# **Proofpoint Interview Questions And Answers Guide.**



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# **Proofpoint Job Interview Preparation Guide.**

#### Question #1

Why did you leave your last job Regarding Proofpoint?

#### Answer:-

Regardless of why you left your last job make sure to stay positive. Always smile and focus on the positive reason such you were seeking the opportunity to expand your career opportunities, your interest in working with a new firm that provided greater opportunity, you desired to work in a new location, etc. Don't reference previous job problems or differences with management that caused you to leave. If you stay positive, your answer may help you. If you're negative, you will likely decrease your chances of getting the job for which you're interviewing.

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#### Question # 2

What is your personal mission statement?

#### Answer:-

Is it to conquer the world? Is it to become a CEO? Is it to give back to the community? Is it to inspire others? Define your statement by stating a clear vision of how you want to make an impact on the world with your work.

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#### Question # 3

Your coworker highlights your mistakes in front of everyone, how do you handle the situation?

#### Answer:-

Admit to the mistake without being emotional, but then discuss how you are being proactive in getting it fixed. Lastly, pull the co-worker aside later on to tell them that you'd appreciate it if they gave you the feedback 1:1 first before throwing you under the bus. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 4

Did you consider yourself a team player?

#### Answer:-

Of course you're a team player - who isn't. But a simple yes probably isn't the response the interviewer is looking for. Be ready to provide specific example of how you've worked as part of a cohesive team to get things accomplished and how you've focus on team performance rather than individual performance. Make sure not to brag as this will make it appear as that you're more concerned about your own performance and accomplishments than those of the team.

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#### Question # 5

What five words would be describe you as Proofpoint?

#### Answer:-

The hiring manager requests this of you because she wants to know more about your individual personality. This list can reveal a lot to her about who you are and how you might fit into the workplace. Your answer also gives the manager an indication of your self-perception, which is a good indicator of the type of employee you will be.

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#### Question # 6

What is more important to you money or success?

#### Answer:-

First ask yourself that question before the interview - what are your priorities? Are money and success actual one in the same goal for you? If not, what's more important based on how do you define success?

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#### Question # 7

Give me a specific example of a time when you had to conform to a policy with which you did not agree?

#### Answer:-

You want to first understand why the policy was put into effect. From there, if you truly disagree with it, explain your position to your management. If they don't change it, then you must accept their decision and continue to work or the alternative decision would be to find a new job.

### Question # 8

Explain me about a problem or disagreement you had with previous supervisor?

#### Answer:-

This question is trap. It is meant to see whether or not you'll speak poorly of an employer. No one wants to hire someone who's going to speak poorly of them down the road. Stay upbeat and positive - and most of all don't say anything negative about a previous employer.

#### Question # 9

What have you done to improve yourself in the last year Regarding Proofpoint?

#### Answer:-

Discuss how you've improved yourself through work experiences, books you've read, classes, club(s) / extracurricular activities and describe the process on how it's happened. For example: I've improved my presentation skills tremendously because I've had to do 2 presentations this year for my communications class.

#### Question # 10

Why do you want this job Regarding Proofpoint?

#### Answer:-

This question typically follows on from the previous one. Here is where your research will come in handy. You may want to say that you want to work for a company that is Global Guideline, (market leader, innovator, provides a vital service, whatever it may be). Put some thought into this beforehand, be specific, and link the company's values and mission statement to your own goals and career plans.

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#### Question # 11

What has disappointed you about a previous job?

#### Answer:-

Again, this question could get you in trouble so tread carefully. Some good answers might be that your previous job didn't provide any room for growth, that you were laid off due to a mandatory reduction in staff, that they closed their office in your state and required you to relocate, etc. Make sure not to mention anything negative about the people you worked with, the company in general or the job itself.

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#### Question # 12

How long do you want to work for us if we hire you?

#### Answer:-

Here being specific is probably not the best approach. You may consider responding, "I hope a very long time." Or "As long as we're both happy with my performance."

