Guide to Kevin’s interview notes

1. **Intro**
   1. Every practice question I wrote down, I solved them or looked up the answer after if I couldn’t do it.
      1. If you can’t solve it after like 30min-1hr just look up the solution, don’t waste your time thinking about it. The goal is to efficiently absorb knowledge every day.
      2. If your trying to catch up in computer science obviously this approach is bad, but we are trying to destroy interviews not be comp sci geniuses lmao.
2. **Two sides of interview studying**
   1. Technical part
      1. To do good on this part you do a lot (like 100+) practice questions.
      2. This is how I approached this part, approach it however you want.
         1. First day of studying do like 3-4 questions. After finishing them memorize the solutions
         2. Next day, review the questions you did the day before. Then do more questions. Memorize them too.
            1. If you had trouble with any of the ones you did the day before, after you do the new ones. Review the ones that gave you trouble
         3. Keep doing this over and over until you have about 30 memorized.
         4. After this take out the ones from the beginning and replace them with new questions.
            1. For the ones you took out, review them like once a week.
         5. This takes a lot of time, but eventually you get fast at it.
      3. Theres a lot of resources for this. I attached some of what I used. Leetcode and hackerrank are good for this too.
   2. Soft skill part
      1. I think the soft skills part of the interview is like 60% of the interview.
         1. They are going to ask tell me about yourself. Write a 60sec speech on this and then sent it to me. And ill tell you whats right or wrong about it. This is actually key to the soft skills interview.
            1. Ask me about yourself is the interviewer basically saying “here you go, here’s a whiteboard show me or tell me whatever the fuck you want. Wow me please.”
            2. Don’t start of saying ur name and ur major. They know what your major is. They have your resume in front of them. Tell them whats important to you and what they want to here.

If they are a position that needs a java developer then you fucking tell them ur literally god gift to the earth when it comes to java.

If its a position where you don’t know the stuff well, then say you looked into and you realized its like what you want to do in the future and this job can open up the possibility of your starting to walk down that path. Bullshit like that.

* + - 1. In person stuff is probably not gonna apply in these times but w.e
         1. Do practice interviews with people and ask them to point out bad habits.

I had a habit of looking away from the interview when I was thinking and then I would forget to make eye contact again sometimes when I was answering the question.

I also had a bad habit of moving my hands around, so I just kept them on my lap if I didn’t know what to do.

Basically you want to have a go to comfortable sitting position that you can go to when ur nervous.

* + 1. My approach, to studying for this obviously approach it however you want.
       1. Find a shitload of interview questions people ask and have like a paragraph answer for all of them. Practice them in front of a mirror.
          1. Work on stuff like not stuttering, making it sound natural, not talking too fast, making it seem like you didn’t practice in front of a mirror basically LMAO

1. **Resources I liked**
   1. <http://steve-yegge.blogspot.com/2008/06/done-and-gets-things-smart.html>
      1. This dude walks through how he picks ppl
   2. https://sites.google.com/site/steveyegge2/five-essential-phone-screen-questions
      1. same dude as above. He shows what questions he askes.
   3. https://www.toptal.com/software/interview-questions
   4. <https://hackernoon.com/what-to-ask-an-interviewer-during-a-tech-interview-865a293e548c>
      1. What to ask them during an interview. This is very important imo
   5. <https://github.com/the-akira/Computer-Science-Resources>
      1. Just mad links to study stuff.
   6. The study topics folder are random files I made while I was studying.
   7. The questions folder is random questions I had written down in text files.