

Entrepreneurship Interview and Reflection

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Interview Questions

Can you tell me about your background and what inspired you to first start your technology business in Lebanon?

What were some of the biggest challenges you faced when starting and growing your first business?

What led you to leave Lebanon, and how did it feel to start over in the United States?

How did you transition from being homeless to opening restaurants in the U.S.?

What skills from your tech background helped you in running a restaurant?

Now that you're a cloud engineer at Amazon, how do you view your past entrepreneurial experiences?

What mindset or habits helped you overcome such difficult obstacles?

If you could go back and give your younger self advice, what would you say?

Do you think entrepreneurship is something you're born with, or can it be learned?

What advice would you give to someone like me who is interested in starting a business someday?

Reflection Paper

Amir's story is evidence of resiliency, flexibility, and the entrepreneurial energy. Originally from Lebanon Amir developed a profitable technology company at a period of national unrest. His love of invention drove him on even without access to consistent financing and infrastructure. But Amir had to leave everything behind and head for the United States when the Lebanese economy fell apart. His journey from sleeping on benches to opening restaurants, and eventually becoming a cloud engineer at Amazon, is both inspiring and humbling.

Amir clarified throughout our talk how his IT company started from his early passion in programming and problem-solving. Using creativity and attention to detail he managed to grow his business despite outside obstacles including political unrest and a collapsing economy. What struck me the most was his mindset, he saw obstacles not as setbacks but as puzzles to solve. This strategy followed him throughout his life in the US, where he worked his way from nothing.

Amir moved into the restaurant business out of need, but he followed many of the same guidelines that helped him succeed in IT. He always put customers first, was strategic, and efficient. Using data and simplifying processes helped him to expand his company even into a foreign sector. His narrative made clear that entrepreneurship is not restricted to one profession rather, abilities like problem-solving, leadership, and adaptability are universal and vital in many sectors.

Amir runs his restaurant company now even though he works at Amazon as a cloud engineer. Using his great time management and leadership abilities he keeps juggling two careers. He emphasized how every experience, no matter how difficult, taught him something valuable. His path let me realize that tenacity and learning from mistakes define success rather than avoidance of failure. He also discussed the value of networking and looking for mentoring something I now understand to be absolutely vital for my own entrepreneurial growth.

What resonates with me the most is Amir's unwavering belief in growth through adversity. His narrative let me consider my own possibilities as I enjoy entrepreneurship. Although I have always been wary of risks Amir's experiences helped me to see that they are unavoidable aspects of development. Key steps toward creating something significant, I discovered are beginning small, keeping focused on solving actual problems, and being receptive to learning.

This interview provided me a real-life illustration of perseverance, creativity, and the value of perspective rather than only insight into business. I am now more driven to see obstacles as opportunities and more sure in my capacity to pursue entrepreneurship.