

Checklist for preparing for a UX Interview

Step 1

Optimize your LinkedIn profile to be discoverable

- Craft an impactful headline that summarizes your experience and strengths
- Showcase achievements in your profile description and experience bullet points by indicating impact rather than a process
- Optimize your profile for LinkedIn SEO by including semantically relevant keywords, services you provide, and recommendations from connections and former colleagues
- Include a professionally looking profile picture, location, and contact information

Step 2

Prepare your resume for hiring managers

- Lead with a power summary that concisely summarizes your skills and achievements
- Pare down your resume to one page and focus on results over responsibilities
- Highlight soft skills like communication, collaboration, and problem-solving to demonstrate culture fit

Step 3

Button up your portfolio

- Select your top 3-4 projects and craft compelling case studies that quantify your impact and learning for each
- Adjust your case studies strategically to highlight your strengths for each role you're applying for
- Summarize the key challenge and your solutions/results upfront in each case study
- Demonstrate thought leadership by explaining your rationale and measuring success
- Bring projects to life by describing setbacks overcome or lessons learned
- Link to interactive prototypes and designs to bring your portfolio to life
- Ensure your web portfolio is all buttoned up

Step 3

Prepare for the conversation

- Craft a compelling yet concise pitch summarizing your most relevant experience and strengths
- Practice answering behavioral questions using the STAR method and Amazon's Leadership Principles as a framework
- Conduct mock interviews with an AI interviewer like ChatGPT to polish your stories and design delivery
- Anticipate common interview questions and practice answering them with a friend or colleague
- Highlight soft skills like communication, collaboration, and problem solving to demonstrate culture fit