



Virtual Interview Guide

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BEFORE THE VIRTUAL INTERVIEW

- Test your internet connection, camera, microphone, and audio settings well in advance.
- Choose a quiet, well-lit room with a clean and professional background.
- Position your camera at eye level for natural conversation.
- Install or update required meeting platforms (Zoom, Teams, Google Meet, etc.).
- Keep your resume, notes, portfolio, and job description easily accessible.
- Do a trial call to check lighting, noise, and framing.
- Disable notifications on your laptop and phone before the interview starts.

SETTING UP YOUR ENVIRONMENT

- Sit facing a light source (window or lamp) to avoid shadows.
- Ensure the background is simple, neutral, and distraction-free.
- Use headphones if needed to maintain audio clarity.
- Close unnecessary tabs, apps, and software to prevent lag.
- Keep pets, family members, or interruptions out of the room during the interview.

DAY OF THE INTERVIEW

- Join the meeting 3-5 minutes early.
- Keep a glass of water nearby and your notepad ready.
- Dress professionally from head to toe.
- Mute yourself when not speaking if external noise is possible.
- Sit upright and stay engaged throughout the conversation.

DURING THE INTERVIEW

- Look directly into the camera when speaking—it simulates eye contact.
- Speak slowly, clearly, and with confidence.

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- Smile naturally and maintain a friendly, positive tone.
- Avoid touching your face, fidgeting, or looking away frequently.
- Use hand gestures minimally to avoid distraction.
- Be prepared to repeat yourself in case of audio glitches.
- If the call drops or freezes, reconnect calmly and acknowledge it briefly.

VIRTUAL BODY LANGUAGE TIPS

- Keep your shoulders relaxed and maintain an open posture.
- · Nod gently to show understanding.
- Lean slightly forward when listening to show interest.
- Avoid sitting too close or too far from the camera (frame chest-up).

HOW TO HANDLE TECH ISSUES

- If audio/video fails, politely mention the issue and suggest turning off video.
- Have a backup device ready (phone or second laptop).
- Keep the meeting link open on another browser.
- If disconnected, rejoin immediately or email the interviewer within 2 minutes.

AFTER THE INTERVIEW

- Send a thank-you email highlighting your interest and mentioning a key discussion point.
- Share any requested documents or portfolio links promptly.
- Reflect on your performance and note improvements for next time.

QUESTIONS TO ASK IN A VIRTUAL INTERVIEW

- What tools or platforms does your team use for collaboration?
- How does the team stay connected in a virtual or hybrid setup?
- What onboarding process can I expect remotely?
- How often does the team meet virtually?

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• What are the next steps in the hiring process?

THANK YOU EMAIL EXAMPLE

Dear [Interviewer Name],

Thank you for the virtual interview today regarding the [Position Name]. I enjoyed learning more about the team and your remote work culture.

I appreciate the clarity you shared about the role and responsibilities. I'm confident that my experience in [mentioning relevant skills] will add value to your team.

Thank you again for the opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

[Your Name]