

Task 1

Model Answer – Video 2

Video Transcript

My name is Kelly Koltun. My pronouns are she/her.

I'm a recruiting lead with BCG, focusing on our campus recruiting efforts for full time and internship data scientist roles.

It's important for candidates to come in having done some sort of research and having basic knowledge about a company and the specific role.

It shows that you're taking the opportunity seriously and is a great indicator of how prepared and thoughtful you'd be once in the role.

Informational interviews are a great tool to not only learn more about the company you'd potentially be joining, but also to allow the interviewer to learn more about you and what you're seeking to gain from the experience.

By the end of the informational interview, you should have a pretty good idea of whether the company and role are a good fit for you and something you'd be excited in pursuing. Some examples of questions you could ask your interviewer would be: "what has kept you at x company?" if they'd been there for a little while, or "why did you decide to join x company" if they're a bit newer to the firm.

I'd also encourage candidates to ask "what does a typical week look like for someone in my role?" This will give you an idea of your day to day responsibilities on the job. In terms of prep for technical interviews, practicing technical business cases out loud with your friends or peers who are also going through the recruiting process is your best bet for success.

Practicing cases out loud is super helpful for getting you used to talking through your thought process with your interviewer, which can feel a little unnatural at first.

I'd also recommend watching some technical case interview simulations on YouTube or company websites.

These will give you a better idea of how the interview should flow and who should be driving the conversation forward at which points in the interview.

You will now have the opportunity to practice some sample technical interviews.

Good luck and have fun.