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If You Don't Ask, I Will: The Self-Questionnaire

Resumes and cover letters are just not interactive enough for some folks. But there's an ingenious/problematic solution: the self-questionnaire. If the goal is to stand out from one's peers, then the self-questionnaire is a pole vault into the view of the hiring manager. We've seen some interesting self-questionnaires over the years, including the technical self-exam which the applicant submitted voluntarily, but failed to pass. Is it possible to question yourself on a resume without heading into deep waters? Judging from the following, that's one question that remains unanswered.

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Confidential Resume:

A Methodology to dominate 45% of Ebusiness Market

How?

My strategic methodology requires a lot of IT resources. The small company might not handle it enough. If your senior executive board thinks that your company handles it, you can contact me.

Why don't I just focus my own business with my own methodology?

To be honest with you,

1st Reason: God gave me the great idea as a gift, and I do not want to lose the great idea itself.

2nd Reason: My status is very limited since... (I can tell you via email). I am now ready to be selling myself with the methodology, which can easily conquer one third of the Ebusiness market.

How much do I believe that it would be successful?

1200%. However, you must give me a time, at least for next three years. I need 3 years to dominate some piece of the e-business pie. If it is unsuccessful, I will return all of my salary until my employment expires.

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Keep in mind that the following self-questionnaire, like the rest in this section, was designed and submitted by the applicant:

Previous Employment:

1. Please list your recent compensation history, and exact dates of employment, if not included on your resume.

Please see resume.

2. Is there anything missing or incorrect about your resume?

Please see resume.

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Perhaps this applicant should have customized his questionnaire to fit his professional experience:

Training Matrix:

Please indicate formal training classes given by Oracle that you have attended and date attended.

Class Name	Date Attended	Location

Please indicate certification levels within Oracle that you have achieved and the accompanying date.

Module Name	Date Achieved	Certification Level

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Q: Which Oracle Suite(s) are you most comfortable delivering consulting services in?

A: None of the new Suites.

Q: Have you had any implementation experience with Oracle Manufacturing?

A: Unfortunately, no.

Q: Please indicate your familiarity with the Oracle "Quick Start" Methodology.

A: None.

Q: Please indicate your familiarity with the Oracle DBA Methodology.

A: None.

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When do you want to start a new position?

Within the next couple months. There is a special consideration I should point out, and that is an extended trip I am planning the end of June through the first week in July. It is a personal goal I have set for myself, and while personal goals might not seem to be an important factor in regards to the workplace, my experience as a military CO has shown me that a troop who has personal satisfaction is a better worker. With that in mind, I would like a position that I could start before that time and come back to, or perhaps start afterwards.

(The reaction of the hiring manager to someone who volunteers this kind of vague information? Set it aside and see if they re-apply with a bit more focus after their "extended" trip.)

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This gentleman is the victim of his own redundancy:

B. Do you require relocation assistance, or would you relocate on your own for the right job? Explain.

I have relocated myself within a thousand miles before. I do not have a great deal of personal property as I live in an apartment, but I do have a car and full-size motorcycle to transport.

C. Do you have a house to sell before you relocate, or do you rent?

Refer to previous answer.

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