# Career Services Assignment 4 – Soft Skill Interview Prep

**Points possible:** 50

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| Category | Criteria | % of Grade |
| Completeness | All requirements of the assignment are complete. | 50 |
| Quality | Answers show thought, proper grammar, and would be acceptable in most interview situations. | 50 |

**Instructions:** Find a job post online for a role and company you would like to apply for. Answer the following questions as if you were being interviewed for the job. Research the STAR method of answering behavioral interview questions and where applicable, utilize the STAR method in answering the below questions.

**How did you hear about this position?** (Make sure you remember where you heard about the role so it doesn’t look like you are just applying randomly to every position possible.)

I was looking for a company that seemed like a good fit for me when I came across this offer. I did some research on the company and it seems like it would be exactly what I’m looking for.

**What do you know about the company?** (Research the company, website, products/services, and reviews. Talk about good reviews that make you want to join.)

It looks like your company is very organized and has a great team consisting of 500 employees in 8 different locations. I like how innovative your company is and would love to be able to work with mobile and web technology.

**Why do you want this job?** (Be very specific. Talk about what appeals to you about the role but focus more on the value you’ll add to the team and company rather than what the company will do for you.)

Ive always wanted to help work on a mobile platform with a team. Something that many customers will use and be able to say I was part of what made that. I really enjoy working with others and think I could be of good use to the team.

**Why should we hire you?** (Be very specific. Talk about your skills, passion, and willingness to continuously learn to be an asset.) I am a very hard worker, saying up late nights giving my all to finish any task in time and do my part. I can also be a great teammate and love offering help to whoever may need it. I am also open to new things and new ways of getting things done. There’s no 1 correct way to solve a problem. Overall I think id be a great fit because of my work ethic and cooperativeness with others.

**What is your greatest professional achievement?** (STAR)

My greatest professional achievement has been working hard and committing to learning software development. I’m 19 fresh out of high school and was looking for some good education leading to an exciting career. I talked to some family and friends and software development seemed great. I started by working hard hours at any job to save up for the education. Ever since I’ve been giving it my all and I think I’ve come along great so far.

**Describe a difficult work situation and how you overcame it.** (STAR. Never speak negatively about anyone else or any companies. Perhaps talk about change you experiences, as change is always difficult to overcome.)

I’ve worked a couple jobs in the food business with delivery and kitchen. We can always have setbacks that can make our work day harder, but its up to us to find a solution and push through. Any time there’s been a struggle or inconvenience its came down to us workers as a team to find a solution and keep moving

**What are your goals for the future?** (Make sure you answer in a time bound manner and talk about how you are looking to learn as much as possible in your field.)

My goals for the future is to continue growing as a person and continue to grow my knowledge by learning as much as I can. So many things have a specific value but something you’ll always have with you is knowledge. The more we can learn the more we can carry with us into new opportunities in the future.

**Why are you leaving your last job?** (Don’t say anything negative. Mention growth, changing industries, etc.)

I have been growing my knowledge and am looking for something new. I am always seeking new opportunities and trying them out to become the best I can.

**What is your salary expectation?**

Starting out my salary expectation id say is around 70,000-80,000 a year. I have been mastering the basics and plan to keep growing my skills every day. I will continue to work my way up and grow my salary as I become more skilled and experienced.