

Cloud Interviewing guidance and tips for military veterans

All you need to know in your career transition to the cloud

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Company Snapshot: T- Rex Is...

- ▶ **An Innovative NGIT Provider:** a leading solutions provider of innovative and modernizing Next Generation IT capabilities and enabling skills to the federal government
- ▶ **A first to market in migrating large federal mission applications and data** into a citizen-facing public cloud, giving the Company the capabilities and past performance to bid and win future NGIT opportunities in adjacent federal agencies
- ▶ **A Prime Contractor on 2020 Census,** one of the largest (scale) and most complex mission critical cloud/cyber/data analytics integration projects within the federal government



- ▶ **Integrated 52 mission-critical systems comprised of 200+ applications** operating in a hybrid hyper-converged data center and Amazon Web Service ("AWS") public facing GovCloud protected by a world class active cyber defense (ACD) solution. Also includes a VDI-based Office 365 solution supporting 40k+ users and MS Azure AD managing 350k+ mobile users

Achievements & Partnerships



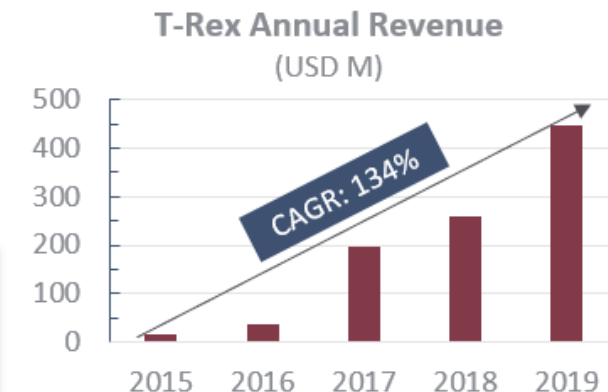
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Silver Data Platform



