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Lesson 9

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Interview Project

❖ Interviewing Tips and Techniques

❖ Project Overview

❖ Role-playing

Zoomers with be Zooming

❖ For the next 6 months assume all/most interviews will be done over Skype/Zoom

❖ Even when COVID diminishes, this will be practiced more and more to reduce travel needs/cost; used often at first interview

❖ Video interview tips: Forbes - Video interview tips

https://youtu.be/aq9jZ0OsT-Q

Don't Do This in an Interview!

DON'T DO THIS	INSTEAD DO THIS
Ask, "what am I going to do in this job?"	Ask "can you describe what a typical day/week may look like in my role?"
Ask about pay, vacation, benefits	Wait until it comes up in the interview process. It will. Also you can research this.
Be a superhero – "I can do anything!"	Be honest and confident, but don't overdo it.
Speak negatively about former bosses or jobs.	Prepare answers about past experiences and aspects you did not like without throwing anyone under the bus.
Don't act desperate!	Show enthusiasm and passion for the role.
Don't state you are nervous.	All interviewees are nervous – preparation is the best approach!
Not know anything about their products or competitors!	Research and try things if you are not familiar.

But doing the opposite may work? Only in TV…

https://youtu.be/vWCGs27_xPl

But doing the opposite may work?
Or not...

https://youtu.be/0EjqOCpM7d8

Other Key Points

❖ Preparation, preparation, preparation
- ❖ Who is interviewing you? (ask the HR rep/check LinkedIn)
- ❖ What does the company do?
- ❖ Who are their competitors?
- ❖ Check Glassdoor.com

❖ Be prepared to discuss projects you worked on and describe them in detail

❖ Always have a few questions prepared

❖ Put your phone on silent mode, and remove other distractions

❖ Don't chew gum, etc.

❖ Avoid saying "like", "kind-of/sort-of"

❖ Thank the interviewer(s) in person and afterwards with a note!

Also – use your network!

https://youtu.be/rG6w0IAoT4U

Technical Interviews and/or tests

Many great sites to practice programming problems and technical questions:

- Leetcode
- Pramp
- InterviewCake
- Practice Coding Questions – The Complete Guide to Google Interview Preparation
- Problemset - Codeforces
- Programming Competition,Programming Contest,Online Computer Programming
- Topcoder
- HackerRank

The Start-up Interview

https://youtu.be/E3kP2A80KIw

Interview Project

- https://clemson.instructure.com/courses/105151/files/8089546?module_item_id=1768909

- **Next week:** Class will have no prepared lesson, but can be used for interview prep and questions