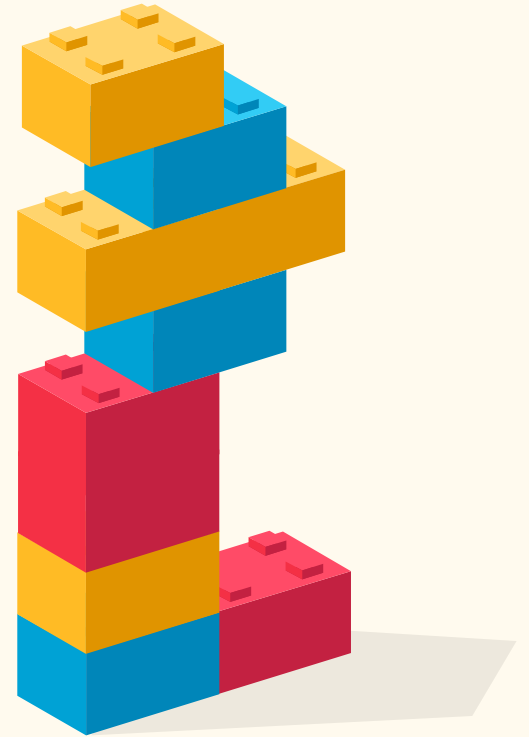


# ELEVATE YOUR INTERVIEW GAME

SASE X NSBE  
Gayatri and Shaina

Sign In



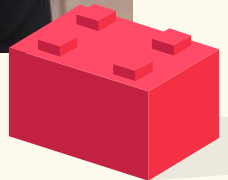
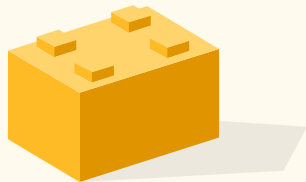
# HOST: SHAINA DESROCHES

**Major:** Digital Art and Sciences Engineering  
(Computer Science w/ an emphasis on  
Human Centered computation)

**Experience:** UFIT Intern and FCI UX Intern

**Current Involvement:** Gator User Design Founder  
and EX-VP and NSBE Academic Excellence Chair

**Favorite Food:** Pad Thai



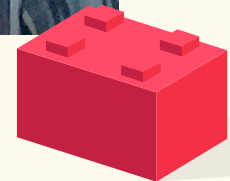
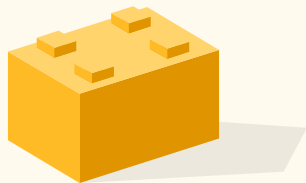
# HOST: GAYA BASKARAN

**Major:** Computer Engineering + Math minor

**Experience:** Previous Citibank SWE Intern

**Current Involvement:** SASE Advancement Chair, Girls  
who Code Web Dev Team

**Favorite Food:** Crab

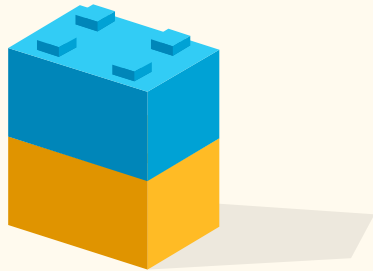


# GROUP CHALLENGE



## GROUPS

Create groups of 4-5 with the people around you



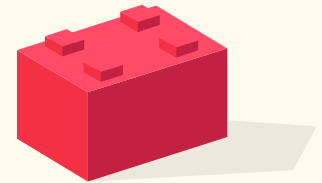
## INSTRUCTIONS

There will be several opportunities to earn points by asking/answering questions and during a team activity



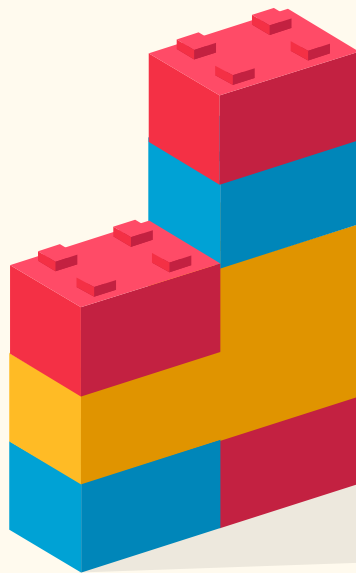
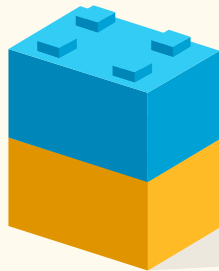
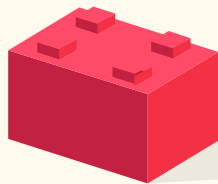
## WINNERS

The group that gets the most points wins a special prize 🏆



**01**

# **ACE THE INTERVIEW**



# STAR METHOD

**01**

## SITUATION

Describe the specific situation or problem you faced.

