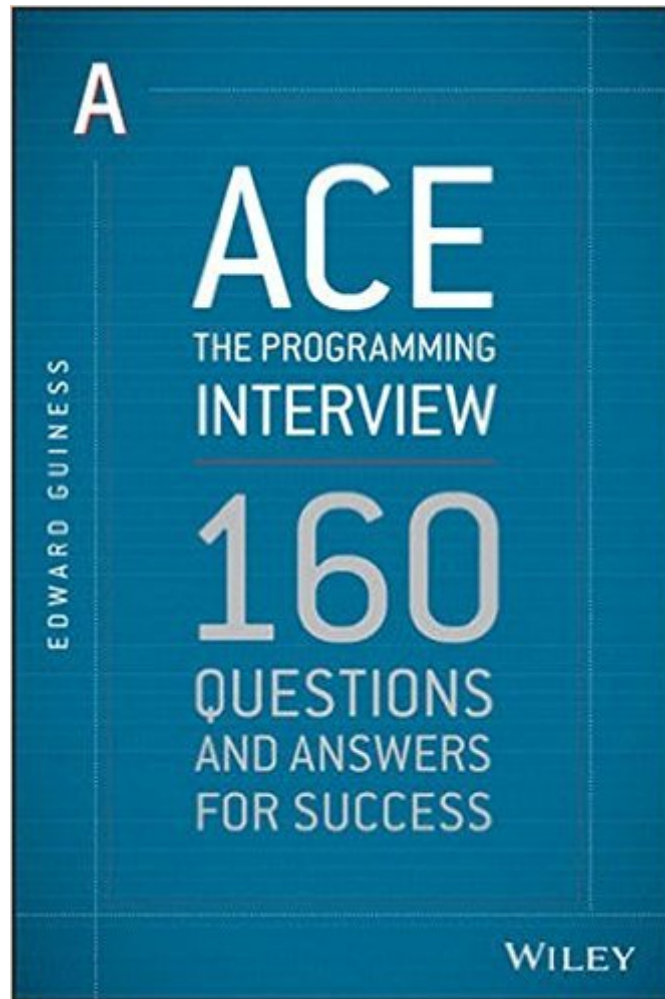


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# Ace The Programming Interview: 160 Questions And Answers For Success



## Synopsis

Be prepared to answer the most relevant interview questions and land the job. Programmers are in demand, but to land the job, you must demonstrate knowledge of those things expected by today's employers. This guide sets you up for success. Not only does it provide 160 of the most commonly asked interview questions and model answers, but it also offers insight into the context and motivation of hiring managers in today's marketplace. Written by a veteran hiring manager, this book is a comprehensive guide for experienced and first-time programmers alike. Provides insight into what drives the recruitment process and how hiring managers think. Covers both practical knowledge and recommendations for handling the interview process. Features 160 actual interview questions, including some related to code samples that are available for download on a companion website. Includes information on landing an interview, preparing a cheat-sheet for a phone interview, how to demonstrate your programming wisdom, and more. Ace the Programming Interview, like the earlier Wiley bestseller *Programming Interviews Exposed*, helps you approach the job interview with the confidence that comes from being prepared.

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----- AUDIENCE -----I acquired this book for two reasons. First, I was "putting my feelers out" in the job market and facing the possibility of being technically evaluated at a day's notice, and frankly it's been a while since college! Second, as I find myself in an interviewer's role occasionally, I was starting to wonder whether my process and questions were fair to today's job seekers. I was

therefore looking at this book from those two perspectives, although most people probably fall into the first group: being an interviewee.----- FOR THE INTERVIEWEE -----The author doesn't make the explicit distinction, but to me, advice in this book falls into one of three categories: (1) non-technical interview advice, (2) technical section and (3) general and trick questions.(1) A sizable portion of this book is dedicated to interview etiquette and other non-technical things, which I think will be especially helpful for inexperienced or not-so-socially-versed people. The author strikes a familiar tone here, being a programmer and (as he freely admits) introvert himself. Some of the advice is just common sense, but it's nice to see it all written out, because don't we all forget things or have little quirks. Knowing what to expect and how to behave shows confidence and that can be half the rent. One particular thing that stuck out is how current the material is. E.g. I just got my invite to the new Stackexchange Careers a couple weeks ago, and sure enough the author mentions it.(2) The purely technical part of the book is probably the weakest. And it's got to be: it treats a lot of subjects, sometimes in multiple languages, and we all know just how large the algorithm books even from the 70s are!

I'm honestly torn here. I want to like "Ace the Programming Interview" because I think it fills an important niche that "Crack the Coding Interview" doesn't quite hit, in terms of managing the parts of the interview other than nitty-gritty code creation and language details. But I was also hoping to use it for a quick brush-up on concepts and idioms I'm familiar with but rusty on, and unfortunately that's where it falls quite flat. There are a number of errors in the technical content. Some figures are just wrong, like 5-3, 5-4 (arguably), 5-5, and just about everything in the big-O notation section (if you already know what the figures are trying to convey, you can sort out what they \*should\* look like fairly easily; but as they are, someone who isn't 100% familiar with the content will be led pretty far astray). There's a code snippet that's supposed to show how to sort some data based on one attribute and then on a second, but the data used in the illustration is already uniquely ordered after the first sort, so there's no indication that the snippet actually works as written (yes, you could test it on your own dataset, but you shouldn't have to). That's just off the top of my head. There are some bits of advice that might be good in some contexts but would be liabilities in others, but the author doesn't seem to realize that.

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