

# Pramp Technical Interview Preparation Survey

Purpose: This survey is to learn more about how both current students and working professionals prepare for technical interviews.

NOTE: Technical interviews in our case are referring to interviews focusing on Data Structure & Algorithms questions and that involve writing code and performing a think-aloud.

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\* Indicates required question

1. Email \*

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2. What is your gender? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Other: 

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3. Do you identify as Hispanic/Latino? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

## 4. Please identify your race. \*

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ America India or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ White
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Two or More Races

## 5. Have you obtained a degree in Computer Science or plan to in the near future? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

## 6. Are you currently a working professional? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes      *Skip to question 8*
- ☐ No

**Student Specific Section**

Contains questions for current CS students.

7. What year/program are you currently in? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Freshman
- ☐ Sophomore
- ☐ Junior
- ☐ Senior
- ☐ Masters
- ☐ PhD

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### Non-Student Specific Section

8. Where did you attend for your undergraduate studies? \*

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9. When did you graduate? \*

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*Example: January 7, 2019*

10. How many years of professional experience do you have? \*

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11. Are you currently employed? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. If so, where are you currently working?

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### Pre General Technical Background

NOTE: Technical interview in our case is referring to the Data Structure & Algorithms type coding interview(s).

13. Have you completed at least one technical interview before? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes      *Skip to question 14*

☐ No      *Skip to question 19*

*Skip to question 14*

### General Technical Background

NOTE: Technical interview in our case is referring to the Data Structure & Algorithms type coding interview(s).

14. How many technical interviews have you completed? [Please enter your answer \* in numerical form Ex. 0, 1, 3, etc]

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15. Do you have in person interviewing experience? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

16. I am comfortable with performing whiteboard-styled technical interviews. Please leave empty if you have no experience. (Note: Whiteboard-styled interviews are an in-person method of evaluating candidates by having them write their solution on a whiteboard in front of their interviewer)

*Mark only one oval.*

	1	2	3	4	5	
Stro	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

17. I am comfortable with asking my interviewer clarifying questions in regards to the given problem. \*

*Mark only one oval.*

	1	2	3	4	5	
Stro	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

18. Have your interviewers ever offered you advice/suggestions when you have appeared stuck? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

## Preparation for Technical Interviews

NOTE: Technical interview in our case is referring to the Data Structure & Algorithms type coding interview(s).

19. How many hours per week do you study in preparation for technical interviews? \*  
[Please enter your answer in numerical form Ex. 0, 1, 3, etc]

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20. How many mock interviews have you done? (Note: A mock interview is a simulated technical interview which provides job seekers with an opportunity to practice for real interviews. These interviews consist of a mock “interviewer” supplying a technical problem which you, the “interviewee” , is then tasked with solving.) \*

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21. Have you sought after one-on-one tutoring for technical prep? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

22. If so, have you ever paid for the tutoring session(s)?

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

23. Has your technical prep ever consisted of studying with others? (friends, family, study groups, etc) \*

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

24. If Yes, what did your group studying consist of?

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25. How often do you practice your communication skills during your technical interview prep session? (Ex. speech, asking questions, thinking out loud)

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*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Always

26. Evaluate the importance of the following components to succeed in technical interviews.

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*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Not Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Important	Very Important
<b>Problem solving ability</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Nonverbal Communication</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Oral and verbal clarity</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Providing clear and concrete examples</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Attitude (Enthusiasm, confidence, etc)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. Please rank your confidence level in the previously mentioned skills. \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	Not at all confident	Slightly confident	Somewhat confident	Fairly confident	Completely confident
<b>Problem Solving ability</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Nonverbal communication</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Oral and verbal clarity</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Ability to provide clear and concrete examples</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Attitude (Enthusiasm, confidence, etc)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

28. I would have benefited from a structured study plan provided by my university which focuses on the previously mentioned skills. \*

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5
Stro	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
					Strongly Agree

### Resources Used for Interview Preparation

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29. Which of the following resources have you used for technical interview preparation? \*

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Leetcode
- ☐ Blind75
- ☐ Sean Prashad's List
- ☐ Neetcode.io
- ☐ Cracking the Coding Interview
- ☐ Grokking the Coding Interview
- ☐ Youtube
- ☐ GeeksforGeeks
- ☐ Exponent
- ☐ Pramp
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

30. Are there any other resources you have used which were not previously listed?

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31. How often do you use the previously mentioned resources? \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Frequently
<b>Leetcode</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Blind75</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Sean Prashad's List</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Neetcode.io</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Cracking the Coding Interview</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Grokking The Coding Interview</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Youtube</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>GeeksforGeeks</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Exponent</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Pramp</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Other Resources</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

32. Which of the previously mentioned services have you bought or subscribed to for at least a month? \*

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Leetcode
- ☐ Grokking the Coding Interview
- ☐ Cracking the Coding Interview
- ☐ Exponent
- ☐ None

33. How likely are you to purchase the following resources? (leave empty if you have no experience with either)

Mark only one oval per row.

