

PRIME Big Tech Interview Prep Guide

Hey I'm Ella! I help people break into tech - follow me ([insta here!](#)) for more internship sauce :D

5-part formula to make tech interviews feel so much easier
(Especially SWE internships roles)

PATTERNS

Most coding interviews are pattern-matching and come from the same set of ideas. Master these patterns first:

Start Here:

-  [Blind 75 – NeetCode Version](#)
-  [Grind 75 – With study plans](#)
-  [LeetCode Top Interview 150](#)
-  [NeetCode 150 and 250](#)

 Topics to master:

- Arrays & Hashing
- Sliding Window
- Two Pointers
- Trees / DFS / BFS
- Binary Search
- Dynamic Programming
- Graphs

RESOURCES

Don't guess. These are the best prep tools used by candidates who've passed FAANG interviews:

-  [Tech Interview Handbook](#) (coding + behavioral + resume advice)
-  [Coding Interview University \(GitHub\)](#) – full CS study plan
-  [System Design Primer \(GitHub\)](#) – for full-time roles
-  Cracking the Coding Interview (Book)

Practice Platforms:

-  [LeetCode](#)
-  [HackerRank](#)
-  [GeeksforGeeks](#)

INTERVIEW THREADS

See *exact* questions from real interviews. Use these to reverse-engineer what to expect by company.

-  [Glassdoor](#) – search: “Google Software Engineer Intern Interview”
-  [Reddit r/cscareerquestions](#) – search: “How I passed Meta interview”
-  [Reddit r/leetcode](#)
-  [Team Blind](#) – tons of interview threads (requires free signup)

Bonus:

-  [How to Use Glassdoor for Questions \(Reddit guide\)](#)

MOCK INTERVIEWS

You *need* to say your answers out loud. Join communities that offer mocks or study partners:

-  [CScareers.dev Discord](#)
-  [NeetCode Discord](#)
-  [Product Haven \(Product roles\)](#)
-  [Pramp](#) – live 1:1 mock interviews
-  [Exponent Mock Interviews](#)

EXPERIENCE MATCHING (Behavioral)

Behavioral questions are just disguised job responsibilities. Here's how to prep them fast:

Tools:

-  [30 Most Common Behavioral Questions \(Tech Interview Handbook\)](#)
-  [Video I made explaining](#)
-  [STAR Format](#)
-  [CARL Format \(what I use\)](#)
-  Use ChatGPT or Claude to extract skills from job descriptions for your “Skill Map”

BONUS: Landing the Interview in the First Place

Before any of this matters, you need to actually get the interview. I compiled a list of the best live-updated job boards for 2027 internships across tech, finance, product, and more. Check them daily during recruiting season and apply the same day roles go up:

-  [Job boards 2027](#)

Feel free to make a copy of this and add your own resources! Good luck :)