

Worksheet:

Practicing for your Behavioral Interview

Recap

- Almost every interview will have a behavioral portion or even the whole interview dedicated to behavioral. Sometimes, one might study their ds/algo so hard that they forget how to act. Behavioral interviews might sound easy, but it can make or break your offer.
- Most of the time they ask you to tell them about yourself and then they might ask follow up questions allowing you to tell stories of leadership or challenge. Make sure you have these stories rehearsed making you look good.
- Here are some of the following common questions:
 - a. What was the most challenging thing you've done?
 - b. Tell me about a time when you learned from your mistakes?
 - c. What was the most interesting project you've worked on?
 - d. Can you tell me a time where you had a conflict with a teammate? How did you deal with it?

Exercise 1

Tell me about yourself

Prepare a short speech about yourself. You will be repeating this many times during your interviews, but it has to be really good. What have you accomplished that you're proud of? How do sell yourself to the interviewer? You know yourself best, but here is how to make the best of your experience:

1. Write out your life chronologically (only projects or work related to software)

2. Circle your best achievements or your best failures
3. Relate those achievements to a skill you've gained or a lesson you've learned.
Remember, sell yourself
4. Write a 2 to 3 minutes speech with possible follow ups.
5. Record yourself and put it in our Facebook group and have us critique it

Exercise 2

Prepare your stories

Once you have your “tell me about yourself” stories setup. Now it's time to do the same thing to answer the most common behavioral questions listed in the recap. For each of those common behavioral questions, have 3 stories that you did that can answer those questions. Fill out a table like so:

Common Question	Story 1	Story 2	Story 3
What was the most challenging thing you've done?			
Tell me about a time when you learned from your mistakes?			
What was the most interesting project you've worked on?			
Can you tell me a time where you had a conflict with a teammate? How did you deal with it?			

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