



Google Phone Interview Preparation

Technical Solutions Consultant, gTech

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The Division:

The role you are applying to sits within a division of Google called gTech, the technical arm of our sales teams. gTech is a crucial component to supporting and advising: 1. Google's clients (advertisers and consumers), 2. Our Partners (Publishers and others we work with to incorporate their data into our products), 3. Our Sales team (who require deep technical insight to more effectively market Google to advertisers, publishers and users).

The Position:

This position that you have applied to covers 3 different teams within gTech, all of whom look for the same profile: somebody who is both Technical and Client Facing. Depending on business needs you will be assigned to one of the areas mentioned above. We look for individuals that fit the following;

1. Strong coding ability (Java, C++ or Python preferred).
2. Strong background and understanding of Web Technologies, Databases and ideally Linux/Unix systems.
3. Experience in a client facing position (eg. Technical Account Manager, Technical Consultant or any other position where you have provided a service to your company's external clients).

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The Process:

You will be interviewed by different members of these teams and then if offered the role, be put in one team specifically. The first interview will be a phone interview, after which if you are successful, 4 Interviews with different members of the team.

Please have a look at the following link for more about the team and Google:

- [gTech: Care so Good it has got to be Google](#)
- [Life at Google](#)
- [How We Hire](#)
- [Google Help](#)
- [Interviewing at Google](#)
- [Life at Google - YouTube](#)

Outline of what to expect for the hangout interview (Not all areas may be covered in the call, but ideally please prepare as if they will be!).

What to Expect:

The Phone Interview will last roughly 45 minutes to 1 hour and will cover a variety of areas to assess your suitability for the role.

The following themes will give you a flavour of what to expect:

1. **General Coding Ability** - There will be a shared document between you and the interviewer, to facilitate any coding questions you may get asked. The code needs to be compilable, but you don't need any software/an IDE for this. The code will just be on this document. You can choose any language to code in (we use Java mainly, but C++ and Python are also good alternatives - other languages are also fine).
2. **Web Technologies** - Knowledge of Front End programming languages (HTML, CSS, JavaScript), protocols (HTTP and TCP/IP) and general understanding of how the internet works.
3. **Troubleshooting/Problem Solving** - How you handle certain situations with stakeholders and clients. They may give you a problem to solve (i.e something is broken, how do you go about fixing it) or ask for you to detail to them a problem you have had to solve.
4. **Client Facing Ability** - Discussion about the work/projects you have been involved in, how you have dealt with clients, how did you specifically contribute to projects.
5. **Desired role and motivations** - What are you looking for in your next role and why?

PLEASE NOTE: You will need a computer with Internet access for the coding section of the interview (via the shared Google Doc). The coordination team will share this with you once your interview has been confirmed.

GOOD LUCK!