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#### Question # 13

What role are you ready to take in a group?

#### Answer:-

Ideally, you want to take on the role you're interviewing for, but you want to be flexible with your responsibilities Regarding Proofpoint if there are any changes. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 14

Are you good at working in a team Regarding Proofpoint?

#### Answer:-

- Before you answer, consider how you best contribute to a team:
- \* Do you get along easily with people?
- \* Are you an effective collaborator?
- \* Can you communicate with people from various backgrounds and with different personalities?
- \* Can you motivate people?
- \* Do you know how to push back tactfully?
- \* Can you mediate conflicts?
- \* Can you deal with difficult personalities?

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#### Question #15



Tell me about a time when you successfully handled a situation?

#### Answer:

For this question, the interviewer wants to know what you do in a situation that doesn't have a clear answer. This will help the interviewer know how you respond to unforeseen challenges.

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#### Question # 16

What is the most irritating thing you've experienced about your co-workers?

#### Answer:-

This question is designed to find out if you get along well on team, with other and whether or not you'll be a fit with the interviewer's organization. It's a trap. Think real hard but fail to come up anything that irritated you about your co-workers. A short positive response is best. Read More Answers.

Question # 17 What would you do if you won the lottery?

#### Answer:-

The interviewer is asking this question to find out what your true passion is. Ideally it aligns to the type of work you're interviewing for. If not, tie it back in terms of how it relates to the job, for example, "I believe I'll learn the necessary skills in this job to pursue my passion later on in life." Read More Answers

#### Question # 18

You have a project due in one hour but a more important emergency that affects business needs to be fixed immediately, what do you do?

#### Answer:-

Focus on the issue that impacts the business most first.

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#### Question # 19

What do you consider ethical spending on an expense account?

#### Answer:-

It depends on the role - but the better way to answer this is to ask the interviewer what their expectations are with regards to what the role can expense and then simply state that you'll stay within those parameters

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Question # 20

What do you think about Teamwork?

#### Answer:-

I enjoy teamwork and am used to shift work. I think I would adapt well to the role. I am looking for new challenges Regarding Proofpoint and I know I would learn a lot as cabin crew, not just about people and places, but skills like first aid too, how can I help others with in my limits. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 21

Why were you fired?

#### Answer:-

OK, if you get the admittedly much tougher follow-up question as to why you were let go (and the truth isn't exactly pretty), your best bet is to be honest (the job-seeking world is small, after all). But it doesn't have to be a deal-breaker. Share how you've grown and how you approach your job and life now as a result. If you can position the learning experience as an advantage for this next job, even better.

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#### Question # 22

What does your professional network look like?

#### Answer:-

If you have a professional network, discuss it detail (# of contacts, people you know, their positions and what you've learned from them or how you've worked with them). If you don't have one, discuss how you would develop one (career fairs, networking events for that industry, through your existing friends, etc) Read More Answers

#### Question # 23

How meticulous are you with details?

#### Answer:-

Being detailed is important for many types of job roles. Typically you want to highlight how you've done that in previous roles. Example: "Being meticulous is important to me. In my last job, I had to count the money in the register as a cashier to make sure it matched to the receipts down to the last penny." This was to ensure there wasn't any "wrongdoing" at the company by any of the cashiers and I was always accurate in my reports.

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#### Question # 24

Why should I hire you Regarding Proofpoint?

#### Answer:-

To close the deal on a job offer, you MUST be prepared with a concise summary of the top reasons to choose you. Even if your interviewer doesn't ask one of these question in so many words, you should have an answer prepared and be looking for ways to communicate your top reasons throughout the interview process.

#### Question # 25

What are your thoughts on failure?

#### Answer:-

Failure happens. It's a part of life. The key is understanding that you can't be perfect at everything and more importantly you're going to learn from failures to come out stronger.

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#### Question # 26

How articulate are you in expressing your ideas?

