

Interview tip: Discuss your capstone project and portfolio

Throughout this certificate program, you've gained knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in a role as a cloud data professional. You've completed several labs and activities that provide concrete examples of your skills to showcase. In this reading, you'll get a refresher on general interviewing tips, specific guidelines on how to discuss the skills you've acquired throughout the certificate program, and how to communicate your expertise as a cloud data professional.

General interview tips

As you've learned, there are some general tips you can keep in mind during your interviews:

- **Connect to the job description:** Search for keywords in the job description and consider how your skills and responsibilities align. Prepare to highlight specific labs, activities, and skills that demonstrate what employers have included in the job description.
- **Focus on measurable outcomes:** Don't forget to include measurable outcomes in your interview. When you talk about achievements, these data points illustrate the impact you made.
- **Look back at past work experiences:** Review your work history and build connections between your past experiences and the expectations of the role you're interviewing for.
- **Come ready with questions:** Next, come to the interview with your own questions to show you care about understanding the company and the position you're applying for.

Discuss your data skills

It's important to be able to discuss your skills, labs, and activities effectively with interviewers and apply them to the job you're interviewing for. When discussing your accomplishments, consider the following:

- **Develop an elevator pitch:** An elevator pitch is a short statement describing an idea or concept. This can give interviewers a quick, high-level overview of your work so they have the context necessary to understand your discussion. You can prepare your elevator pitch beforehand and practice it!
- **Remember your audience:** Consider all of the people you are communicating with and understand how they might be interested in your skills and the work you've completed in this certificate.
- **Focus on process:** Potential employers and recruiters want to get to know your thought process and your approach to problem-solving. Don't just describe the results,

tell them what you did to get there. Discussing the labs and activities in this program is where you can point to the skills and knowledge you used to complete it.

Practice interview skills

As a reminder, being enrolled in this certificate program also gives you access to [Interview Warmup](#), a tool that helps you practice answering questions to become more confident and comfortable throughout the interview process.

Key takeaways

The certificate labs and activities are a great way to showcase the skills you've gained throughout this certificate program. As an aspiring cloud data professional, you're now ready to begin your job search. Be sure to share these effectively during your interview as a key part of communicating your skills.