 Let's take it back to the beginning – tell me a little bit about home – where did you grow up, what does your family look like?

I was born in Mangaluru, Karnataka, but I grew up in Shivamogga. I'm lucky that I grew up in such a picturesque place with the beauty of the Western Ghats, dense forests, and waterfalls. I really cherish my time there.

In my family, we are a close-knit unit of four – my father, who runs a restaurant business, my mother, and my sister. All of them have been huge pillars of support throughout my journey!



9 As an engineer, how do you ensure you set boundaries for yourself and maintain work-life balance?

As an engineer, I've found that having strict boundaries between work and personal life isn't always necessary for me.

With the flexibility offered in my work hours, I've been able to seamlessly manage my office tasks alongside personal errands. Carrying my laptop and testing devices wherever I go has been a game-changer, allowing me to address work responsibilities from any location. This setup not only enhances my productivity but also gives me the freedom to balance work and personal commitments effectively.

