



# Get The Job

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# Tell me about yourself

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## What does the recruiter want?

- ❖ DOESN'T want your life story
- ❖ DOESN'T want you to recite your resumé / CV

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## What does the recruiter want?

- ❖ You to “pitch” yourself and show why you’re the right person for the job
- ❖ This question sets the tone for the rest of the interview



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## **Structure your answer: Present-Past-Future**

- ❖ Start with your current situation
- ❖ Transition to the past, your previous experience, and how it helped you
- ❖ The future, and why you're excited about the opportunities this job offers



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## Structure your answer: Present

- ❖ “**Right now, I’m a** *(job title)* **at** *(company name)*, **where I** *(activity connected to the new opportunity)*.”
- ❖ EXAMPLE: “Right now, I’m a project manager at Schneider, where I coordinate teams spread across different sites in France.”



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## Structure your answer: Present

- ❖ If you're unemployed: former job title or specialization, as you define yourself professionally
- ❖ EXAMPLE: "I'm a project manager who works with international teams to make sure the project runs smoothly across the different countries."

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## Structure your answer: Present

- ❖ Can include a few details about special accomplishments or successes in your current job or in previous jobs
- ❖ **“I led the XXX project, which is...”**
- ❖ **“I increased...”**
- ❖ **“I created / implemented...”**



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## Structure your answer: Past

- ❖ **“Before that,...”**
- ❖ EXAMPLE: “Before that, I worked as a senior software developer in the same company, where I got experience managing a small team.”





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## Structure your answer: Past

- ❖ **“In my career, I’ve...”**
- ❖ EXAMPLE: “In my career, I’ve worked as a software developer and team manager for 2 different companies. This gave me the opportunity to work on different types of projects and to experience different approaches to project management.”



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## Structure your answer: Future

- ❖ **“What I’m looking for now is...”**
- ❖ EXAMPLE: “What I’m looking for now is a company like HP where I can join a strong team and use my leadership skills to increase the performance of that team.”



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## Structure your answer: Future

- ❖ **“Now, I’d love to...”**
- ❖ EXAMPLE: “Now, I’d love to bring my skills to a company like HP that runs international projects and where I can have a positive impact on how the entire project management process.”



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## **Structure your answer:**

### **Present-Past-Future**

- ❖ Key points of your present situation
- ❖ Relevant past experience
- ❖ What you're looking for is clear

Carefully choose the information you to correspond to the description of the job you want!



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## Example answer:

**“Right now, I’m** a project manager at Schneider, where I coordinate teams spread across different sites in France. Last year, for example, I led the E2E project, which was one of the the biggest projects we’ve worked on to date.

**Before that,** I worked as a senior software developer in the same company, where I got experience managing small teams.

**And now,** I’d love to bring my skills to a company like HP that runs international projects and where I can have a positive impact on how the entire project management process.”

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## Example answer:

**“I’m a** project manager who works with international teams to make sure the project runs smoothly across the different countries.

**In my career, I’ve** worked as a software developer and team manager for 2 different companies. This gave me the opportunity to work on different types of projects and to experience different approaches to project management.

**Now, I’d love to** bring my skills to a company like HP that runs international projects and where I can have a positive impact on how the entire project management process.”



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