How to Prepare for Virtual Interviews

A virtual interview allows employers and candidates to “meet” and interact using video and web-conferencing services. Whether you’re participating in an in-person or virtual interview your goal is the same — to make a lasting impression that could earn you the job.

1. You can conduct virtual interview on a laptop with a webcam, a traditional computer with a webcam or a tablet.
2. Even though the interview is being conducted by webcam, this is a “real” live interview, and you should be as prepared as if you were sitting across the desk from the interviewer.
3. Clarify with the interviewer who will initiate the virtual interview and double-check the username. Also be sure to account for any time zone differences.
4. Be mindful of where you set up for your virtual interview. Ensure the area is free of visual distractions (clutter). Make the background interesting, but not distracting.
5. Test your internet connection and the quality of your microphone and webcam well in advance of the interview. You may also have to download the software if it is the first time you are using the application. Check the lighting and your volume.
6. One of the best things you can do to prepare for a live virtual interview is practice. You can make an appointment with a career counselor to conduct a virtual mock interview.

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