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Telling Better Stories For Behavioral Programming Interview Questions

“Show, don’t tell”

You’ve probably heard this advice before. Maybe it was your 10th grade English teacher. Maybe it was career services in college. “Remember: *show*, don’t tell.”

And it’s good advice. When it comes to answering behavioral questions (like “Tell me about yourself”) in coding interviews, the difference between a good answer and a *great* answer comes down to *showing* rather than telling.

The problem is, people who give you the advice of “Show, don’t tell”... are *themselves* failing to follow it. They’re *telling* you to show, but they should be *showing* you *how to show*. That’s the hardest part!

So here are three specific tips for showing more and telling less.

1. Sprinkle in specific details

Imagine two responses to the stock interview question “Tell me about yourself.”