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# How (and what) to research about an organization before an interview

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We've all heard it – it is important to do your research about an organization before your interview. Employers state candidates' lack of research as one of their pet peeves. Research is important, not only because it makes decisions like how to answer "Why do you want to work with us?" simpler, but also because employers now consider it a necessity. We've made a helpful guide on how and what to research about an organization : —

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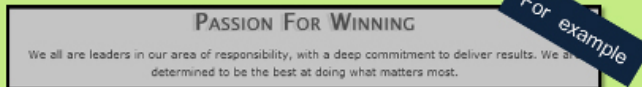
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## How to research

1. Go through the company website, especially these pages:

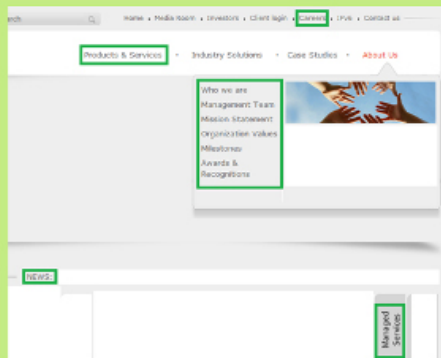
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2. Check out the company's LinkedIn profile
3. Go through the company's Facebook page and Twitter account
4. Google the company
5. Talk to people in your network who have worked at the company

## What to research



1. How old and how large the company is
2. Corporate values – its mission statement and vision
3. What they look for in employees
4. Its products and/or services
5. Its customers
6. Its competitors
7. Its goals

## How NOT to use this information



Tell me about yourself.

I am a leader in my area of responsibility with a deep commitment to deliver results. Blah.

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Basically, copying the entire corporate value statement from the website and tailoring it to yourself is not going to help.

#### How to use this information

- Highlight your own personality traits and past experience that are in line with the company's requirement.
- Answer questions and use data you found about the company to make your case.
- Answer "Why do you want to work with us?"

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