Whiteboard challenges:

I did the whiteboard challenges with Elvis. Doing it with someone is nice because you can bounce ideas off of each other. Helps me get out of my head a little bit. I think the key when I do them solo is to just take my time and communicate how I am thinking through the problem.

Interview Prep:

I get super insanely nervous for interviews of any kind. I have a tendency to clam up and even have trouble speaking. It is a challenge so I try to stay calm beforehand and do some breathing exercises to try and keep myself from getting overwhelmed. It is hard because you only get one shot in an interview and I know that if I am just calm and be myself I can give the best representation of myself possible.

Elevator pitch draft:

I am a military veteran with an interest in software and electronics. I grew up tinkering with my parents' Pentium 2 personal computer. My interest in electronics led me to the Navy where I was an aviation electronic technician for 6 years. Recently I have dug into software development and completed Boise Codeworks' full stack developer program. I am always wanting to learn more so I felt a constantly changing environment like software development is the perfect place to sate my appetite for knowledge.

5 post-interview questions:

What does a typical day as part of your development team consist of?

What is currently your number one priority as a company?

What are the skills and experience you are looking for in an ideal candidate?

What gets you most excited about this company's future?

How has the company evolved since you joined the team?