Background

Name: Syed Furqan Shah. (note I used Furqan but my first name is Syed)

Current Address— (MEMORIZE THIS)

City: Plano

State: Texas

Zipcode: 75094

I used to live in New York State. Specifically on the east coast, in Long Island. It was a mix of cold and warm. I moved to Texas which is in another state about 29 hours drive south. I moved because housing is better. Weather is better and family wanted to.( im giving you a bit of background so you can fit into character)

Previous JOBS NOTE: You do NOT have to mention any of my jobs in your Interview. You need to just memorize that you worked for them at one point. If they do a back ground check none of these jobs will come up since jobs are NOT recorded anywhere but in case they find out, you need know them. If they hypothetically ask how you worked at my job and the web developer job, you can say that you worked day job with below companies like loopsupport, Edmentum etc and at night you worked as a Developer. If they ask, why you worked a second less difficult job compared to developer, say that you needed something easy to relax your mind and had bills to pay.

Loop Support- 2021-2022—Email support- 20-30 hours per week- Remote job in Texas. Basically answered technical questions about why customer didn’t receive Food items, expired products, shipping etc all through email from work from home.

Edmentum—2016-2017-Customer support full time 40 hours position- Job was in Dallas, Texas --software company that provided resources for easier learning for middle school, High school, college students such as subject reviews, practice questions, learning games. I answered customer questions about products and technical issues by phone and chat.

New York community bank- 2011-2013- Lockbox processor-25 hours part time-Job was in New York, Long Island--basically in a secured facility I sat on desk and used the number pad and put in check information into our system from all our banks in NY and balanced it.

School:

-Bachelors-Stony brook Uni- New York- Long island – Major in math.

-Masters- I am currently doing it online- Management- only like 1 hour a week- (no need to mention it)

-Medical school-2018-2022-Online I am currently doing medical school. If they do a background check simply say you dropped out after trying it. You can also say you worked part time during this period. (But you don’t have to mention this. Just know this stuff so your not caught off guard.)

NOTE: You do not need to memorize my masters, medical school or exact names of things, just need to be aware that they exist incase so you are not caught off guard.

Questions Company may ask—Note they love asking questions where you have to answer a question and also provide a specific scenario from previous jobs where your answer was described. Make sure you come up with fake or real scenarios.

For example: Tell me a time when you dealt with a furious customer and how did you respond?—

Answer: So while working for “this company” a client of ours was furious that a request he made was not completed that was not in the contract. Since I was the team lead, I calmly stated that it was not in the contract but we will go ahead and complete this task for you since making sure he was satisfied was our priority. The clients mood got better and was happy at the end of the meeting. (again this is just an example of an answer + a scenario)

VERY IMPORTANT

-If the client asks/says something about travelling while working maybe once or twice.

Ans: I am unable to travel for work and need to stay at home because my dad has a health condition and I need to be around him constantly. ( they will not ask what condition, but if they ask more just say It is private information)

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-If they say it will only be a day of travel to go to a conference or some important meeting, you can hire someone to take care of your dad.

Ans: Unfortunately In the past I have left someone to take care of my dad and my dad had to be taken to the hospital. Unfortunately Im very strict on not-traveling as there is no one to take care of him (if the interviewer is persistent be nice and repeat your answer but then add “it is non-negotiable”

Tell us about yourself?

Ans: here you basically mention the last most recent job you have had as a developer. Give a general summary of the tasks you had to do. The number of years you have worked there and that you liked the team atmosphere. Then you mention the job previous to that and mention how many years you worked there and your tasks in general. So it should sound like this

“So a little bit about me. Ive been working at “company name” for about “8 years” now. I started off as a developer and slowly worked my way to become a senior developer. My tasks were “to coordinate with the team, check errors , etc”(you can mention your own tasks)

Before this job, I worked for “ company name” for about “3 years”. My position was that of a developer. My day to day work was essentially “ developing content for the project, working as a team lead in a few roles etc” (you can mention your own tasks) and that is basically a summary.”

Why are you leaving your current position?

So I have had a great time working in my current position. I have learned a lot and had exposure to a lot of different technical scenarios. My team has been great. I just feel that It is time for me to find something that challenges me and pays for my skills.

What is your expected salary?

So looking at the market a similar position with 6-8 years of experience and as a senior lead, I expect around 140,000 to 160,000. (its best to give a range instead of a number but up to you)

You can also similarly ask them a counter question, “I would like to learn more about the position and duties and what the teams like before discussing money. But may I ask what salary range your company is considering for this position?”

NOTE: they will negotiate with you on the amount. If you haven’t thought of an amount you need to look at what the range the current job pays as a senior role.

How would the developers/project managers you’ve worked with describe you?

I would say that my team would describe me as someone dedicated. I do go out of my way to solve technical issues. Like for example we had client that had made a last minute request for a change on the project we were working on. I made sure that I took responsibility and made it happen. (basically any time the interviewer asks you a question about a skill, or how you deal with stress or how does your team describe you, you should first answer the question but right after also give a real or fake example about a situation that describes your answer. They Love these types of questions)

If they ask, what do you do if you don’t know an answer to a technical issue?

You can simply say you look it up if you can or ask the team(the company team). Note: Do NOT mention anything about your friends who are developers or anyone in paki)

### What would you say are your best soft skills?

### Basically you want to say, something like “ I work great in a team or individual setting. I communicate when it is needed for clarification. I am positive and try to work out any issues methodically. (they are basically asking you your interpersonal skills so just make up something)

Things to make sure you don’t do.

You can mention the job you worked for but do NOT mention any of your clients. Simply refer them as “one client” or “a client”. For example, if they ask you to tell you about your job history you can mention, you worked for Digital web services, but do not mention that your client was bill gates or amazon or something like that. It is considered private information.

-If they ask you a question, that is personal about me and you do not know it, answer in general.

Like if they ask you something random like how is weather and you do not know the weather (its usually hot) but lets say you don’t know, you say something like “I think the weather is ok, I stay indoors mostly so I don’t get affected much”.

-If they ask you about personal information over the phone, and you don’t know it say “I prefer to email it, Ill go ahead and email it to you right after our call”

- You do NOT need to provide your parents name or their information like they do in Pakistan. You do NOT provide family history at all.

-The company will also not directly ask you to give date of birth or social security number over the phone or zoom call.   
-They will also not ask you for your exact address in the US. They may simply just ask where you are located and the weather where you live and you can say Dallas Texas.

-Do NOT mention your religion since it is illegal for the interviewer to ask. No need to mention anything.

-They will NOT ask for your martial status.

-Besides phone number and Salary they will NOT ask for any other numbers such as social security, CNIC, or anything like that, so you do not have to worry.

For Any sensitive information they usually send you to a secure internet browser when you have been hired.

-They generally do NOT ask your personal interests like listening to music. So you do NOT need to bring it up yourself. However it is possible for them to ask what you do outside of work or how you destress and that is when you can answer. You can also say that most of your time is taken up taking care of your dad if you get stuck.

At the end they ask if you want to ask any questions for them?

Ans: either think of questions your self or ask some of the ones below. The only one that is extremely important is the first few highlighted that you must ask if you haven’t gotten an answer earlier.

Is there any traveling required for this role?

Are there any events that you must physically go to while being a part of this role? If they answer yes, then ask, is it mandatory to attend?(if they ask you if its is a problem to travel, tell them that I am unable to travel due to fathers health)

-What opportunities for professional development does your company offer?

-What is the teams largest challenges?

-How does the team prioritize and plan projects?

-How are design decisions made on your team?