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# Hardware Engineering Manager Interview Questions And Answers Guide.

**Question - 1:**

Tell me about a time when you successfully handled a situation?

**Ans:**

For this question, the interviewer wants to know what you do in a situation that doesn't have a clear answer. This will help the interviewer know how you respond to unforeseen challenges.

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**Question - 2:**

What did you like least about your last (or current) job As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

Don't vent or focus on the negative with brutally honest answers such as "My boss was a jerk," or "The company culture was too politically correct," or "They just weren't giving me the opportunity to take my career to the next level." Instead, keep the emphasis on the positive, even though there are sure to be things you weren't happy about.

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**Question - 3:**

You are not given the tools you need to be successful. How would you change that As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

State a business case to your manager / leader as to why you need the tools and make the request for them.

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**Question - 4:**

How do you prioritize your work?

**Ans:**

Depends on the situation... I like to label certain tasks as either A B or C...A being the one that requires immediate attention, and C which are tasks that aren't urgent but eventually need to get done... I like to focus my work As Hardware Engineering Manager on the things that need to get done, and done quickly... While balancing the other work alongside our first priorities.

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**Question - 5:**

Tell me about a time when you had to make a decision without all the information you needed. How did you handle it As Hardware Engineering Manager? Why? Were you happy with the outcome?

**Ans:**

In many scenarios, you will not have all the information needed. The key is to make the best possible decision based on what you deem to be a sufficient amount of information.

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**Question - 6:**

You notice there are too many non productive internal meetings being held, what do you do?

**Ans:**

Reach out to your boss and let him know that first you value his leadership and organization but that you are being overwhelmed with the amount of non productive internal meetings.

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**Question - 7:**

What have you done to improve your knowledge As Hardware Engineering Manager in the last year?

**Ans:**

Try to include improvement activities that relate to the job As Hardware Engineering Manager. A wide variety of activities can be mentioned as positive self-improvement. Have some good ones handy to mention.

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**Question - 8:**

If you felt like you were hitting the proverbial "wall" and getting burned out, what would you do to re-energize yourself?

**Ans:**

Take a break to rest. Work in smaller increments of time to increase focus with breaks in between. Delegate tasks to those that are willing to help.

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**Question - 9:**

What can you offer me that another person can't?

**Ans:**

This is when you talk about your record of getting things done. Go into specifics from your resume and portfolio; show an employer your value and how you'd be an asset.
You have to say, "I'm the best person for the job As Hardware Engineering Manager. I know there are other candidates who could fill this position, but my passion for excellence sets me apart from the pack. I am committed to always producing the best results. For example..."

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**Question - 10:**

What type of salary are you looking for?

**Ans:**

This can be a very tricky question as the individual asking it is probably digging for something other than a simple answer to the question. We recommend that you don't immediately respond to the question directly. Instead, say something like, "That a difficult question. What is range for this position?" More often than not the interviewer will tell you. If the interviewer insists on direct answer you may want say that it depends on the details of the job - then give a wide salary range.

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**Question - 11:**

If the company you worked for was doing something unethical or illegal, what would you do?

**Ans:**

Report it to the leaders within the company. True leaders understand business ethics are important to the company's longevity

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**Question - 12:**

Explain me about a problem or disagreement you had with previous supervisor?

**Ans:**

This question is trap. It is meant to see whether or not you'll speak poorly of an employer. No one wants to hire someone who's going to speak poorly of them down the road. Stay upbeat and positive - and most of all don't say anything negative about a previous employer.

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**Question - 13:**

What have you done to improve your skills over the past year As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

You'll want to be prepare with some very specific examples of what you've done over the last year and what you're currently doing to improve your professional knowledge and skill set as well as anything else you're doing the shows self improvement.

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**Question - 14:**

How do you stay organized?

**Ans:**

By maintaining proper routine every day. Putting my strongest points with my weakness. High priority always comes first As Hardware Engineering Manager.

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**Question - 15:**

What has disappointed you about a previous job?

**Ans:**

Again, this question could get you in trouble so tread carefully. Some good answers might be that your previous job didn't provide any room for growth, that you were laid off due to a mandatory reduction in staff, that they closed their office in your state and required you to relocate, etc. Make sure not to mention anything negative about the people you worked with, the company in general or the job itself.

