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sequenceDiagram
participant U as User
participant F as Frontend (Next.js)
participant A as Auth Service
participant B as Backend API (FastAPI)
participant W as Worker / Data Fetchers
participant C as Cache (Redis)
participant D as Database (Postgres)
participant AI as AI Service (LLM API)
U->>F: Login / Signup
F->>A: Authenticate user
A-->>F: Session/JWT
U->>F: Fill interview prep form
F->>B: POST /api/prep (form data)
B->>D: Create session (status=queued)
B-->>F: Return session_id (queued)
B->>W: Queue job for processing
W->>C: Check cache for company/interviewer data
alt Cache hit
    C-->>W: Return cached data
else Cache miss
    W->>External: Fetch company data (Clearbit, scraper, NewsAPI)
    W->>External: Fetch interviewer data (GitHub, LinkedIn if provided)
    W->>C: Store fetched data in cache
    W->>D: Store fetched data in DB
end
W->>AI: Send structured data & prompt
AI-->>W: Return prep plan
W->>D: Update session result_json, status=done
F->>B: GET /api/session/{id}
B->>D: Fetch session result
B-->>F: Return final prep plan
F-->>U: Display prep plan (company overview, topics, day-by-day plan)
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