

Key Ingredients for the Job Interviews (Virtual or Face-2-Face)



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Agenda

Preparation

Looking Great

Resume-Review

Confidence

Note-taking

Asking Back

Questions

Preparation

- Do as much “reconnaissance” on the opportunity
- Talk to people in the company / know ppl in company
- Test all of your equipment/lighting (virtual) many times
- Prepare yourself on the technical and non-technical req. (do your homework)
- Perform your risk assessment and give it a grade

Looking Great

- Always look good!
- It does not matter what the requirements are, “dress the best for success!” (virtual and face to face)
- Practice makes perfect

Resume-Review

- Tailor your resume to what you've accomplished
- Honesty is the best policy
- Resume gets you in the door, interview(s) are where they get to know you
- Think and do something different

Confidence

- With preparation comes making sure you understand the role and responsibilities and also educate yourself “above and beyond” what the job details
- Prepare your questions to ask different people
- Think outside the box when answering questions

Note-Taking

- Bring a notebook or extra paper regarding questions that you want to ask each individual
- Take notes (as needed) for items that you want the interviewer(s) to follow-up on etc.
- Take notes so you remember the gist of the opportunity
- This is a CYA opportunity ;)

Asking-Back!

- Don't just answer questions
- This is your opportunity to ask questions (from preparation) to see if this is right for you
- Get to know the “real company?”
 - Is this too good to be true?
 - How long has the security team been in place?
 - Why did the security team all leave?

Try-Again

- If things don't work, don't despair try again!
- More lessons learned
- More interviews = more experience / confidence
- “At first you don't succeed, try again . . . “

Putting it all Together



PREPARATION



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TRY-AGAIN



QUESTIONS

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