**Question - 16:**

Explain what are your strengths As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

Bad Answer: Candidate is unprepared for question or only gives generic answers.
This is the most common job interview question - everybody should be expecting it. If they don't seem prepared, or give a fairly stock answer, it's probably a bad sign.
Good answer: The consensus is to go for quality, not quantity here. Candidates should give a short list of strengths, and back each one up with examples that illustrate the strength. Also, they should explain how these strengths will be useful in the job you're applying for, and use this question to say something interesting about themselves.

**Question - 17:**

Where do you see your career in five years As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

I would like to retire from this company. I would like to make a difference in the company whether in the company or any other position or area of the company As Hardware Engineering Manager.

**Question - 18:**

What makes you right for this position?

**Ans:**

This question can be tricky because you need to show your worth As Hardware Engineering Manager without sounding cocky or arrogant. Research the business ahead of time and become familiar with its mission and values. Take the time to figure out how your personal qualities fit the needs of the business and use that fit to provide your answer.

**Question - 19:**

Explain yourself in one line?

**Ans:**

When you respond, keep in mind the type of position you are interviewing for like Hardware Engineering Manager based job, the company culture, and the work environment. Your answer should help show the interviewer why you're a match for the job and for the company.
Sample answers are:
* I'm a people person. I really enjoy meeting and working with a lot of different people.
* I'm a perfectionist. I pay attention to all the details, and like to be sure that everything is just right.
* I'm a creative thinker. I like to explore alternative solutions to problems and have an open mind about what will work best.
* I'm efficient and highly organized. This enables me to be as productive as possible on the job.
* I enjoy solving problems, troubleshooting issues, and coming up with solutions in a timely manner.

**Question - 20:**

What is your greatest strength As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

This is your time to shine. Just remember the interviewer is looking for work related strengths As Hardware Engineering Manager. Mention a number of them such as being a good motivator, problem solver, performing well under pressure, being loyal, having a positive attitude, eager to learn, taking initiative, and attention to detail. Whichever you go for, be prepared to give examples that illustrate this particular skill.

**Question - 21:**

How many basketballs would fit in this room?

**Ans:**

One. You did not ask what is the maximum number of basketballs you can fit in the room.

**Question - 22:**

What do you know about this company?

**Ans:**

Research the company on Google by searching recent news (to remain current on them) and their website. Make sure you understand their products / services, vision, competitive differentiators, and work culture.

**Question - 23:**

If hired, how do you intend on making a difference with our company?

**Ans:**

Dedicate myself to learn everything about the new company that I can, look for ways and ideas that could improve, processes, safety, removing obstacles from the associates, I want to advance within the company.

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**Question - 24:**

How long do you envision yourself staying with this company?

**Ans:**

Understand that companies invest a lot of money into hiring the right staff. You want to emphasize that you are in it for the long run and you want to develop a career there and that it's not just a "5 month stepping stone" type of a job. You should be thinking how you're going to grow with that company. After all, don't you want to invest your energy and time with a company that is going to continue to be successful and one that will help you grow?

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**Question - 25:**

Do you have the ability to articulate a vision and to get others involved to carry it out?

**Ans:**

If yes, then share an example of how you've done so at work or college. If not, then discuss how you would do so. Example: "I would first understand the goals of the staff members and then I would align those to the goals of the project / company. Then I would articulate the vision of that alignment and ask them to participate. From there, we would delegate tasks among the team and then follow up on a date and time to ensure follow through on the tasks. Lastly, we would review the results together."

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**Question - 26:**

Are You a 'People' Person?

**Ans:**

Although it may be phrased a little differently, the gist of this question is clear:
Do you like being around people? If you don't, being a medical assistant isn't a good fit for you. After all, you'll be working directly with patients throughout the day. It helps a lot if you sincerely like interacting with them. While answering this question, make sure to mention that you like helping people too. This will drive home the point that you are a talented medical assistant and would be a valuable part of the team As Hardware Engineering Manager.

