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Get Well Prepared for

# Google Interview



## Overview

Google tech interviews are notoriously difficult and quite challenging. To get a phone screen, you will need to submit your resume to their online application system or via an internal referral from a Googler.



### Interview Process

You may receive an online assessment link as your first step of interview process.



### Arrays and Strings

String manipulation problems are in the same category as arrays, because they both involve iterating over a sequence of characters.



### Linked Lists

According to our user survey data, Linked List problems are not asked frequently in Google interviews.



### Trees and Graphs

Tree is just a special case of graph. To understand the difference between them, you can refer to this article: [Tree vs Graph](#).



### Recursion

Recursion usually involves some kind of backtracking to enumerate all possible solutions.



### Sorting and Searching

Interval related problems are quite often asked at Google interviews. Similar to this: [Interval Scheduling Problem](#).



### Dynamic Programming

It can be tricky to identify the subproblems and connect them, which is essential for solving DP problems.



### Design

Google loves to ask lots of question variations based on the Iterator pattern. You can refer to this article: [Iterator Pattern](#).



### Others

Here are other type of problems you may encounter in a Google interview, such as [System Design](#).



### Discuss

26 topics - share ideas and ask questions about this card

## Introduction



Google tech interviews are notoriously difficult and quite challenging. To get a phone screen, you will need to submit your resume to their online application system or via an internal referral from a Googler.

Assuming you passed their resume screen, a recruiter will reach out to you. Usually there will be two phone screens, and if you do well, you'll be invited to onsite interviews.

Since Google operates at a large scale, be prepared to answer lots of follow up questions on how to scale the algorithm you wrote for multiple machines. Some examples are:






[Number of Islands](#) and [Intersection of Two Arrays II](#).






### Interview Process
















<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unique Email Addresses	<input type="checkbox"/> Odd Even Jump
<input type="checkbox"/> License Key Formatting	<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Into Baskets
<input type="checkbox"/> Google Phone Interview	<input type="checkbox"/> Google Onsite Interview
<input type="checkbox"/> Google Hiring Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Google Offer Review











### Arrays and Strings









<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters	<input type="checkbox"/> Container With Most Water
<input type="checkbox"/> 3Sum	<input type="checkbox"/> Next Permutation
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiply Strings	<input type="checkbox"/> Rotate Image
<input type="checkbox"/> Jump Game	<input type="checkbox"/> Plus One
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum Window Substring	<input type="checkbox"/> Read N Characters Given Read4...
<input type="checkbox"/> Longest Substring with At Most Two Distinct Characters	<input type="checkbox"/> Missing Ranges
<input type="checkbox"/> Next Closest Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Expressive Words
<input type="checkbox"/> Find And Replace in String	<input type="checkbox"/> Maximize Distance to Closest Person
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid Parentheses	<input type="checkbox"/> Merge k Sorted Lists
<input type="checkbox"/> Trapping Rain Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Kth Largest Element in an Array








<input type="checkbox"/>  Meeting Rooms II 	<input type="checkbox"/>  Backspace String Compare
<input type="checkbox"/>  Minimum Cost to Hire K Workers	<input type="checkbox"/>  K Closest Points to Origin






Linked Lists		
<input type="checkbox"/>  Add Two Numbers	<input type="checkbox"/>  Remove Nth Node From End of ...	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Merge Two Sorted Lists	<input type="checkbox"/>  Copy List with Random Pointer	







Trees and Graphs		
<input type="checkbox"/>  Binary Tree Maximum Path Sum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  Word Ladder	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Number of Islands	<input type="checkbox"/>  Course Schedule II	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Count Complete Tree Nodes	<input type="checkbox"/>  Longest Increasing Path in a Matrix	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Decode String	<input type="checkbox"/>  Evaluate Division	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Diameter of Binary Tree	<input type="checkbox"/>  Cracking the Safe	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Robot Room Cleaner 	<input type="checkbox"/>  Most Stones Removed with Sam...	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Flip Equivalent Binary Trees		

Recursion		
<input type="checkbox"/>  Word Squares 	<input type="checkbox"/>  Strobogrammatic Number II 	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Word Search II	<input type="checkbox"/>  Android Unlock Patterns 	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Letter Combinations of a Phone ...	<input type="checkbox"/>  Generate Parentheses	














Sorting and Searching		
<input type="checkbox"/>  Median of Two Sorted Arrays	<input type="checkbox"/>  Find First and Last Position of El...	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Merge Intervals	<input type="checkbox"/>  Insert Interval	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Valid Anagram	<input type="checkbox"/>  Count of Smaller Numbers After ...	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Peak Index in a Mountain Array		

Dynamic Programming		
<input type="checkbox"/>  Longest Palindromic Substring	<input type="checkbox"/>  Maximum Subarray	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Best Time to Buy and Sell Stock	<input type="checkbox"/>  Maximum Product Subarray	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Coin Change	<input type="checkbox"/>  Split Array Largest Sum	

Design		
<input type="checkbox"/>  LRU Cache	<input type="checkbox"/>  Min Stack	
<input type="checkbox"/>  ...	<input type="checkbox"/>  ...	

<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Serialize and Deserialize Binary ...</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Logger Rate Limiter</a> 
<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Insert Delete GetRandom O(1)</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Design Search Autocomplete Sy...</a> 

## Others

<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Reverse Integer</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Candy</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Isomorphic Strings</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Strobogrammatic Number</a> 
<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Bulls and Cows</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Range Sum Query 2D - Mutable</a> 
<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">My Calendar II</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Jewels and Stones</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Swap Adjacent in LR String</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Guess the Word</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>  <a href="#">Minimum Area Rectangle</a>	