**03**

## ACTION

Detail the actions you took to address the situation or complete the task.

**02**

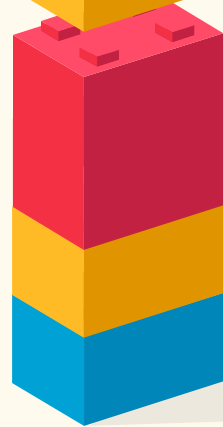
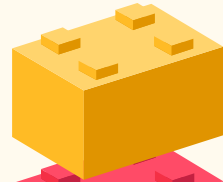
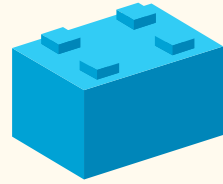
## TASK

Explain the task or objective you needed to accomplish.

**04**

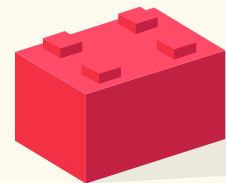
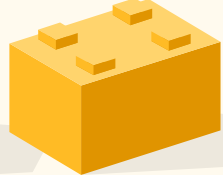
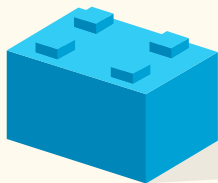
## RESULT

Share the outcome of your actions, including any lessons learned/achievements.



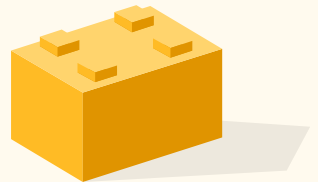
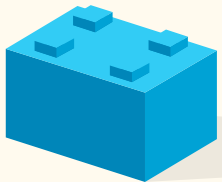
# STAR EXAMPLE

- *Tell me about a time you learned a new skill, and how you applied it.*
- **Situation ( S )** : During my past internship, **I had to learn how to use the VueJS framework.**
- **Task ( T )** : I **needed to implement** a dropdown component on a web application that connected an object's properties to the dropdown's list.
- **Actions ( A )** : Because I was entirely unfamiliar with VueJS, I began my progress by **watching VueJS tutorials** on Youtube and **looked over similar examples** of VueJS being used in the repository. If I had any questions after doing my own research about implementation and specific naming conventions for the company's code, I would **compile a list of questions** I had to ask my mentor during our 1:1 meeting.
- **Results ( R )** : After following VueJS tutorial to become familiar with the framework and asking my mentor some clarifying questions, I was **able to fully implement** a working dropdown component and **merged it into master** before the Sprint ended.



# GENERAL INTERVIEW TIPS

- Understand the company's mission, values, products, and recent developments.
- KNOW YOUR RESUME!!
- Dress professionally, considering the company culture and industry.
- Be attentive and listen actively. (Avoid “um” or “like”)
- Prepare thoughtful questions about the company, role, or team.
- Follow up with a thank-you email.

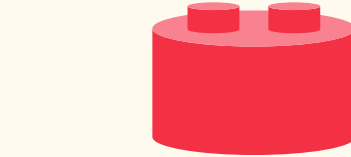




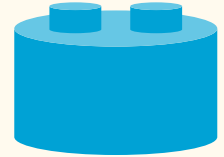
# PHONE VS VIRTUAL VS IN-PERSON INTERVIEWS



- Find a quiet, comfortable space.
- Speak clearly and concisely.
- Take brief pauses before answering.
- Write down any important info



- Test internet connection.
- Choose a quiet, well-lit location.
- Dress professionally, maintain good posture.
- Maintain eye contact with the camera and SMILE.



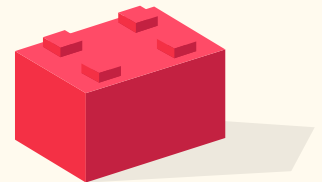
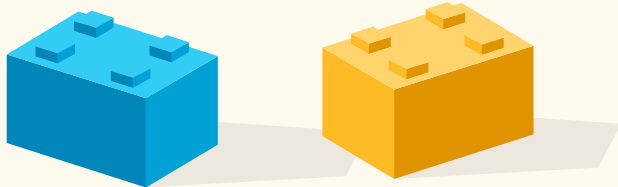
- Arrive slightly early.
- Demonstrate good body language.
- Bring resume/portfolio
- Put devices on silent



