

# Do's and Don'ts of a Whiteboard Challenge

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## DO

- ✓ Ask your interviewer questions to learn more about the brief
- ✓ Write down everything - it will help show your process, and you can refer back to it.
- ✓ Think out loud. Walk your interviewer through what you're doing, and why.
- ✓ Keep an eye on the time, and pace yourself accordingly.
- ✓ If you make an assumption, that's okay - just call it out to your interviewer ☐
- ✓ Lead the challenge - by "running" the session, you'll show your presentation skills.



**Take a deep breathe,  
smile, and remember that  
YOU GOT THIS.**

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## DON'T

- ❌ Don't Jump right into a design solution without asking any questions.
- ❌ Don't get "in the weeds", worrying about details that are not important for the challenge.
- ❌ Don't use terms like "it's cool" or "I like it" to describe why you made a decision.
- ❌ Don't design a solution that doesn't address the core problems in the brief.
- ❌ Don't worry about making some assumptions
  - it's ok, just call them out.
- ❌ Don't keep working if you are confused about something. Ask!



**Don't stress. You know  
how to do this!**