



# Techie's Guide to Getting Hired

## Checklists from all 5 Sessions

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# Personal Branding Checklist

Be aware of how you portray yourself to employers through these:

- Email
- Phone
- Social Presence
- Resume
- Virtual Meetings
- In-person Meetings

Ways you present yourself professionally directly to employers:

- 30-second Elevator Pitch
- Grooming, Attire, and Hygiene
- Attitude and Mindset

# Professional Etiquette Checklist

- Competence/Knowledge
- Reliability
- Honest/Respectful
- Ability to take initiative
- Positive mindset
- Supportive team player
- Focused/Diligent

- Strong listening skills
- Confident
- Self-aware
- Strategic
- Ability to think holistically
- Passionate
- Uses body language properly

# Manage Your Job Pursuit Checklist



Define your career plan

Prepare your application documents in advance

Organize your job search

- Track your applications
- File your custom resumes

Surf job sites for more than open positions

Be mindful that potential job leads can be anywhere

Look and act professional – always

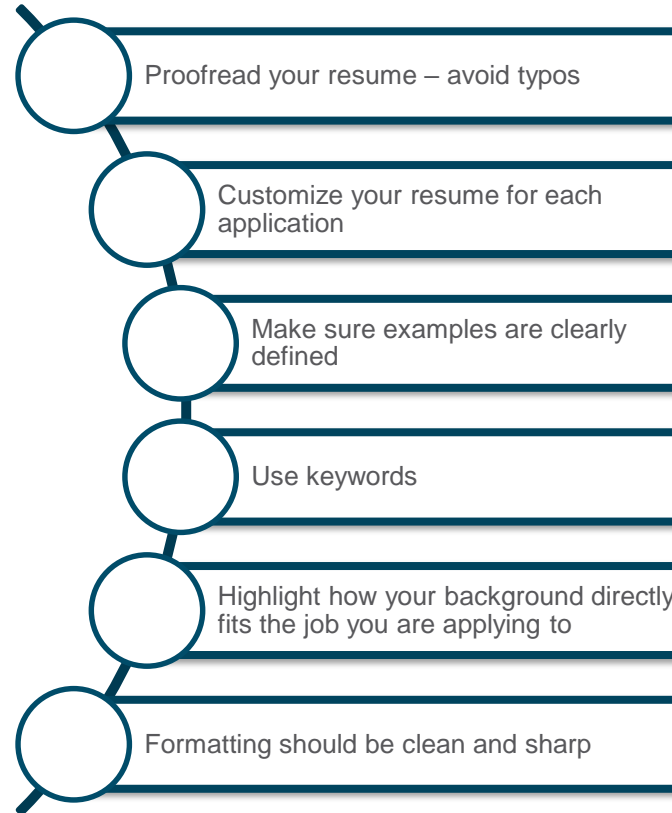
Do your homework

Customize your applications

Demonstrate you want the job

# Build Your Tech Resume Checklist

You have only **10 seconds** to **IMPRESS** using your resume



# How to Impress During Your Interviews Checklist

## Before the Interview:

- Be prepared
- Have a plan – know how you will achieve your goals
- Have your elevator pitch ready
- Prepare a story or two that showcase your experiences and achievements
- Know your resume and be able to speak about items listed
- Be comfortable explaining your troubleshooting process – problem solving
- Know why you want to work for the company

## During the Interview:

- Be confident—not arrogant, and believe in yourself
- Be authentic and honest
- Know when to talk and when to stop talking
- Be presentable
- Ask questions to every person who interviews you
- Follow up after the interview with a Thank You message

