

MEMO

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Mock Interview reflection

The moments before I would be interviewed was nerve racking. As I watched my peers being interviewed, I wondered to myself how I would respond to the same questions. It was obvious to me who was familiar with the interview process, they are the ones who shows the most confidence. However, those who have little to no interview experience often stutter and pause awkwardly. I'm also aware when the interviewer changes their tone, it also happens to be a fear of mine. The interviewer becomes more aggressive and often follows up with a question that will have you thinking, "How am I supposed to answer that?" There will always be questions that will catch you off guard, the key to overcoming that is to not let it rattle you but instead answer truthfully. It will be best to prepare yourself by practicing with another person, for example, allowing yourself to be interviewed. However, in my opinion there are things that one can't be prepared for.

The best moment of the interviewing process was being the interviewer. As a team, we would ask different questions and see how everyone would react to certain questions. The part that interested me the most was when a particular question struck a nerve and the reaction that followed. It was obvious that people who had prior experience to being interviewed were able to answer effectively. It also seemed that they were more confident which makes me, the interviewer, favor him/her more. The most asked question during our whole interview process was "What can you do for us that other candidates can't? Everyone seems to like asking this question and all of us have very similar answers even though we're all in different majors. We would tell the interviewer our strengths and how it can be adapted to fit around the company's goals. Everyone seemed to be able to learn from this process, regardless of having prior experience.