

How to Complete a 4 year Degree In 7 years

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ABOUT ME



02.1 STRATEGIZE

HOW DO I GET AN INTERNSHIP?

Work on personal projects
Revise your resume and cover letter
Go to a hackathon
Learn a new technology and use it
Join tech-related organizations (see Resources)
Be passionate about learning new things



02.2 STRATEGIZE

WHAT PROJECTS CAN I DO?

Implement data structures and algorithms
Personal website (portfolio)
Chrome extension that changes something on the webpage
Android/iOS app that does something convenient
Website with a messaging functionality
Unity and C++ game
Website with an SFU course planner
Anything else - smart or stupid!



WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT

Behavioural questions (20 mins) Technical questions (20 mins)

PREPARE

- 0. Cracking the Coding Interview
- 1. LeetCode
- 2. Practice by yourself!

(See Resources)

WHAT THE COMPANY EXPECTS

Tech knowledge (a little) Problem solving together

A normal human bean A team member

04WORKPLACE EXPECTATIONS

KNOW

nothing

LEARN

slowly and gradually

ASK YOUR MANAGER

when you feel dumb, because everyone does

(imposter syndrome?)



05 THE BIG COMPANIES

Facebook

Amazon

Apple

Netflix

Google

(+ Microsoft and more)



- 0. Are you "good enough"?
- 1. Application timeline
- 2. Ask for help
- 3. Apply
- 4. Apply to other companies (small/medium companies have great experiences too!)
- 5. Get rejected
- 6. Apply again

NEXT STEPS

- 0. Write a list of goals to work on.
- 1. Choose one.
- 2. Improve.

How do you complete a 4 year degree in 7 years?

Take your time.

Plan and re-plan your next step.

It's going to be okay.



RESOURCES & CONTACT

CODING INTERVIEWS FAANG: THE BIG 5

<u>Cracking the Coding Interview</u>: Learning to do coding interviews

<u>LeetCode</u>: Coding practice questions

How to Get a Job at the Big 4 by SJ Tech How To Get Hired into a FAANG Company

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