

Interview Tips from Jackie Bellando (CUNY)

Preparing for an interview

Research: What is the company, and what's their mission? What type of interviews are commonly conducted? Questions do you need to prepare responses for? Who will interview you? What's the work culture and dress code? LinkedIn and Glassdoor are great resources!

What are the different types of interviews: Individual • Group • Phone • Video conference • Behavioral • Case-study • Second/on-site

Other tips: Be on time (*that means early*); Bring your resume; Stay calm; Follow-up by email after interview with a thank you note.

Example questions

Tell me about yourself: Tip: establish your uniqueness, personally and professionally

What is your greatest strength? Tip: look at role qualifications

What is your greatest weakness? Tip: be honest but have a work around

What was your most difficult project? Tip: know the 5W's/H of at least 2 projects and adapt those details to fit the question

What do you do for fun? Tip: establish connection and how you would add to culture

Why do you want to work here? Tip: be honest and communicate your strengths

Describe a difficult situation and how you overcame it: Tip: think positive and provide examples (and quantify your successes when possible)

Tips Specific to a Tech Interview

Show Your Soft Skills: strong listening and communications during your interview, eye contact

Be Honest About Your Knowledge: don't make up skills; express your interest to keep learning

Get Your Geek On: it's okay to get really excited about a project / aspect of the company

Start Big Picture With Coding Tasks: look at the whole picture, not isolated viewpoints

Practice Whiteboarding/Data Structures & Algorithms (*if applicable*)