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**Question - 27:**

What types of books or magazines do you typically read?

**Ans:**

Describe both your personal and professional favorites. If you happen to like professional books / magazines that relate to the industry of the company you're applying for - that's definitely worth highlighting.

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**Question - 28:**

How meticulous are you with details?

**Ans:**

Being detailed is important for many types of job roles. Typically you want to highlight how you've done that in previous roles. Example: "Being meticulous is important to me. In my last job, I had to count the money in the register as a cashier to make sure it matched to the receipts down to the last penny." This was to ensure there wasn't any "wrongdoing" at the company by any of the cashiers and I was always accurate in my reports.

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**Question - 29:**

Explain a time when you did not get along with your coworker?

**Ans:**

I used to lock heads with a fellows. We disagreed over a lot of things - from the care of civilians to who got what shifts to how to speak with a victim's family. Our personalities just didn't mesh. After three months of arguing, I pulled her aside and asked her to lunch. At lunch, we talked about our differences and why we weren't getting along. It turns out, it was all about communication. We communicated differently and once we knew that, we began to work well together. I really believe that talking a problem through with someone can help solve any issue.

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**Question - 30:**

How would you impact the company?

**Ans:**

Consider first the role that you're applying for and then think of 3 ways where you could potentially impact the company's bottom line and top line. Then consider how you impact the company in a creative manner (how do you help productivity, the development of new products, marketing etc - of course this part is specific to the role you're applying for)

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**Question - 31:**

What have you done to reduce costs, increase revenue, or save time?

**Ans:**

Even if your only experience is an internship, you have likely created or streamlined a process that has contributed to the earning potential or efficiency of the practice. Choose at least one suitable example and explain how you got the idea, how you implemented the plan, and the benefits to the practice.

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### Question - 32:

How do you inspire others to be better?

**Ans:**

First, the key to inspiring others it to first understand what their goals and objectives are. Once you understand what people want, you can inspire them with a vision that aligns to what they care about. People generally care about having purpose, being successful (and being recognized for it), contributing in a meaningful way, and financial rewards (to a degree) and much more. Then once you understand what people set as goals, you can inspire them through 1:1 pep talks, a presentation to multiple people and so forth.

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### Question - 33:

What qualities do you believe are important to have as a manager?

**Ans:**

Great managers tend to empower their employees to be successful through strong coaching. They understand how to manage relationships - this is commonly referred to emotional intelligence. They have to be able to handle both client and staff situations that require them to be calm under pressure to clearly think of solutions to complex problems. Most importantly they must be able to articulate the vision to the team and inspire them to work together to collectively achieve that goal

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### Question - 34:

What skills do you bring to the table?

**Ans:**

Think of your skill sets with regards to: analytical skills, interpersonal skills, communication skills, computer skills, presentation skills, management skills, sales skills and so forth.

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### Question - 35:

What are your personal skills which make you a candidate for the position As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

The list of crucial character traits includes patience, tact, and poise, with personal and cultural sensitivity. One needs the ability to work long hours, with much walking and some physical tasks. But the most important trait of all is to love people and to have the desire to care for them.

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### Question - 36:

How important is a positive attitude to you?

**Ans:**

Incredibly important. I believe a positive attitude is the foundation of being successful - it's contagious in the workplace, with our customers, and ultimately it's the difference maker.

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### Question - 37:

How many tennis balls can you fit into a limousine? 1,000? 10,000? 100,000? Seriously?

**Ans:**

Well, seriously, you might get asked brainteaser questions like these, especially in quantitative jobs. But remember that the interviewer doesn't necessarily want an exact number-he wants to make sure that you understand what's being asked of you, and that you can set into motion a systematic and logical way to respond. So, just take a deep breath, and start thinking through the math. (Yes, it's OK to ask for a pen and paper!)

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### Question - 38:

What can you tell me about team work as part of the job As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

There is usually a team of staff nurses working in cooperation with each other.  A team of nurses has to get along well and coordinate their actions, usually by dividing their responsibilities into sectors or specific activities. They help each other perform tasks requiring more than one person.

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### Question - 39:

What is your biggest fear?