	1 - Not Likely	2	3	4	5 - Very Likely
<b>Leetcode Premium (Cost: \$39 monthly)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Grokking the Coding Interview (Cost: \$79 Yearly)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Cracking the Coding Interview (Cost: Avg \$20 one time purchase)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Exponent (Cost: \$79 monthly)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

34. What are the benefits of using these paid resources/platforms?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ These services offer solutions to commonly asked problems
- ☐ These services provide me with identical problems which may be asked during an interview
- ☐ These services allow for an organized approach to studying for technical interviews
- ☐ These services teach me the required material that is asked during interviews
- ☐ These services teach me various patterns which allow for problems to be organized in specific groups
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

35. What has/would prevent you from using any of the previously mentioned services?

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36. When do you prefer to begin preparing for technical interviews? \*

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37. How many hours do you practice Leetcode a day while preparing technical interviews? [Please enter your answer in numerical form Ex. 0, 1, 3, etc] \*

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38. How many hours do you practice Leetcode a day while preparing technical interviews? [Please enter your answer in numerical form Ex. 0, 1, 3, etc] \*

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39. Please enter on average how many days you practice Leetcode a week. [Please enter your answer in numerical form Ex. 0, 1, 3, etc] \*

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40. Are you able to differentiate patterns between Leetcode problems? (Ex. Dynamic Programming, Sliding Window, Depth-First Search, etc.) \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Unsure

#### Pre Exponent/Pramp Specific

NOTE: Technical interview in our case is referring to the Data Structure & Algorithms type coding interview(s).

41. Have you ever used Exponent or Pramp to prepare for technical interviews? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No      *Skip to question 54*

#### Exponent/Pramp Specific

NOTE: Technical interview in our case is referring to the Data Structure & Algorithms type coding interview(s).

42. How often do you use Exponent to prepare for technical interviews? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

	1	2	3	4	5	
Never	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Daily

## 43. Which Exponent features have you used? \*

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Practice Interview Questions
- ☐ Courses
- ☐ Peer Interviews
- ☐ Expert Coaching
- ☐ Job Board
- ☐ Exponent Blog
- ☐ Company Guides
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 44. Which features do you find the most helpful? \*

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Not at All Helpful	Rarely Helpful	Moderately Helpful	Helpful	Very Helpful	N/A
<b>Practice Questions</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Courses</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Peer Interviews</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Expert Coaching</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Job Board</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Exponent Blog</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Company Guide</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

45. When utilizing Exponent, how often do you use each of these features? \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Always
<b>Practice Questions</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Courses</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Peer Interviews</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Expert Coaching</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Job Board</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Exponent Blog</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Company Guide</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

46. Which of the following choices relates closest to your approach in solving Leetcode problems? \*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Attempt problem without aid, look up solution after set amount of time if unsuccessful.
- ☐ Attempt problem without aid until you arrive at a solution.
- ☐ Study and fully understand the solution before attempting the problem.
- ☐ Try and memorize the solution.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



47. How often do you use Pramp to prepare for technical interviews?

*Mark only one oval.*

	1	2	3	4	5	
Never	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Daily

48. Approximately how many mock interviews have you completed using Pramp?

[Please enter your answer in numerical form Ex. 0, 1, 3, etc]

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49. Which Pramp mock interview types have you completed?

*Check all that apply.*

☐ Data Structures and Algorithms

☐ Product Management

☐ Behavioral

☐ System Design

☐ Front End

☐ Data Science

☐ Other: 

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50. Which mock interview type do you find the most helpful? \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	Not at All Helpful	Rarely Helpful	Moderately Helpful	Helpful	Very Helpful	N/A
<b>Data Structures and Algorithms</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Product Management</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Behavioral</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>System Design</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Front End</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Data Science</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

51. What are the strengths of Exponent and/or Pramp compared to other resources you have used for technical interview preparation?

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52. What are the weaknesses of Exponent and/or Pramp compared to other technical interview prep resources?

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53. How can these platforms be improved to facilitate better technical interview preparation?

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### Associated Challenges

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54. What stresses you out most about the preparation phase of technical interviews? \*

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55. I feel that I am well prepared the day of my technical interview. \*

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Stro	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

56. I feel very anxious when studying for a technical interview. \*

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Stro	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree

57. I feel very anxious when participating in a mock interview. [leave empty if you have not participated in one]

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

58. Has the preparation for technical interviews negatively affected your anxiety? \*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

59. If you answered yes to the previous question, please explain how it has affected you.

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60. My anxiety is noticeably higher when preparing for technical interviews. \*

*Mark only one oval.*

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Agree

61. I found it difficult to balance my technical interview preparation with my other daily tasks. \*

*Mark only one oval.*

1   2   3   4   5

Strongly ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Agree

62. Which of the following statements do you feel to be true? \*

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Poor performance in past interviews is what causes me to struggle in future interviews.
- ☐ There are too many topics to master in regards to Data Structures & Algorithms.
- ☐ Not knowing what will be asked during these interviews is the most stressful part.
- ☐ The CS curriculum did not adequately prepare me for the current style of interviews.
- ☐ Balancing interview prep time with other commitments is too time consuming.
- ☐ None

63. What has personally been the most difficult thing you have faced during your studying process? This could include certain topics such as time complexity analysis or things such as the actual amount of time required to study for the interview.

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### Benefits From Your Education

NOTE: Technical interview in our case is referring to the Data Structure & Algorithms type coding interview(s).

64. Do you feel that your undergraduate courses helped you prepare for technical interviews? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

65. What was the course number and name of the course(s) that helped you the most? [leave blank if unsure]

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66. My university's Data Structures & Algorithms courses prepared me for technical \* interview questions involving Data Structures.

*Mark only one oval.*

1   2   3   4   5

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Strongly Disagree ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Strongly Agree

67. My university's Data Structures & Algorithms courses prepared me for technical \* interview questions involving Algorithms.

*Mark only one oval.*

1   2   3   4   5

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Strongly Disagree ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Strongly Agree

68. My university's Data Structures & Algorithms courses prepared me for technical \* interview questions involving Time Complexities.

*Mark only one oval.*

1   2   3   4   5

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Strongly Disagree ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Strongly Agree

69. Would you be interested in a course that is designed specifically to aid in technical interview preparation? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

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