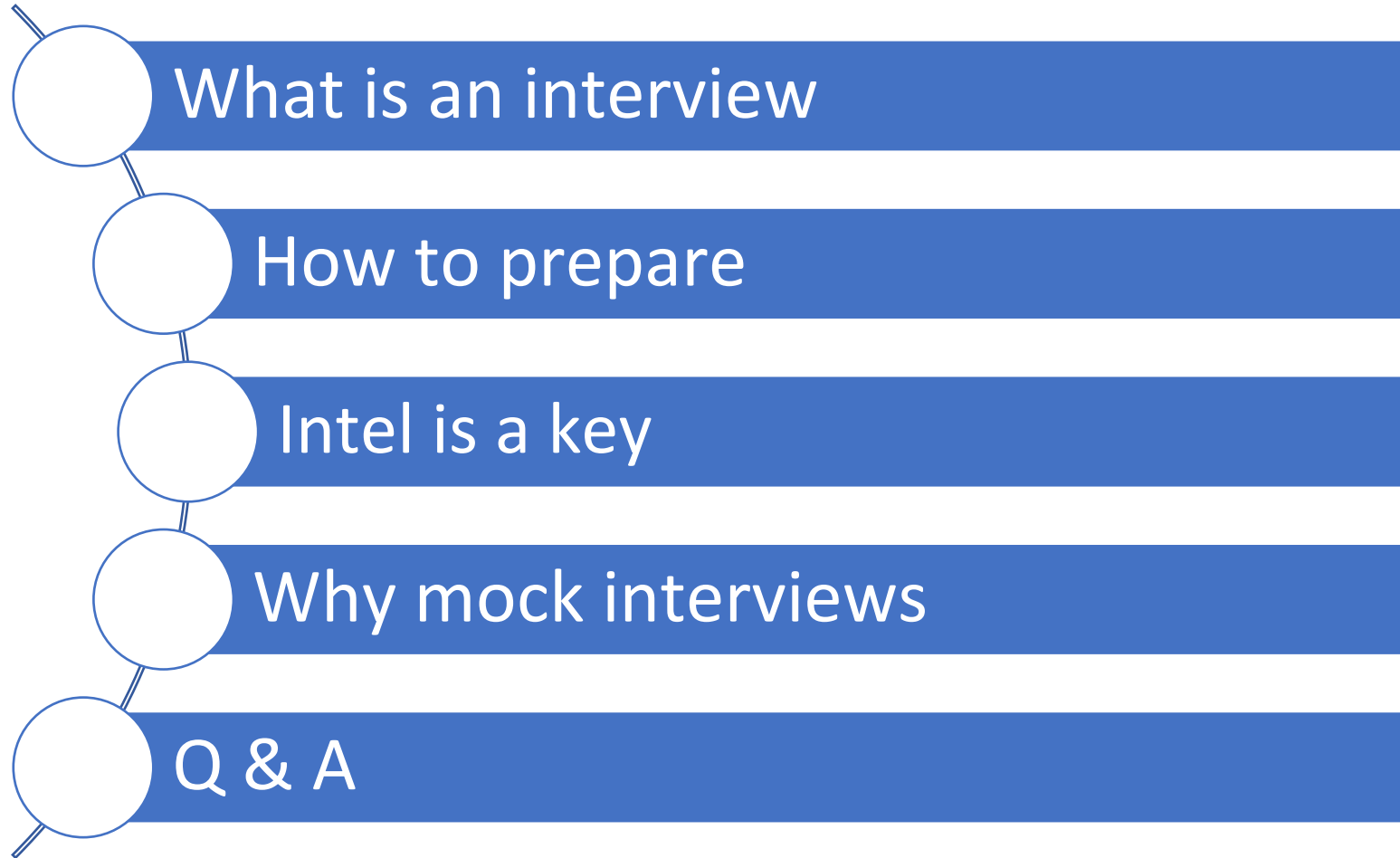
Company Info

- **Established:** 1999
 - **Legal Structure:** LLC
 - **Headquarters:** Greenbelt, MD
 - **8(a)/HUBZone & SDVOSB Joint Ventures:** Ability to deliver services as a small business concern
 - **Prime/Sub (09/20):** 98.5% Prime
 - **Backlog (09/20):** \$341.6MM
- Prime Vehicles/BPAs:**
- GSA Schedule 70
 - USDA Cloud COE BPA
 - Dept of Commerce ESF

Financial Summary

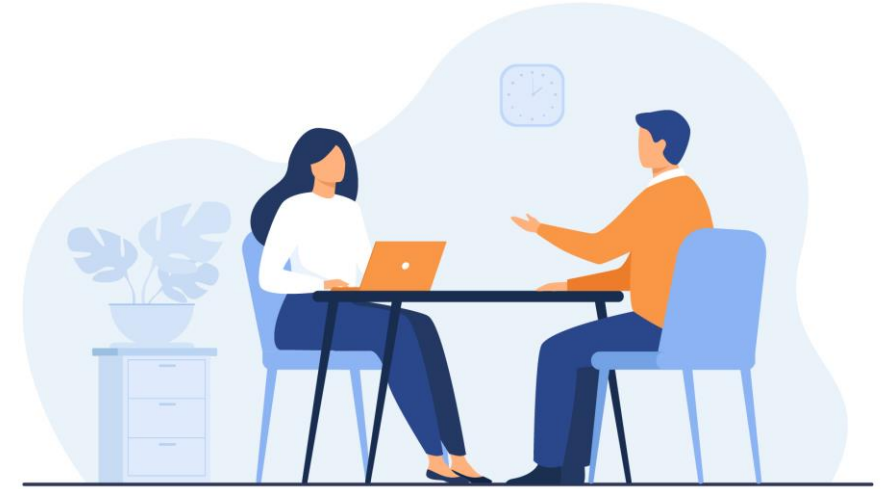


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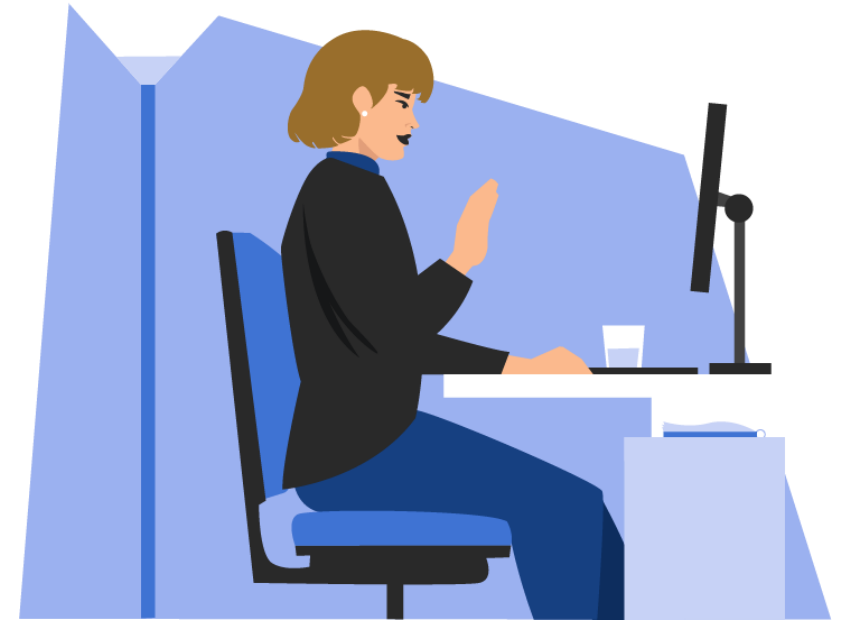
What is an interview ?