# COMMON INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

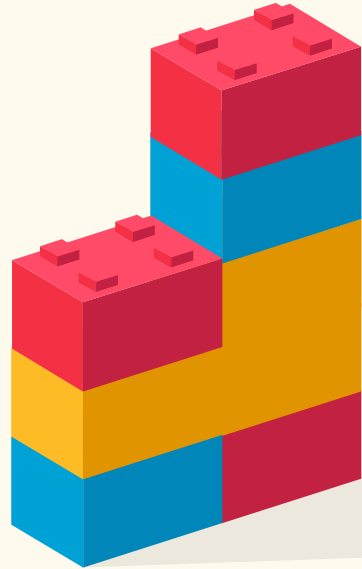
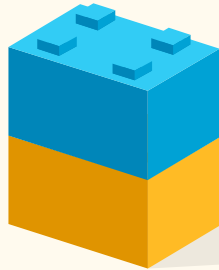
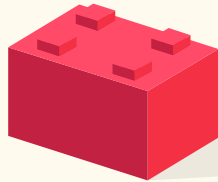
**If your group member answers a question well, then your team wins a point!**

- Can you tell me about a strength and a weakness you possess?
- Please share a brief introduction about yourself.
- **Why are you interested in this position/this job?**
- Why should we hire you for this role?
- **Can you provide an example of how you have resolved conflicts with others or handled team projects?**
- How do you approach problem-solving and meeting deadlines while managing stress?
- How do you keep yourself organized in your work?
- **What questions do you have for us?**



**02**

# **RESEARCHING COMPANIES**

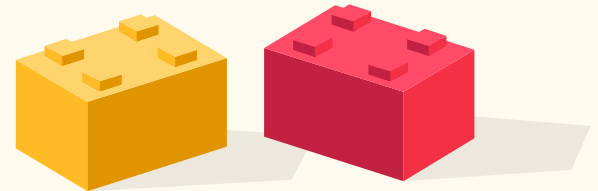
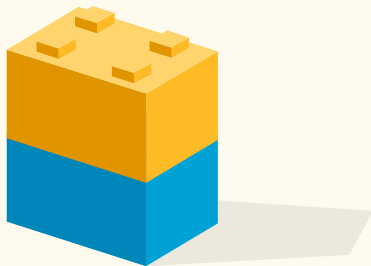


# CREATE YOUR OWN CHEAT SHEET

- General stats= company size + business value + news
- Mission statement
- Company Initiatives outside of work
  - Community work, ERGs, Enrichment + training
- Company Culture + Leadership
- Niche details

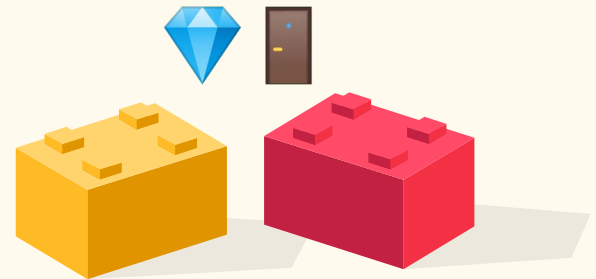
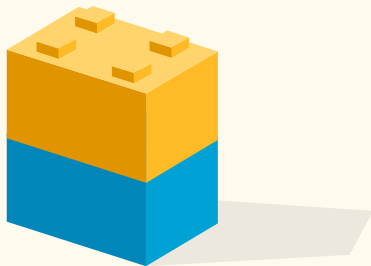


**CHEAT SHEET  
TEMPLATE**



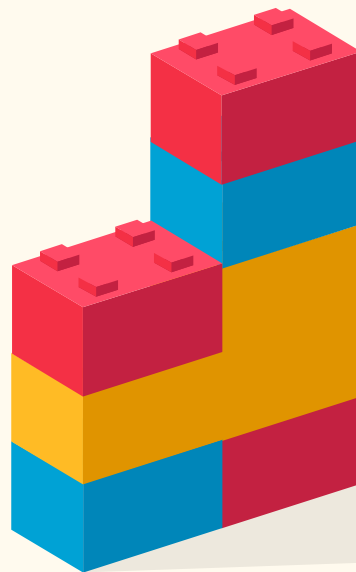
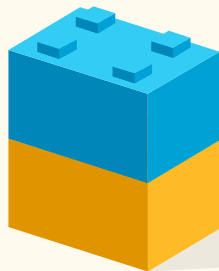
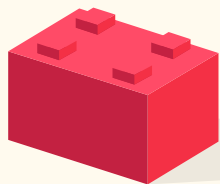
# COMPANY CROSSWORD

