

Story Toolbox

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Using the ideas suggested in these articles, create answers to the following behavioral interview questions for one of your target companies and roles. Create a video on YouTube with your answers and submit the link for feedback.

1. Why do you want to be a data scientist/analyst?

I can bring almost 20 years of fairly diverse IT experience to the table. Experience that includes database design and management, machine learning / AI scripting, visualization of data analysis, static & dynamic report creation, statistics & probability technology, data scraping technology, programming with python, sql, json, & javascript and systems analysis. Interactions that cover everything from clients to development teams to executive leadership. And while that may seem like I've been all over the place, it's really just a matter of being able to wear many hats in a single role for a few great companies, like NASA, Xerox, Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) and 7-Eleven.

2. Why do you want to work at this company?

I have two little ones who need everything from a home, clothes and food to guidance on all things. They are my primary focus and take up most of my time outside of work. As for work-related goals, I would like to keep strengthening my skills in data science, since that is where the vast majority of my career has been spent, and the future of data science looks very strong indeed.

3. Tell me about a time you had to handle a conflict with your colleagues.

At 7-Eleven I worked on a project to upgrade their BMC Remedy system. There was a project team of developers as well as a project team of clients to help determine the best path for the project. One of the clients was a little hard to deal with and no one on the development team wanted to work with her. So I volunteered as I generally get along with just about everyone. She was definitely not the easiest person to get along with but a little perseverance, tolerance and patience go a long way. It turned out she simply wanted to be a part of the development of the new system. Everything went fairly smooth and the project was completed on time and under budget.