

Senior Developer Interview Mistake Checklist

Use during practice sessions to avoid experience-based blind spots

Common Senior Developer Interview Mistakes

- Did I ask clarifying questions about scale, even if it seems "obvious"?
- Did I start with requirements before jumping to technologies?
- Did I explain my reasoning out loud instead of relying on intuition?
- Did I use general terminology instead of company-specific jargon?
- Did I discuss trade-offs explicitly for each major decision?
- Did I start top-down (components) before going bottom-up (implementation)?
- Did I validate assumptions instead of stating them as facts?
- Did I pause to check alignment with interviewer periodically?
- Did I acknowledge uncertainty where appropriate?
- Did I consider operational and team constraints?

Review this checklist after each practice session. Focus on one category per week.