Type Faster

Fast typing "ups your game"

This may sound strange at first, but it's very helpful for both coding and interviewing to be able to type quickly. The faster you can type (within reason)...

- The faster you can write out the "skeleton" of your solution.

- The faster you can try out snippets of code to figure out how JavaScript behaves in some area.

- The faster you can implement the bodies of your stubbed-out functions.

- The faster you can assemble test data.

- The faster you can write your tests.

- The faster you can test your components and build upon them.

- The faster you can get to a working solution!

Although the length of the interview/admissions assessment slot is fixed -- the same for everyone -- you buy yourself more time by typing faster.

How your typing is perceived

Your typing speed is one of those things that subconsciously impacts how you are perceived. If you're a fast, accurate typist...

- You look like you think faster (although this is silly, yes, slow typists can think very fast).

- You look professional.

- You look like you get things done.

- The interviewer is less likely to become bored watching you slowly peck away assembling your thoughts.

  Naturally, this subtle perception isn't all that fair, but... as they say, neither is life.

Practice Makes Perfecter

- You probably will not have time to change your base typing speed much before your interview/admissions assessment.

- However you can be conscious that your typing speed does matter. Push yourself during practice to keep moving briskly.

- Aim for speed and precision in your typing, just like in your thinking and general execution.

- Try to avoid inadvertently sell yourself a little short by being lazy about the mechanics of your writing.