

Systems Administrator Interview Questions

1. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?
2. Describe an effective modification you made to a system to provide for disaster recovery.
3. Name a time when your advice to management led to an improvement in your company or otherwise helped your employer.
4. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the candidate has open lines of communication.)
5. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.
6. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your company?
7. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best solution to a problem.
8. Would you consider analyzing data or information a strength? How so?
9. Share an effective approach to working with a large amount of information/data. How has your approach affected your company?
10. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine which information was relevant?
11. Name a time when you identified strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions to problems. What was the impact?
12. In your experience, what is the key to ensuring your company was compliant with all laws, regulations and standards that were applicable to your area of responsibility?
13. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last company.

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14. Provide a time when you were able to identify a complex problem, evaluate the options, and implement a solution. How did the solution benefit your employer?

15. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you respond?

16. Share a time when you willingly took on additional responsibilities or challenges. How did you successfully meet all of the demands of these responsibilities? (Make sure the candidate is a self-starter and can demonstrate some initiative.)

17. Provide an example of a time when you successfully organized a diverse group of people to accomplish a task.

18. What are some long-range objectives that you developed in your last job? What did you do to achieve them?

19. Provide an example of a time when you were able to demonstrate excellent listening skills. What was the situation and outcome?

20. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.