

6 TIPS TO SUCCEED IN A VIRTUAL JOB INTERVIEW



If you are currently job hunting, it is likely you will be asked to participate in a virtual interview. In a remote-hiring trend triggered by the pandemic, where early and mid-career engineers are competing for fewer jobs, virtual job interviews are becoming more and more common. Even though a virtual interview isn't the same as in-person interaction, a similar amount of preparation is needed.

This infographic highlights six best practices that can help you succeed in a virtual interview.

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PREPARE

Before the interview, find a quiet, private, well-lit place, free from possible interruptions. Check that the background behind you is neutral and free from clutter. Print a copy of your resume and have any other notes ready for you to reference.



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TEST TECHNOLOGY

A web camera, headphone, microphone, and video software on your computer as well as a reliable internet connection are essential for a remote interview. At least a day before your virtual interview, test all of your technology to ensure it works.



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REHEARSE

Record a mock interview and review it. Recording a mock interview using the selected video platform will not only help you test the technology, but also the lighting and environment of the location. Remember, eye contact is very important during video calls.



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DRESS PROFESSIONALLY

Always dress the same as you would for an in-person interview. Doing so not only makes you appear professional, but it will also show the interviewer that you are serious. Instead of bright colors and patterns chose softer colors for your outfit.



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SLOW DOWN

Avoid speaking rapidly in a virtual interview. Because we don't see the full range of expressions and body language, slowing down your delivery of speech will make it easier for your interviewer to follow the conversation. Again, maintain good eye contact.



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FOLLOW UP

After your interview, don't forget to send a thank you note to the interviewer. Keep it short and ask about next steps. It will show the hiring manager that you are interested and motivated, as well as keep your name at the top of their mind.

