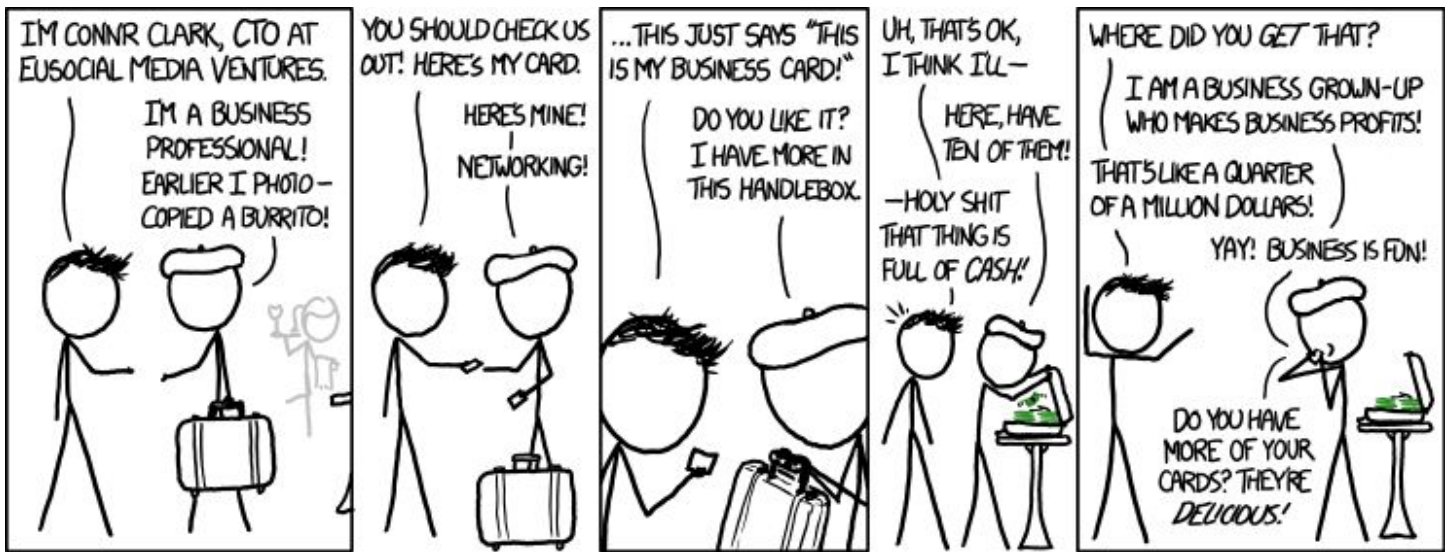# How to get an Interview

Put Together a Resume

Be sure to re-evaluate your resume every semester to make sure it still accurately reflects what you want to be showing off about yourself.

Create a [LinkedIn](#)

LinkedIn is basically a professional social networking site. A lot of people get contracted by recruiters or potential employers from their profiles. Once you have one be sure that you keep it up to date! You should update your LinkedIn every time you update your resume.

Network

Often it's not what you know but who you know that will get you an interview and later a job. Be intentional about keeping up with relationship that could help you in the future. Also, make sure your network is wide reaching and diverse. It might even be helpful to start a doc of all the industry people you know and where they work.

Pro-tip: The easiest way to expand your network is to leech off of someone else's. Ask questions like "Hey, do you know anyone who does [insert thing you are super interested in]".

Pro-tip: Join orgs that are do things you are interested in. For instance, if you are interested in game development suck up any shyness or inadequate feelings you may have and join EGADS.

Do Research on Companies

While some companies will be happy to explain what they do to you, if you are really interested in a company you should have a working knowledge of their recent projects and main products. This will really help guide the conversation with the recruiter/ engineer you are chatting with.

Go to the Career Fair

Seriously, just go. Go as a first semester freshman when you feel overwhelmed. Go in the Fall even if it feels too early. Go even if you're slightly sick (but not if you have the plague that will surely end all life on earth). Go even if you feel totally inadequate and worthless. You can't win if you don't play the game!

Check Out the Companies Tabling in Atrium

Those tables are a great way to informally talk to people from different companies and they often have food and swag!

Pro-tip: Always carry at least 5 up to date resumes in your backpack in case you need to hand them to a recruiter unexpectedly.

Go to Company Sponsored Events on Campus

The more chances you have to put yourself in contact with people from the industry the better. These events often have free food and interesting topics. Some of my favorite have been things like "What I Wish I'd Known" or anytime a company does a deep dive on one of their projects/ products.

Be Prompt with Responding to Emails

The sooner you respond to emails from recruiters etc. the less likely you are to forget about the email. I've often heard that you should respond to an email by 10pm on the same day that you received it. This is especially crucial during peak interview season when we're all sort of running around like our heads cut off.

Show Off How Awesome You Are

Remember, you got into one of the top CS programs in the world! You are amazing and you just need to figure out the best way to let other people know it.

Pro-Tip: It is not necessarily helpful to just blurt out "I'm awesome", even if it is true.

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