Technical Interview tips

Tip #1: Verbalize your thoughts while you're solving a problem. They don't know what you're thinking or where you're going with your solution unless you let them know. By thinking out loud you'll give them an idea AND they'll be able to give you hints to steer you in the right direction if necessary. Check out our LinkedIn Campus webinar to see a practice coding interview demo "LinkedIn Technical Interview Tips".

Tip #2: Ask for clarifications or requirements before coding so that you can understand what exactly is the problem that you're trying to solve.

Tip #3: Find and fix your bugs using pointers, edge cases, abstraction, unit tests or others.

Tip #4: Review your data structures and the libraries for them in your language(s) of choice, particularly paying attention to their limitations.

Tip #5: You will be assessed on both speed as well as quality of the solution, so take enough time that you can provide a clean and elegant solution, but don't take too much time to think through the problem because they might be looking to get through a couple different problems (so try not to spend the entire call on solving just one).

Lastly, below are links to posts written by current and former LinkedIn Software Engineers. They give a lot of great info and provide different perspectives on how to prepare for this type of interview.

- "Three Weird Tips" for Interviewing in Tech
- Getting That Job At LinkedIn
- What to do (and not do) if I interview you
- Interviews are not Exams
- The Technical Design Interview - A Guide to Success