

Welcome to CS 486: CareerPrep



Agenda

- Welcome
- Course Introduction & Syllabus
- Icebreaker
- Break
- The Hiring Landscape
- A Model for Technical Interview
- Things to do before next class

Who This Course is For

- Interested in applying for full-time positions or internships
- Need more practice interviewing or applying for jobs.

Course Goals

- Give a broad view of how CS technical interviews work, what companies are looking for, and the landscape of CS job opportunities.
- Teach technical and nontechnical skills helpful in effectively navigating technical interviews.
- Provide a venue to practice interview skills and techniques.
- Hear perspectives from leaders in industry.

The Syllabus

Icebreaker:

“Tell me about yourself”

“What have you been up to lately?”

The Hiring Landscape

There is greater demand for you than there is
supply of you.

The question is:

What do you want?

- Learn certain technologies
- Practice software engineering methods
- Company or project that looks good on resume for the future Build professional network
- Work at that exact company in the future
- Earn money, equity, options
- Observe certain flavor of organization culture
- Independence and control over work
- Impact of your work
- Life enjoyment at work, and/or balance with life outside work
- Live in an interesting place

Steps in Job Searching (typical)

1. Find about a job
2. Apply (formally or informally)
3. Phone screen with Human Resources (HR)
4. Technical screen
5. Onsite (from 1-4)
6. Offer, Negotiation, and Resolution (accept or reject)
7. Start job or go back to #1

Questions?