#### Answer:-

One of the best ways to answer this question is clearly articulate three points that demonstrate how articulate you are (and in a sense show that in a live setting) - for example: "I would say I'm articulate because one, I typically gather my thoughts before speaking, two, I organize my thoughts well, and three I'm concise when making a point.

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#### Question # 27

What do you consider to be your weaknesses?

#### Answer:-

What your interviewer is really trying to do with this question-beyond identifying any major red flags-is to gauge your self-awareness and honesty. So, "I can't meet a deadline to save my life Regarding Proofpoint" is not an option-but neither is "Nothing! I'm perfect!" Strike a balance by thinking of something that you struggle with but that you're working to improve. For example, maybe you've never been strong at public speaking, but you've recently volunteered to run meetings to help you be more comfortable when addressing a crowd.

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#### Question # 28

What's been your biggest failure to date?

#### Answer:-

Describe your biggest failure and discuss what you've learned from it and ideally how you've been successful since because of that lesson. Read More Answers.

### Question # 29

Why do you feel you will excel at rhis job?

#### Answer:-

This question presents an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your education, qualifications and personal traits. You might say something like "I studied property management as well as behavior during my college years and I have two years' experience in real estate.

I can gauge the homes or apartments in which clients will be interested based solely upon the needs of their families. Finally, my organizational skills will allow me to schedule appointments or showings confidently and arrive for them punctually." This shows your interviewer that you have all of the skills necessary to become successful not only for yourself, but also for your employer.

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#### Question # 30

What do you like to do outside of work?

#### Answer:-

Interviewers ask personal questions in an interview to "see if candidates will fit in with the culture [and] give them the opportunity to open up and display their personality, too,". In other words, if someone asks about your hobbies outside of work, it's totally OK to open up and share what really makes you tick. (Do keep it semi-professional, though: Saying you like to have a few beers at the local hot spot on Saturday night is fine. Telling them that Monday is usually a rough day for you because you're always hungover is not.)

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#### Question # 31

What is the most important lesson / skill you've learned from school?

#### Answer:-

Think of lessons learned in extra curricular activities, in clubs, in classes that had a profound impact on your personal development. For example, I had to lead a team of 5 people on a school project and learned to get people with drastically different personalities to work together as a team to achieve our objective.

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#### Question # 32



#### How do you feel about giving back to the community?

#### Answer:-

Describe your charitable activities to showcase that community work is important to you. If you haven't done one yet, go to www.globalguideline.com - charitable work is a great way to learn about other people and it's an important part of society - GET INVOLVED! Read More Answers.

#### Question # 33

Why should we give you this job Regarding Proofpoint when someone else is equally qualified?

#### Answer:-

Describe how you're unique, but make sure you tie it to the job responsibilities and how you would impact the company. For example, "I believe my unique programming skills and experience in developing over 18 best selling iphone apps will help the company develop high quality applications faster than my competitors"

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#### Question # 34

How important is a positive attitude to you?

#### Answer:-

Incredibly important. I believe a positive attitude is the foundation of being successful - it's contagious in the workplace, with our customers, and ultimately it's the difference maker.

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#### Question # 35

What are your lifelong dreams?

#### Answer:-

If your dreams don't relate to the job closely, make sure you highlight aspects of the job that will help develop the skills that will help you with your dreams. Ideally, you want your dreams to relate strongly to the career path you're interviewing for though. <u>Read More Answers.</u>

### Question # 36

What was the most difficult employee situation you found yourself Regarding Proofpoint? How did you overcome the problem?

#### Answer:-

One of employees was conflicting with other and colleague who was prove his was wrong hi denied and was invite union to defend him but we have prove his wrong and I was facing disciplinary action.

#### Question # 37

Describe yourself in three words?

#### Answer:-

Pick three adjectives but then back up each with a real life story that demonstrates those characteristics. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 38

What are three positive characteristics you wish you had?

#### Answer:-

The key here is to be honest about your wish list but then to describe how you plan on developing or growing those characteristics so that it becomes a reality. For example, I wish I had a stronger work ethic and I am reading a book right now about how to instill a better discipline around getting work done efficiently. **Read More Answers.** 

#### Question # 39

What type of extracurricular activities are you a part of?

