

# Interview Preparation Guide

Sharpen Your Skills Before the Big Day



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for Junior iOS Developers

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## What Is Preparation?

Preparation is not about learning brand-new concepts. It is about practising what you already know so you can discuss and showcase it clearly, confidently, and quickly.

Good preparation ensures that key information is already loaded into your mind and easily accessible at the exact moment it's needed. When this happens, you appear fast, alert, and knowledgeable — not because you suddenly became better overnight, but because your brain is already warmed up.

To present ourselves at our best, we should:

- Prepare and practise what will be discussed **before** the interview
- Load key talking points into our mind **on the morning of the interview**

Preparation is about readiness, not cramming.



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## Before the Interview

### Reduce Nerves - Be Well Practiced

Everyone gets nervous before an interview.

Usually nerves are greatly enhanced when thoughts are disorganised, spontaneous and not well-thought-out.

What adds pressure is when your brain freezes and you can't verbalise the experience you genuinely have.

Another common frustration is leaving the interview remembering important points you *wish* you had mentioned. That's a lost opportunity.

Become calm and well practiced. Study and rehearse each topic days or weeks before the interview takes place.



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## Study Topics

You want to appear confident, responsive, and full of insight. Even if you've been writing code for ten years, it is still hugely beneficial to rehearse the topics most likely to come up.

Write down everything you may be asked to discuss. For example:

- Why do I want to work for this company?
- What is my experience in iOS?
- Why am I changing jobs?
- Architecture fundamentals
  - MVC, MVVM, MVP
  - Design patterns
  - Layered architecture
- Responsibilities in previous roles
- KISS vs over-engineering
- Test-Driven Development (TDD)
- How I helped my current company (examples)
- Side projects and how I stay up-to-date



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## Review Swift Code

Review plenty of Swift code and practise explaining common language features out loud. Writing code is not the same as talking about it.

Interviews require precise terminology and have little tolerance for technically incorrect explanations. You are expected to be accurate in how you describe the language, not just how you write it.

Use an Xcode playground for this. Read code, pause, and practise explaining what's happening — clearly and correctly.

## What Will Be Discussed in an Interview?

Almost every interview will cover some variation of the following:

- Your CV and iOS experience
- Reason for changing jobs and what you're looking for in a new role
- Why you want to work for this company
- The project they are hiring for
- How you would grow in the role
- The classic “What is MVC?” conversation



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## Discussions on Swift Code and Architecture

Be prepared to discuss:

- MVC, MVVM, MVP
- Design patterns
- Layered architecture
- Responsibilities and separation of concerns
- KISS vs over-engineering
- TDD
- Contributions to current and past companies
- Side projects
- How you stay up-to-date with new technology and AI



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## MVC, MVVM, MVP

It is extremely common for interviews to include a discussion about MVC architecture.

Ensure you understand **why** architecture exists — primarily to separate the UI from the underlying system. MVC, MVVM, and MVP represent the basic principle of separation of concerns.

If you use SwiftUI, be ready to discuss how MVVM fits into your experience. If you haven't built a small SwiftUI + MVVM project yet, it's worth doing one purely for practice.

Remember: these patterns only define the *structure*. The real architecture lives inside the underlying system — where each team builds something unique. That's why every codebase feels different.



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## Rehearsed Answers

Practice really does make perfect.

There's nothing worse than a blank stare when you ask a candidate, "So, why do you want to work for us?"

Rehearse answers to likely questions such as:

- Why do you want to work for this company specifically?
- What are you looking for in your next role?
- Where do you see your career in five years?
- What are your strongest areas in iOS?
- What are your weaker areas in iOS?
- What is your overall iOS experience?
- Have you downloaded our app? What did you think?



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## Have You Downloaded Our App?

Not downloading a company's app before the interview signals a lack of interest.

→ **Always download the app.**

Once downloaded, review the company's app carefully. Make notes on bugs, UI glitches, awkward animations, or areas for improvement.

This exercise isn't about criticising the team. It's about understanding the quality of the work, the challenges they face, and how you could contribute. Keep the notes for your own insight — don't present them but do discuss the app's behaviour and "quirks" only people who use it would know.

## Interview Outfit – A Hoodie With My Vape?

The tech industry is known for its relaxed dress code, and hoodies are common. But appearances still matter.

Turning up in a hoodie while repeatedly putting something in your mouth doesn't convey focus or professionalism. Interviewers are looking for someone alert, engaged, and eager to contribute.

A simple interview outfit — shirt, no tie — shows effort and respect.



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## Day of the Interview

### Getting in the Right Mood

Just as athletes warm up before competition, developers should warm up mentally before interviews.

Reading relevant material shortly before the interview primes your mind, activates key mental pathways, and places you firmly in the subject area you're about to discuss.

Read our Xcode playground full of code. Review MVC architecture explanations. Re-read your rehearsed answers for *why you want to work for this company*.

Arrive mentally loaded, primed, and ready.

→ [Click here](#) to download an Xcode playground full of sample code to read on the morning of your interview

Good luck, and all the best with your interview.



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