DoorDash Android Technical Phone Screen

Interview Preparation

INTERVIEW FORMAT

The screen will be 60-minutes and generally structured as follows:
• Introductions between you and your interviewer (5 min)
• Working session of live coding to process data and render UI (45 min)
• Q&A and opportunity for you to ask your interviewer about DoorDash (10 min)

YOU WILL NEED:

• A computer with internet access.
• The latest production version of Android Studio.
• A Zoom link (provided by DoorDash) for the coding portion of the interview.
  • Note that you will be sharing your screen.
• Familiarity with the skeleton project.
  • During the interview, you will be asked to work on the project your recruiter will share with you two days prior to your interview.

MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE ASSESSMENT INCLUDE:

• General code quality and problem-solving ability.
• Clear communication and explanation of your work.
• Architectural consistency, conciseness, and cleanliness of the code.
• Testability of the code you will produce (be ready to add Unit Tests for your code).

HOW TO PREPARE:

• Read through the README.md provided with the skeleton project.
  • This will be provided by your recruiter two days before the interview.
• Ensure you feel comfortable with the generic implementation presented in the skeleton project.
• If you are not familiar with any of the pieces presented in a skeleton project, use the time before the interview to prepare.
Interviewing can be a stressful process. Here are some tips that candidates have found helpful! Keep them in mind during the interview to ensure you are showing your best work.

**CODING TIPS:**

- Feel free to modify the skeleton project as you see fit, but maintain a well-architected, clean, and working solution. You will have about 45 minutes to complete the task.
- Think about and discuss design tradeoffs & good abstractions with your interviewer.
- Write simple code, with correct syntax in Kotlin.
- Find and fix your bugs using the IDE and documentation lookup; we ask that you do not copy & paste code or use third-party sites or libraries for this portion of the interview.

**COMMUNICATIONS TIPS:**

- Ask clarifying questions, and be wary of making premature assumptions. Before starting your implementation, be clear on the requirements.
- Describe your high-level approach first before implementing it. The interviewer wants to understand your thought process and how you go about solving a problem. By thinking out loud, you'll share your approach and they'll be able to steer you in the right direction if needed.
- Ask relevant and appropriate questions about DoorDash to show your interest. This is your chance to interview us as well to make sure that DoorDash is the right fit for you.
- Listen to the feedback from your interviewer as they are there to help guide you.
- If asked about an interesting project, make sure to choose a project that you enjoy and understand rather than just picking your most current project. Show a deep understanding of the things you’ve worked on and give detailed information about your contribution to the project.