- Opportunity to explore your future role
- Drive conversation, be pro-active
- Showcase your expertise in subject matter area
- Demonstrate your passion to work
- Get to know people/team that you will work with



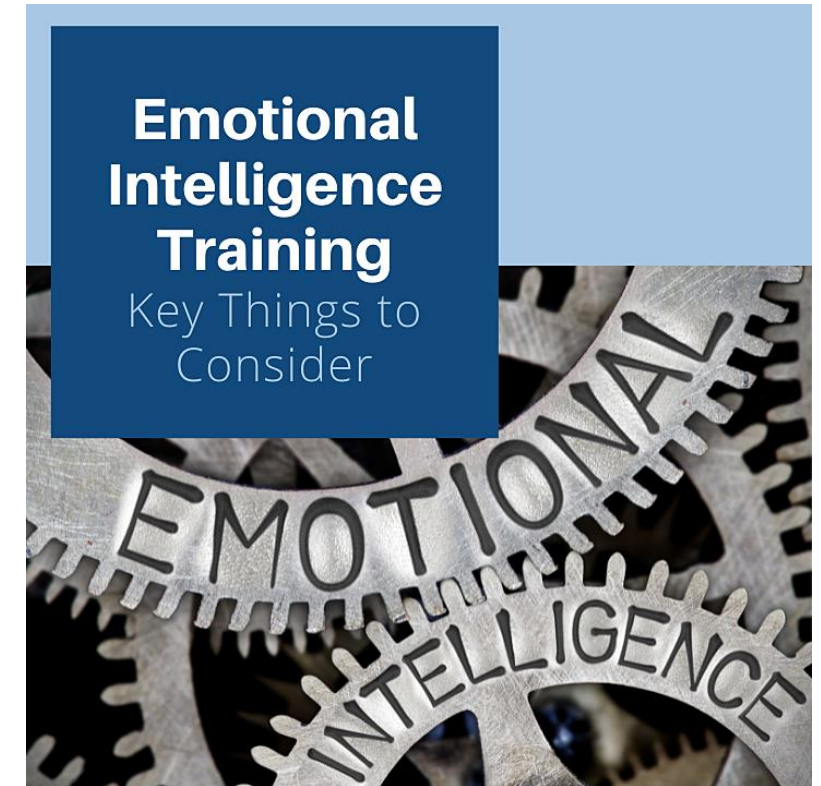
How to prepare ?

- Be in control and relaxed
- JD (job description) is your friend
- Customize your resume
- Speak with recruiter to identify critical skills
- Prepare to showcase your relevant experience/study/research



Intel is a key ?

- How to score an early goal
- Learn about the most critical required skills
- Avoid a rabbit whole
- Listen and clarify questions
- Prepare your questions



Why mock interviews ?

- Makes the interview process less stressful
- Take notes and incorporate feedback
- Helps you boost confidence
- Constructive feedback in a low-stress environment
- Helps you prepare for behavioral-based interview questions