- Each group will get a crossword that's specific to a company that is attending either the Career Showcase or the DMU (and are actively hiring!)
- Search up the company to find the answers
  - Ex. LinkedIn pages, internship listings, company websites
- Be Speedy!
  - The fastest group will get the most points



**03**

**INTERN  
PANEL**



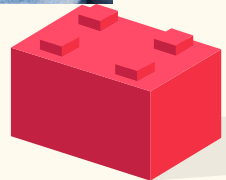
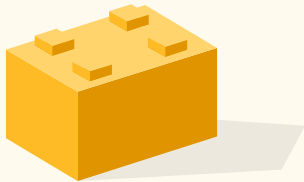
# PANELIST: BENJAMIN SMITH

**Major:** Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

**Professional Experience:** Delta Air Lines Co-Op Liaison Engineer (3 rotations), Edwards Lifesciences Manufacturing Engineering Intern

**Current Involvement:** NSBE, Florida Rocket Lab, Swamp Launch

**Favorite Food:** Raising Cane's been hitting recently, dessert-wise I like anything peanut butter and chocolate



# PANELIST: NABIL KONEY-LARYEA

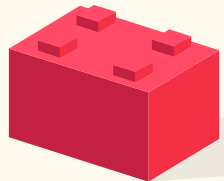
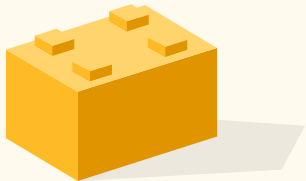
**Major:** Computer Science

**Professional Experience:** Microsoft Explore Intern, Microsoft SWE Intern, Cornell Research Intern, 5 semesters

Undergraduate Research at UF, 1 semester TA Experience

**Current Involvement:** Chapter Development Chair for UF NSBE

**Favorite Food:** Sushi





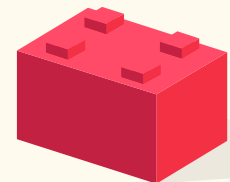
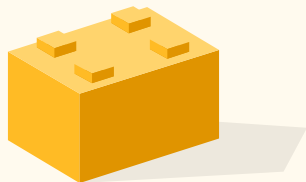
# PANELIST: BRIAN CHEN

**Major:** Biosystem Engineering

**Professional Experience:** P&G Manufacturing intern and full time Process Engineer

**Current Involvement:** SASE, IPPD with Arthrex, IFAS Extensions Labs

**Favorite Food:** Ramen, I can cook it from scratch too!



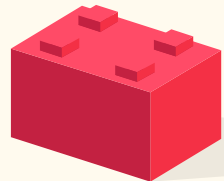
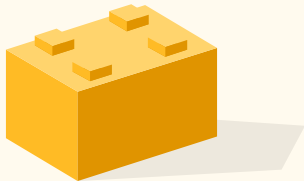
# PANELIST: KAYLEEN DIAZ

**Major:** Mechanical Engineering + Biomechanics Minor

**Professional Experience:** Kimley-Horn Roadway  
Engineering Intern

**Current Involvement:** SASE - Networking Chair, Dream  
Team Engineering - Infantile IV Design Team & Director of  
Recruitment

**Favorite Food:** Baked ziti, or any pasta in general :D



# PANELISTS QUESTIONS

Feel free to ask your own question or scan the qr code to get sample questions!



If your group member asks a question, then your team wins a point!

**01**

**02**

**03**

**04**

**BEN**

Edwards Lifesciences  
Manufacturing  
Engineering Intern

**NABIL**

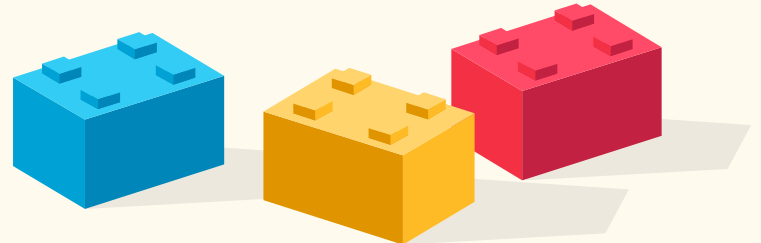
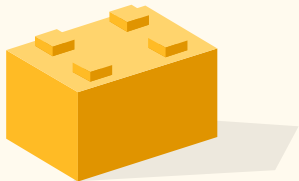
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**BRIAN**

