

Flatiron NYC Students Interview Practice Group

This document will be our “manual” to help us keep track of how we run our meetings; code challenge sites, and other resources we use to guide the meeting content; and any other helpful info. If we find our methods successful, this manual may provide helpful ideas that other students or tech coaches can use in future.

Proposed Guidelines for Whiteboarding Sessions

This agenda could be used for either in-person or webinar sessions.

- (1) Maintain a safe learning environment. Offer constructive feedback, but be kind and don't judge. We're here to learn and help each other build confidence and reach beyond our limits, not to make anyone uncomfortable.
- (2) The topic and difficulty level for a given session will be decided and announced beforehand.
- (3) Each participant is expected to provide a challenge of at least medium difficulty s/he has attempted and knows the solution so that the other group members can try it.
- (4) Participation is strongly encouraged. Will be chosen at random if no one volunteers.
- (5) Try not to volunteer for a problem you find very easy or know how to solve. Pass the baton.
- (6) There is a time limit to complete the challenge. This will be, on average, 15 minutes.
- (7) Participants must provide pseudocode with easy to follow logic, no matter how simple the problem.
- (8) No one says or types anything for at least the first 5 minutes to allow the “interviewee” to work through their process. After that time, ask the interviewee if they want help before chiming in.
- (9) On their turn, a participant can decide whether they want to tackle the problem in “interview mode” or “group mode.”
- (10) Once the time limit expires, the participant will stop working, will receive two minutes of feedback on the logic, and be required to submit a solution before the next session.
- (11) The weekly challenges and answers will get posted on the following GitHub repository:
https://github.com/AAM77/Flatiron_Code_Challenger_Group

@paula, @wendisha, @paulcherian, @alwinao, and @adeel are able to update and make changes to the repo.