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Just as every tech student I aim for the top tech companies. However, I do understand the realities and how difficult it is to get a job right after graduating college. Moreover, I do have a strategy of getting a software engineer position. For me there are five main things I'd like to consider while applying for a job: salary, benefits, prestige, learning and team fit. Also for the next few years I'm planning on staying in NYC, so I'd really like the company to be located in New York. The company I've chosen to research about is Grailed. Here is a little about the company itself, Grailed is a marketplace for new and used clothing that you can't find anywhere else, it ensures that all items are authentic and original. It allows you to sell your authentic clothes if they're approved by Grailed. Overall, it is a company full of people who are passionate about fashion and committed to improving the community marketplace. Luckily, I had a chance to visit this place and talk to tech people there and that's how I fell in love with their idea and community. The fact that they need software engineers there makes me even more happy. That's how I can combine my two passions: extraordinary fashion and technology.

Another very catch thing about this company is the salary you propose to tech workers, which is around \$134K for a junior software engineer position. Many top tech companies don't even pay that much of money. Benefits are also pretty impressive, you can take vacation any time you want and for how long you want. The idea they follow is to create a perfect working environment where everybody will enjoy their jobs, so they allow their workers to take their time off if they need it, a month or two it doesn't matter. They also give very nice health benefits

and pay for your ride to the job and back home. For me this company would be considered as very prestige, just in few years they've created a whole new community which is getting popular all over the world. As learning benefits, I believe I can learn a lot from working there and being around passionate people. That way I believe I'd be a perfect fit to the team.

I've researched all the requirements they are looking for in the right candidate and here's how would I prepare for each of them. Part 1 would be a great resume. That's the first thing they will see about me and that my main shot to get a job there. They do look for more than just an academic background, so here are some things which will really help me to stand out: 1. Relevant experience. Luckily, I do have some kind of experience in both tech and fashion fields. 2. A portfolio of polished projects. That's something I gotta be working on this current year. I'd need to provide links to deployed, live versions of my projects. In this case I'm planning on working on my hobby project. Which will be an app built from scratch all by myself. It is very important to provide a working project, something that can prove myself as a programmer besides tech interview. 3. Clearly communicate my learning and accomplishments. Here I'd highlight all the technical challenges I've overcome. I'd break it up with short synopsis and then give a list of some specific points of what part of the project interested me the most. 4. Extra Curricular activity. Google loves extraordinary and interesting people. Also, I'll include all the side-projects, open source, hack-a-thons, coursework and certifications outside of core study participation in meet-up groups or other relevant organizations, recent blog posts. Anything that shows an effort to continue immersing myself and building up my skills. As per coding challenge interview, I'd have to improve REACT native, and that's exactly what I'm working in right now. Also making sure that my data structure and algorithm exercise don't give me any trouble. All I gotta do is

working hard on my programing skills and being confident in my work. So I guess this is it, this is my plan on getting a Software engineer position at Grailed.