P&G Manufacturing  
intern

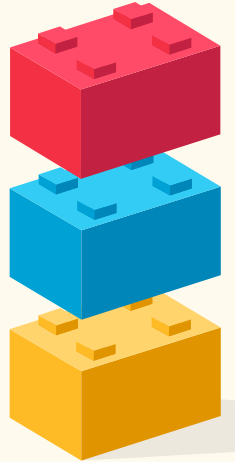
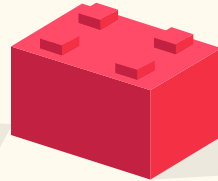
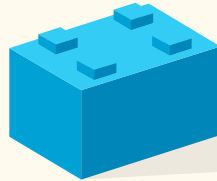
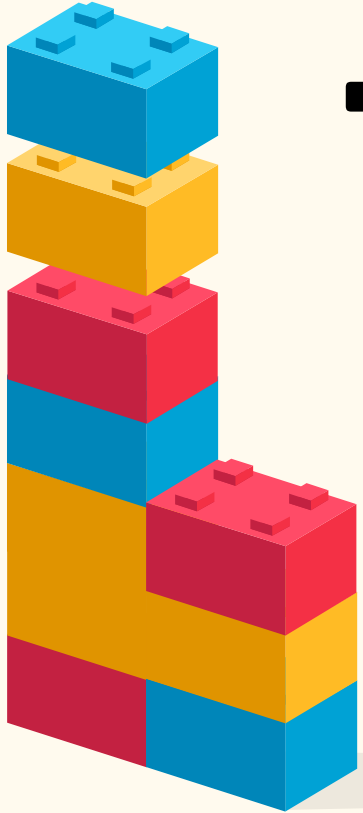
**KAYLEEN**

Kimley-Horn  
Roadway Engineering  
Intern



**THE WINNER IS**

**XXXXX**



# PLEASE SIGN IN!



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- Enter Code: ksk1
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**NON-TECHNICAL DAY**

9AM - 3PM  
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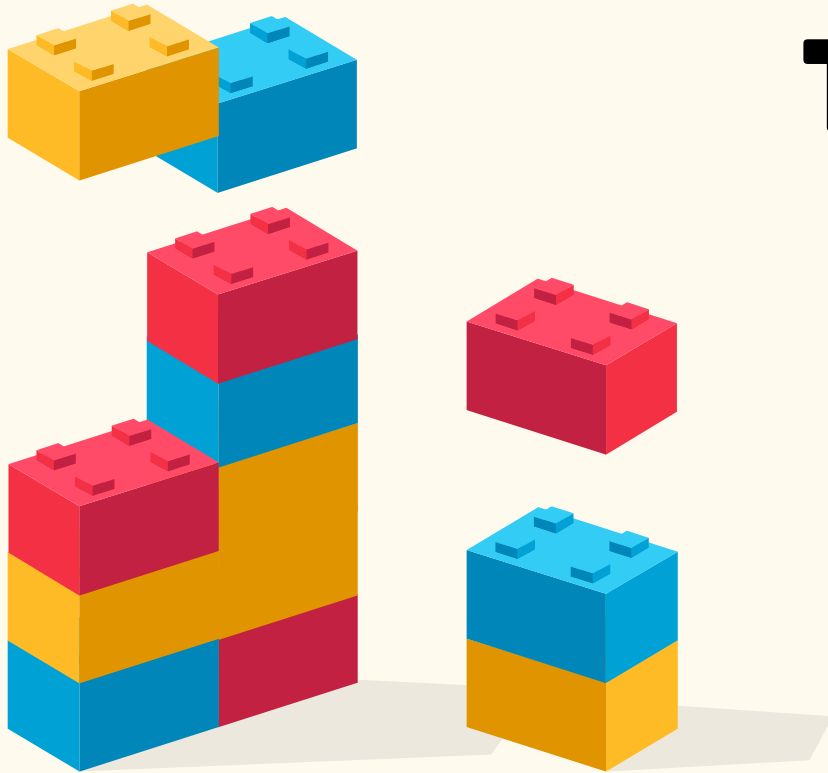
**DIVERSITY MEET-UP**

5PM - 7PM  
REITZ UNION GRAND BALLROOM

## EMPLOYER HOSTED EVENTS

Employers are hosting various events virtually and in person on campus throughout the next few weeks. These events allow you to learn about employment opportunities and connect with employers. View your Gator CareerLink account for a listing of events.





# THANK YOU!

Does anyone have any questions?

Check out the Career Connection Center for mock interview help, resume reviews and more!

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