**Ans:**

Don't try to sugarcoat the answer by listing something ambitious as a fear, unless you truly mean it (for example: I fear being a great leader) - Share your real fears but discuss how you would overcome them.

**Question - 40:**

Describe your work style?

**Ans:**

Describe the positive aspects of your work style if possible, including: work ethic, attention to detail, interpersonal skills, skill sets (analytical or otherwise), leadership abilities, communication skills.

**Question - 41:**

Explain an idea that you have had and have then implemented in practice?

**Ans:**

Often an interview guide will outline the so-called 'STAR' approach for answering such questions; Structure the answer as a situation, task, action, and result: what the context was, what you needed to achieve, what you did, and what the outcome was as a result of your actions.

**Question - 42:**

How do you handle stressful situations?

**Ans:**

By remaining calm, weighing out all my options and executing a plan to get the situation resolve .

**Question - 43:**

What are your salary expectations As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

This question is like a loaded gun, tricky and dangerous if you're not sure what you are doing. It's not uncommon for people to end up talking salary before really selling their skills, but knowledge is power as this is a negotiation after all. Again, this is an area where doing your research will be helpful as you will have an understanding of average salary.

One approach is asking the interviewer about the salary range, but to avoid the question entirely, you can respond that money isn't a key factor and you're goal is to advance in your career. However, if you have a minimum figure in mind and you believe you're able to get it, you may find it worth trying.

**Question - 44:**

How do you plan to go by an example for your subordinates?

**Ans:**

Sticking to the rules by yourself, working hard and not mind participating on basic tasks is a good answer.

**Question - 45:**

Have you got any questions?

**Ans:**

This is your final opportunity to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job. Now is not the time to ask questions about holidays, pay or pensions - all these things can be asked later when you get an offer of employment. Now is the time to ask about any reservations that the interviewer may have about your suitability for the role. You will then give yourself one last chance to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job.

Example  Thank you. I think we have covered everything. Before we finish the interview I would like to take the opportunity to ask if you have any reservations about my suitability for this role?

**Question - 46:**

What is your desired salary As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

Bad Answer:  Candidates who are unable to answer the question, or give an answer that is far above market. Shows that they have not done research on the market rate, or have unreasonable expectations.

Good answer: A number or range that falls within the market rate and matches their level of mastery of skills required to do the job.

**Question - 47:**

How do you think I rate as an interviewer?

**Ans:**

I think you did fine. I'm sure you've conducted a lot of interviews, and it's probably second nature for you now. Thanks for taking the time to meet with me today. I'm sure you have a lot of things you have to juggle every day.

I'd say you rate at least ten out of ten. The questions you asked seemed spot on. I can tell you guys are working hard to find the perfect applicant for the job. I'm glad I could meet with you.

**Question - 48:**

Explain an occasion when you had to adapt in the face of a difficult situation?

**Ans:**

One of the most useful interview tactics is to remain positive about your work and achievements. This question lets the candidate draw on their own personal history to show how they have been positive and successful in the face of difficulties. Choose a specific occasion to describe, rather than dealing with generic platitudes.

**Question - 49:**

Are you planning to continue your studies and training As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

If asked about plans for continued education, companies typically look for applicants to tie independent goals with the aims of the employer. Interviewers consistently want to see motivation to learn and improve. Continuing education shows such desires, especially when potentials display interests in academia potentially benefiting the company.

Answering in terms of "I plan on continuing my studies in the technology field," when offered a question from a technology firm makes sense. Tailor answers about continued studies specific to desired job fields. Show interest in the industry and a desire to work long-term in said industry. Keep answers short and to the point, avoiding diatribes causing candidates to appear insincere.

**Question - 50:**

Give an example of a time you successfully worked As Hardware Engineering Manager on a team?

**Ans:**

On the whole I prefer to stick to doing what I'm told rather than setting myself up to fail by doing things off my own bat. But there was this one time when I suggested to my boss at the pizza parlor that she try offering an 'all you can eat' deal to students to boost trade on Mondays. She thought it was an interesting idea but nothing ever came of it.

**Question - 51:**

What do you think we could do better or differently?

