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## **Interview Questions & Preparation Advice**

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Hello All,

By now, you should have all received your questions. If you didn't, send me an email from your primary address. Each question is based around a single theme, and includes multiple sub-questions which are intended to be asked in order.

I'm pretty good at this stuff but that doesn't mean I'm bug free. As an inducement to check carefully for each individual sub-question, I'll pay out 20 bucks for the first non-instructor to find a coding error I made that's meatier than a misspelling.

Here's a quick guide on how to prep your question

Step 1: Attempt it yourself. Don't look at the solution. If you're stuck or confused for 10 minutes on a single part, skip to step 2.

Step 2: Read the solution.

Step 3: Think about what the key piece of information was that you gained in Step 2 that you didn't have in your Step 1 mental toolbox If it's a concept (i.e. case statements), read up on that concept. Do this until your mental toolkit matches mine.

Step 4: Think about how you would judge someone else's solution.

Step 5: Think about how someone else might get stuck, and how you could give him or her hints.

If people think it would be useful (and since this is a bit late), we can add some time for each group to discuss their question amongst themselves.

Best. Robert