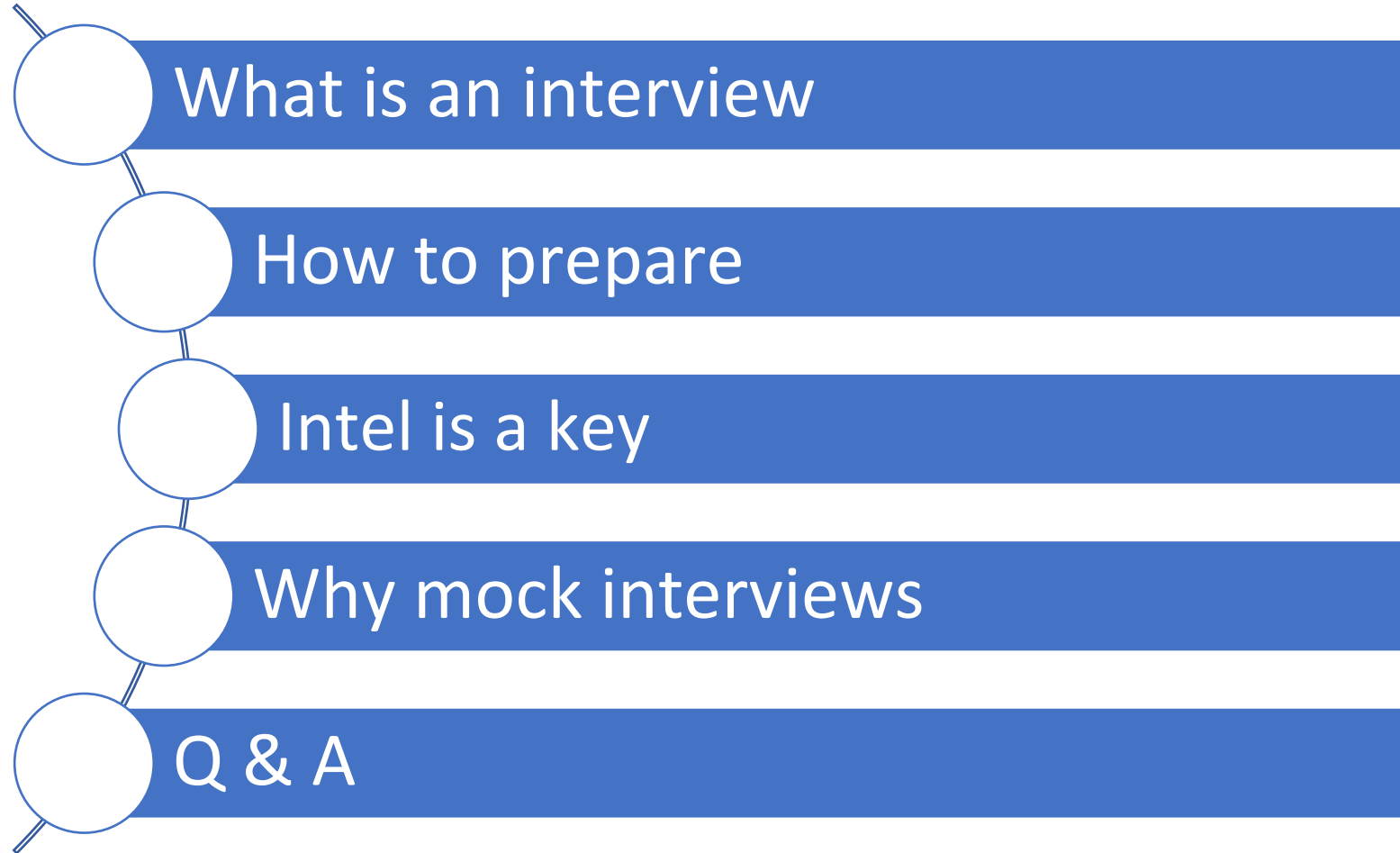
Help your future position to find you

- Share what you learn on social
- Explore and follow your passion
- Join the tech community
- Be creative and patient – success doesn't come overnight
- Embrace the change and learning journey





What we have covered



What is next generation IaC on Microsoft?

Learn Bicep – GitHub



Azure Bicep – First Look course 🎧



Bicep Project - GitHub



AWESOME Azure Bicep 📖 - GitHub



Thank you !



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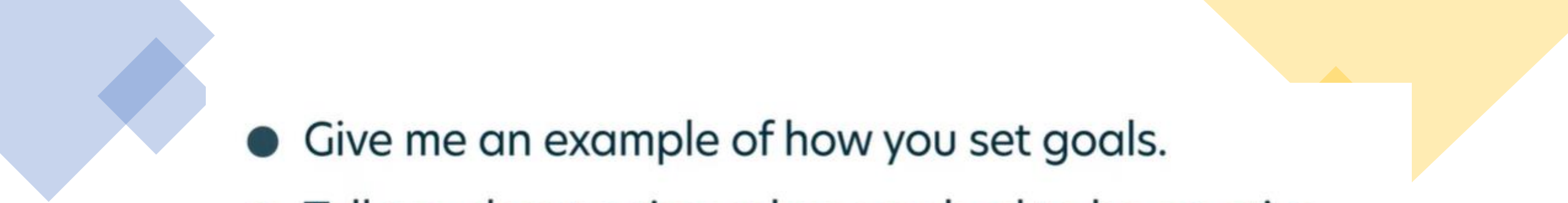
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Tips for using STAR Method

- Stick to the format: Situation, Task, Action, Result.
- Prepare to address situations, not just specific questions.
- Speak positively and confidently, using “I” statements.
- Practice answering questions in 2-3 minutes.
- Practice makes perfect. Dedicate at least 30 minutes to performing a mock interview.

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- Give me an example of how you set goals.
 - Tell me about a time when you had to be creative to solve a problem.
 - Give me an example of a time you had to prioritize certain tasks or projects over others.
 - Tell me about a time you disagreed with a decision that was made.
 - Tell me about a project you worked on that you're proud of.
 - Tell me about a time when you made a mistake. How did you handle it?
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