**Ans:**

This is a common one at startups. Hiring managers want to know that you not only have some background on the company, but that you're able to think critically about it and come to the table with new ideas. So, come with new ideas! What new features would you love to see? How could the company increase conversions? How could customer service be improved? You don't need to have the company's four-year strategy figured out, but do share your thoughts, and more importantly, show how your interests and expertise would lend themselves to the job.

**Question - 52:**

What was the most important task you ever had?

**Ans:**

There are two common answers to this question that do little to impress recruiters:
* 'I got a 2.1'
* 'I passed my driving test'
No matter how proud you are of these achievements, they don't say anything exciting about you. When you're going for a graduate job, having a degree is hardly going to make you stand out from the crowd and neither is having a driving licence, which is a requirement of many jobs.

**Question - 53:**

How many square feet of pizza are eaten in the United States each month?

**Ans:**

This is a classic guesstimate question where you need to think aloud. And so first off you round the U.S. population to 300 million people (it's actually about 315 million but rounding will be much easier and your interviewer will not score you lower for rounding). Then estimate how many people eat pizza. A decent educated guess is two out of every three people, or 200 million. Now let's say the average pizza-eating person eats pizza twice a month, and eats two slices at a time. That's four slices a month. If the average slice of pizza is perhaps six inches at the base and 10 inches long, then the slice is 30 square inches of pizza. So, four pizza slices would be 120 square inches (30 times 4).
Since one square foot equals 144 square inches (12 times 12), let's assume that each person who eats pizza eats one square foot per month. Since there are 200 million pizza-eating Americans, 200 million square feet of pizza are consumed in the U.S. each month. To summarize: 300 million people in America, 200 million eat pizza, average slice of pizza is six inches at the base and 10 inches long or 30 square inches, average American eats four slices of pizza a month, four pieces times 30 square inches equals 120 square inches (one square foot is 144 square inches), so let's assume one square foot per person, and thus one square foot times 200 million people equals 200 million square feet of pizza a month.

**Question - 54:**

Do you think you have enough experience As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

If you do not have the experience they need, you need to show the employer that you have the skills, qualities and knowledge that will make you equal to people with

experience but not necessary the skills. It is also good to add how quick you can pick up the routine of a new job role.
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### Question - 55:

How do you evaluate your ability to handle conflict?

**Ans:**

I pride myself on being a good problem solver. Through my previous job and management positions I have faced numerous conflicts in different situations, and my experiences have helped me to hone my issue resolution skills. I believe that it is important to get to and address the root of the issue, in a respectable manner.
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### Question - 56:

What is your biggest achievement?

**Ans:**

Quality work to be is about doing work to the require or set standard, which is very important when it comes to warehouse operations.
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### Question - 57:

What kind of salary do you need As Hardware Engineering Manager?

**Ans:**

This is a loaded question and a nasty little game that you will probably lose if you answer first. So, do not answer it. Instead, say something like, that's a tough question. Can you tell me the range for this position? In most cases, the interviewer, taken off guard, will tell you. If not, say that it can depend on the details of the job. Then give a wide range.
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### Question - 58:

What would you like to have accomplished by the end of your career?

**Ans:**

Think of 3 major achievements that you'd like to accomplish in your job when all is said and done - and think BIG. You want to show you expect to be a major contributor at the company. It could be creating a revolutionary new product, it could be implementing a new effective way of marketing, etc.
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### Question - 59:

What types of personalities do you work with best?

**Ans:**

In the past, I have found it difficult to work with others who see themselves as better than others, who can take criticism, and who refuse to work with others. I have found it challenging to work with them b/c I am a team oriented person who feels the importance of working together over the needs of the individual especially in a learning environment.
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### Question - 60:

Do you have good computer skills?

**Ans:**

It is becoming increasingly important for medical assistants to be knowledgeable about computers. If you are a long-time computer user with experience with different software applications, mention it. It is also a good idea to mention any other computer skills you have, such as a high typing rate, website creation, and more.
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### Question - 61:

Do you work well under pressure?

**Ans:**

Yes.. When it comes down to the wire, the best thing I can to remain focused, have some flexibility, and understand priorities.. Giving them attention in the order they are needed.
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