TECHNICAL INTERVIEWS

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‣Are Technical Interviews the most important of the interview process?

‣What kind of Technical Interviews will I see?

‣What are Interviewers Assessing?

‣How do I interview well?

But before we do that.

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Don't be afraid.

They're just part of the process.

Expect 3-5 rounds of interviews.

–But not all of them will be technical.

3 Types of Technical Interviews.

White Board Challenges.

–White Board challenges are exactly what they sound like. An interviewer will ask you a question and ask you to code on a white board in front 0f them.
–These are usually about basic programming concepts, small programs, or sometimes something related to the company's code base.

Take Home Challenges.

-Take Home challenges are pretty unique in terms of popularity to the LA Tech Community.
-You'll receive an e-mail from the company with instructions on what they want you to complete.
-These are the most practical challenges, they may ask you to add a feature to their website, or send you a photoshop file and build a page based on that.
-You usually have between 24-72 hours to complete.

Brain Teasers.

You may encounter a CS question.

But it's not all that common.

Just in case, though.

Fibonacci Sequence.

–Fibonacci sequence is a sequence of numbers where the next number is the sum of the two numbers before it.

1 1 2 3 5 8

Big O Notation.

–It's a way to measure the efficiency of an algorithm.

Sorting Algorithms.

-Merge Sort, Heap Sort, Insertion Sort, Binary Search (not necessarily a sorting algorithm but is usually lumped in with these)
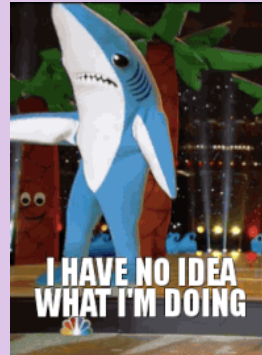
Don't worry about these.

What the interviewer is looking for.

It's not about being right.

How do you solve problems?

–Companies want to see how you get from Point A to Point B!
–They want to be confident that if they gave you a project that you were unfamiliar with, you'd be able to solve it or ask the right questions.

How to interview well.

Repeat the question.

–When the interviewer asks the question, repeat it back to them.
–This will show them that you're paying attention and will help you remember what you're solving for!

Think out loud.

–Think out loud so the interviewers can hear how you tackle a problem.

Start with what you know.

Be Honest.

–It's okay to say you don't know

Q&A

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