

NEW TECHNOLOGISTS

SECOND ROUND ESSAYS

Answer all questions and compose a brief essay addressing questions #1, #3, #4, & #5. Each essay should not exceed more than 500 words.

1. What's a big question in the tech field you'd like to solve and why?
2. Coding Question: *Write functional code that is legible and add comments. Consider what you're writing and why.*
 - a) Write a method in any language of your choice that will take in a list of n integers and sort them from largest to smallest. The method should return a sorted list. Ensure the algorithm is $O(n)$ or less.
 - b) Include comments within your code to explain what each method is doing. Be detailed.
 - c) What other approaches did you consider to solving this question and why did you choose this approach?
3. Microsoft is interested in tailoring products/software to younger audiences (ages 16-25). If you could improve any Microsoft product/software which product would you choose? Describe the features you would add or alter to make the product more dynamic and appealing to a younger target audience? Why?
4. Tell me about a time you had to learn a new skill and what you learned/gained from that experience?
5. Your Choice: Select one of the following questions below to answer (a, b or c).
 - a) Fill in the blanks: I am _____ because of _____.
 - b) Describe the internet to somebody from the 1800s.
 - c) Discuss a specific accomplishment you've achieved in a previous position, project or role that indicates you will thrive in this program.