#### Answer:-

Discuss the clubs / activities you were in, share a personal story about why you enjoyed it and then describe how it's helped shape you to be who you are today. For example, I enjoyed rock climbing because it taught me the value of practicing hard at a sport to become skilled in it. I bring this same diligence to my work approach today as well.

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#### Question # 40

What does success mean to you?

#### Answer:-

I am punctual, I always have excellent attendance on any job Regarding Proofpoint, I have a keen eye for both large and small details, and I am always finding ways to improve a process and shorten the length of time it takes to complete a project.

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#### Question # 41

How do you act when you encounter competition?

#### Answer:-

This question is designed to see if you can rise the occasion. You want to discuss how you are the type to battle competition strongly and then you need to cite an example if possible of your past work experience where you were able to do so.

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#### Question # 42

What's the most rewarding work you've ever done and why?

#### Answer:-

Companies love it when you discuss how you've made an impact on your teammates, clients, or partners in the business or in school. It should be rewarding because of the hard work and creative process that you've put into it.

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#### Question # 43

What are your salary expectations Regarding Proofpoint?

#### Answer:-

This question is like a loaded gun, tricky and dangerous if you're not sure what you are doing. It's not uncommon for people to end up talking salary before really selling their skills, but knowledge is power as this is a negotiation after all. Again, this is an area where doing your research will be helpful as you will have an understanding of average salary.

One approach is asking the interviewer about the salary range, but to avoid the question entirely, you can respond that money isn't a key factor and you're goal is to advance in your career. However, if you have a minimum figure in mind and you believe you're able to get it, you may find it worth trying.

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#### Question # 44

What do you know about the company?

#### Answer:-

Any candidate can read and regurgitate the company's "About" page. So, when interviewers ask this, they aren't necessarily trying to gauge whether you understand the mission-they want to know whether you care about it. Start with one line that shows you understand the company's goals, using a couple key words and phrases from the website, but then go on to make it personal. Say, "I'm personally drawn to this mission because..." or "I really believe in this approach because..." and share a personal example or two.

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#### Question # 45

How do you decide what to delegate and to whom?

#### Answer:-

Identify the strengths of your team members and their availability based on the priorities they have on their plate. From there, invest the tasks upon each member based on where you think you'll get the best return.

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#### Question # 46

What do you think is your greatest weakness?

#### Answer:-

Don't say anything that could eliminate you from consideration for the job. For instance, "I'm slow in adapting to change" is not a wise answer, since change is par for the course in most work environments. Avoid calling attention to any weakness that's one of the critical qualities the hiring manager is looking for. And don't try the old "I'm a workaholic," or "I'm a perfectionist.

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#### Question # 47

How many square feet of pizza are eaten in the United States each month?

#### Answer:-

This is a classic guesstimate question where you need to think aloud. And so first off you round the U.S. population to 300 million people (it's actually about 315 million but rounding will be much easier and your interviewer will not score you lower for rounding). Then estimate how many people eat pizza. A decent educated guess is two out of every three people, or 200 million. Now let's say the average pizza-eating person eats pizza twice a month, and eats two slices at a time. That's four slices a month. If the average slice of pizza is perhaps six inches at the base and 10 inches long, then the slice is 30 square inches of pizza. So, four pizza slices would be 120 square inches (30 times 4).

Since one square foot equals 144 square inches (12 times 12), let's assume that each person who eats pizza eats one square foot per month. Since there are 200 million pizza-eating Americans, 200 million square feet of pizza are consumed in the U.S. each month. To summarize: 300 million people in America, 200 million eat pizza, average slice of pizza is six inches at the base and 10 inches long or 30 square inches, average American eats four slices of pizza a month, four pieces times 30 square inches equals 120 square inches (one square foot is 144 square inches), so let's assume one square foot per person, and thus one square foot times 200 million people equals 200 million square feet of pizza a month.

