6 Helpful Tips for the HackerRank Assessment

Getting ready to take the HackerRank assessment? You might find these tips useful.

If you are currently taking a Data Structures & Algorithms course, consider waiting until you have covered the following topics:

- For-loops and Conditionals
- Linked Lists
- HashMaps
- Strings
- Arrays
- Binary Trees
- Stacks and Queues

It’s best practice to take HackerRank assessments --and all interview screening test-- on your computer.

- Avoid taking the assessment on your phone or iPad.

You can only take the HackerRank one time.

- Students are NOT allowed to retake the assessment.

You will have **100 minutes to complete** the assessment; ensure to set aside the full amount of time. It may take at least 60 minutes to complete.

- Do not underestimate the time it will take to complete the HackerRank. It’s better to over-budget time than under-budget and rush.

Check out our sample HackerRank assessment, which has one multiple choice question and one (1) coding question so you can get familiar with the coding platform.

- For more sample questions, HackerRank also has its own sample questions to give you a more comprehensive idea of what to expect.

Try these problems before you take the calibration test. The questions are similar to the ones on the HackerRank.

- Array: The Best Time to Buy and Sell Stocks
- Stacks: Valid Parenthesis
- Strings: Valid Palindrome

Remember, you don’t need to score a 100% to get admitted into the course. We’re looking for students with some prior content knowledge, but we’re not looking for you to be an expert -- that’s what you’ll learn in the course!

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