# DJ Codestars Complete Guide towards Tech Interviews!

### What do technical interviews look like?

Technical Interviews generally involve a candidate solving some algorithmic questions and giving an optimal solution to it.

## What do they look for?

- Problem Solving Skills
- Time Management
- Algorithmic Skills
- Computer Science Fundamentals
- Ability to communicate/collaborate ideas

## What to Prepare ?

- Data Structures and Algorithms DSA (Most Important)
- DOCO (DBMS, OS, Computer Networks, Object Oriented Programming)
- System Design
- May involve discussion about projects/internships

## **How to prepare for DSA**

#### Starters/Revision:

- Any reference book used in college (Avoid CLRS)
- YouTube Channel:
  - Abdul Bari
  - mycodeschool
- Text Resources :
  - GFG
  - Hackerearth

## **How to prepare for DSA**

Where to solve from?

- 1. Websites:
  - Must do coding questions from GFG
  - <u>takeUForward SDE Sheet</u>
  - <u>Leetcode</u> (<u>LintCode</u>)
  - Interviewbit
  - <u>BinarySearch.com</u>
- 2. YouTube Channels
  - takeUForward
  - Tech Dose
  - Aditya Verma
- 3. DJ Codestars : FAANG Interview Series

## **How to prepare for DOCO**

- Resources
  - GFG SDE Theory Course
  - YouTube Channels (<u>Gate Smashers</u>, <u>Knowledge Gate</u>)
  - Techmax
- Subject wise important content
  - DBMS
    - Normalization, ACID, Queries (Practice on <u>Hackerrank</u>, <u>LintCode</u>)
  - Oops
    - 4 pillars of OOPs in detail
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    - OSI Model, HTTP, TCP, IP
  - $\circ$  OS
    - Virtual Memory, Paging, Process Synchronization, Deadlock, Multithreading

# **How to Prepare for System Design**

#### **Two Types:**

#### High Level Design

- Gaurav Design (YT Channel)
- System Design Primer (Book on GitHub)
- Grooking System Design Educative.io

#### Low Level Design

- <u>Soumyajit Bhattachary</u> (YT Channel)
- Head First Design Patterns

## How to Prepare to ace project/internship discussions

- Be well versed with all the content about your projects/internships
- Prepare 5-10 min rough content about each project/internship
   Be prepared with answers for questions like :
- Talk about your favourite projects
- What are the challenges you faced during your project/internship?
- Why did you use some xyz tech stack?
- How will you implement some xyz feature?

## **Off-Campus**

- Build connections on LinkedIn
- Apply through referrals
- Cold Emailing Company Hr/Managers
- Hackerearth Hiring Contests
- Dare2Compete Hiring Contests
- Follow youtube channels for updates (<u>Arsh Goyal</u>)

## **General Tips/Mistakes**

- Start preparing company specific questions ~1 week before company arrives.
- The placement process is very overwhelming.
- Don't let current interview failure decide anything, you will get many other opportunities!
- Avoid bluffing in interviews, if you don't know something be honest!
- Keep communicating with the interviewer, avoid long silences.
- Study about the company/business beforehand.
- Always ask questions at the end of the interview.

## **Personal Interview Experiences**

- Rajat
  - MSCI
  - Accolite (off campus)
  - o JPMC
  - privado.ai (off campus)
- Yash
  - MSCI
  - Accolite
  - Cimpress
  - Google (off campus)
  - iRageCapital (HFT)

## **Thank You!**

Feel free to ask any questions!!