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#### Question # 48

How have you changed in the last five years?



#### Answer:-

All in a nutshell. But I think I've attained a level of personal comfort in many ways and although I will change even more in the next 5-6 years I'm content with the past 6 and what has come of them.

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#### Question # 49

What schedule do you hope to work? Are you willing to work extra hours?

#### Answer:-

Be honest. If you really want the job and are willing to work any schedule needed, say so. If, however, you have no intention of working late hours or weekends, simply let the interviewer know the hours that you are available to work. The same applies to extra hours. You are more likely to be hired if you are willing to work any time you are needed. However, saying that you are willing and then complaining about the hours once you start working is a recipe for disaster.

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#### Question # 50

What were the responsibilities of your last position Regarding Proofpoint?

#### Answer:-

If you want to show your ambition, you can discuss how you haven't reached all of your goals yet and in that sense aren't satisfied. However, if you want to discuss satisfaction from your job discuss an experience in which you achieved something.

#### Question # 51

How would you define success?

#### Answer:-

Success is defined differently for everybody. Just make sure the parameters are defined by you with regards to work life balance, financial gain, career growth, achievements, creating meaningful work / products and so forth. If you can clearly articulate what it means to you that is a strong answer.

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#### Question # 52

What's the least rewarding work you've ever done and why?

#### Answer:-

Describe work you've done that you feel doesn't take advantage of your full potential. For example, "I once had to make paper copies for my job and I feel it didn't take full advantage of my skills. However, it did teach me to be humble in my work and to appreciate a good opportunity when it arose to use my skills" Read More Answers.

#### Question # 53

What do you think we could do better or differently?

#### Answer:-

This is a common one at startups. Hiring managers want to know that you not only have some background on the company, but that you're able to think critically about it and come to the table with new ideas. So, come with new ideas! What new features would you love to see? How could the company increase conversions? How could customer service be improved? You don't need to have the company's four-year strategy figured out, but do share your thoughts, and more importantly, show how your interests and expertise would lend themselves to the job.

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#### Question # 54

Tell me something about your family background?

#### Answer:-

First, always feel proud while discussing about your family background. Just simple share the details with the things that how they influenced you to work in an airline field.

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#### Question # 55

How do you ensure all of your work gets accomplished in a productive manner?

#### Answer:-

The key is to prioritize what's important in your work and to stay organized to accomplish the tasks. A strong work ethic also helps. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 56

How do you handle stressful situations?

#### Answer:-

By remaining calm, weighing out all my options and executing a plan to get the situation resolve . Read More Answers.

#### Question # 57



#### What is your desired salary Regarding Proofpoint?

#### Answer:-

Bad Answer: Candidates who are unable to answer the question, or give an answer that is far above market. Shows that they have not done research on the market rate, or have unreasonable expectations.

Good answer: A number or range that falls within the market rate and matches their level of mastery of skills required to do the job.

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#### Question # 58

If I talked to your three biggest fans, who would they be and why?

#### Answer:-

If you can reference three professionals with executive titles (CXO, VP, Director, Manager), that carries a lot of weight. Make sure you highlight how you've helped them achieve their biggest objectives and how that's made them your fan.

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Question # 59

Give an example of a time you successfully worked Regarding Proofpoint on a team?

#### Answer:-

On the whole I prefer to stick to doing what I'm told rather than setting myself up to fail by doing things off my own bat. But there was this one time when I suggested to my boss at the pizza parlor that she try offering an 'all you can eat' deal to students to boost trade on Mondays. She thought it was an interesting idea but nothing ever came of it.

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#### Question # 60

What does "thinking outside the box" mean to you?

#### Answer:-

It means not doing things exactly the same way as everyone else. You've got to challenge the status quo and bring something new to the business. Read More Answers.

#### Question # 61

What is your biggest achievement?

#### Answer:-

Quality work to be is about doing work to the require or set standard, which is very important when it comes to warehouse operations. Read More Answers.



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