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)**