Important things to me:

* IMPORTANT FOR INTERVIEW (CS 220, CS, 240, CS 440, CS 472)
* Practice until you get it right
* PROFIECENCY IN EITHER JAVA, C++, or PYTHON

Interesting things:

* Never take an unpaid internship(Slavery)
* Vim/Emac are the best text editors (Vim suggested)
* Know how to use the command line.