

A person wearing a grey pinstriped suit is sitting and looking at a resume on a clipboard. The resume has a blue header with the name 'OLIVIA WILSON' and a photo of a woman. The person's hand is visible, holding the clipboard. The background is blurred, showing other people in a professional setting.

Stand Out in the American Job Market

Learn how to craft powerful, ATS-friendly resumes
that showcase your achievements and get you
noticed by U.S. employers.



Your Career Transition Journey

Welcome to "Crafting Resumes That Get You Noticed" - the first step in your journey to successfully transition from Mexican to American companies.

In this course, you'll learn how to:

- Create powerful resumes that pass ATS systems and impress hiring managers
- Handle job rejections effectively and develop smart submission strategies
- Master interviews using the STAR method and cultural awareness
- Implement a 30-day action plan for job search success

Let's begin with the foundation: creating a resume that opens doors in the American job market.

American Resume Standards

American resumes differ significantly from Mexican CVs in both format and content. To create an ATS-friendly resume:

- Keep it concise: 1-2 pages maximum
- Use simple formatting: Standard fonts like Arial or Times New Roman
- Avoid graphics and complex designs: They confuse ATS systems
- Exclude personal details: No photos, age, or marital status
- Translate terms appropriately: Convert "Licenciatura" to "Bachelor's Degree"

Remember, your resume must first pass through Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) before a human sees it. Simple, clean formatting with the right keywords is essential for success.





The Power of STAR

The STAR method transforms ordinary job descriptions into powerful achievement statements. Each bullet point should include:

- Situation: The context or challenge you faced
- Task: Your specific responsibility
- Action: Steps you took to address the situation
- Result: The measurable outcome of your actions

This approach shifts focus from duties to accomplishments, showing potential employers not just what you did, but how well you did it. American employers value quantifiable results that demonstrate your impact.

Using STAR also helps you naturally incorporate keywords while telling a compelling story about your contributions.

EXAMPLE

STAR Method in Action

Instead of:

"Managed projects for the marketing department."

Using STAR:

Situation: Faced tight project deadlines with limited resources. **Task:** Ensure on-time delivery of three marketing campaigns simultaneously. **Action:** Coordinated a team of 10 members using Agile methodologies and implemented daily stand-ups. **Result:** Delivered all projects 2 days ahead of schedule, increasing client satisfaction by 15%.

Another Example:

Situation: Department experiencing 20% error rate in inventory tracking. **Task:** Reduce errors to improve efficiency. **Action:** Implemented new tracking software and trained 15 staff members on proper procedures. **Result:** Reduced error rate to 5% within 3 months, saving approximately \$50,000 annually.

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EXPERIENCE

Key Account Manager

Lauzon

2016 - Ongoing San Francisco, CA

Lauzon is a leading worldwide manufacturer, designer, and supplier of bearings, linear motion products, precision bearings, spindles, seals, and services. Responsible for business development with Key Accounts with main focus in ENERGY, POWER UTILITIES and HEAVY industries.

- Achieved 12% growth in the account's revenue and 7% profitability improvement.
- Generated \$2,000,000+ new revenue by signing 10 new accounts.
- Presented to over 600 delegates in Europe for facilitating new insurance tracking process.
- Established a Cloud Team and increased Cloud Business profit 8X.

Senior Account Manager

Koepp Inc

2014 - 2016 San Francisco, CA

Koepp Inc is Google Street View certified agency.

- Managed Search, Shopping & Display ads for major brands with total monthly ad spend of around \$150,000/month.
- Managed the largest key account generating \$17,500,000 annually.
- Worked with the BSO team for 6 months as being the sole responsible for their online marketing campaigns.

Account Manager Infrastructure & Application Development

Drouin S.A.R.L.

2012 - 2014 San Francisco, CA

- Pioneered sales of Fixed+mobile services in Spain in 2012.
- Achieved 126% Revenue Attainment in H2 (Jan-Jun 2015).
- Increased a French fashion brand PPC revenue by 90% YoY, mainly with the help of our shopping campaigns.
- Achieved to reach a level of satisfaction of 9+ over 10 with the usage of Oracle Support for one top account.

EDUCATION

Master of Marketing Management [MMM]

La Trobe University

2007 - 2008 San Francisco, CA

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Building the future

Established a Cloud Team and increased Cloud Business profit 8X.



Managing the largest accounts

Managed the largest key account generating \$17,500,000 annually.



Market share - Key accounts & projects

Generated \$2,000,000+ new revenue by signing 10 new accounts



Work-life balance

I recharge spending my weekends in nature with my family of 5.

SKILLS

MS Office Programs

Windows & Mac OSX

Asana

Salesforce

Agile

CRM Systems

Hubspot

LinkedIn Sales Navigator

Dun & Bradstreet

LANGUAGES

English

Native

German

Proficient

Greek

Advanced

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Powered by Enhancv

Keyword Integration Strategy

Industry-specific keywords are crucial for passing ATS filters and catching a hiring manager's attention. Here's how to use them effectively:

1. **Research:** Analyze 3-5 job postings for your target role to identify recurring keywords
2. **Select:** Choose 5-10 relevant keywords that match your actual experience
3. **Integrate:** Weave these keywords naturally throughout your resume
4. **Verify:** Use tools like Jobscan to check your resume's ATS compatibility

Avoid "keyword stuffing" - focus on meaningful integration that tells your professional story while incorporating the language employers are looking for.



Resume Structure for U.S. Success

A well-structured American resume follows a specific format that hiring managers expect. Each section serves a purpose in telling your professional story and showcasing your qualifications.

Professional Summary

- 3-4 concise sentences
- Highlight relevant experience
- Include industry keywords
- Align with job goals
- Focus on value you bring
- Avoid personal details

Work Experience

- Reverse chronological order
- STAR-formatted bullet points
- 4-6 bullets per position
- Quantifiable achievements
- Omit jobs older than 15 years
- Tailor to each application

Test Your Resume Knowledge

Let's check your understanding of American resume standards and the STAR method. Select the best answer for each question.

Quiz

Which formatting choice would most likely cause an ATS system to reject a resume?

Select all that apply

Using bullet points to list achievements

Including complex graphics and design elements

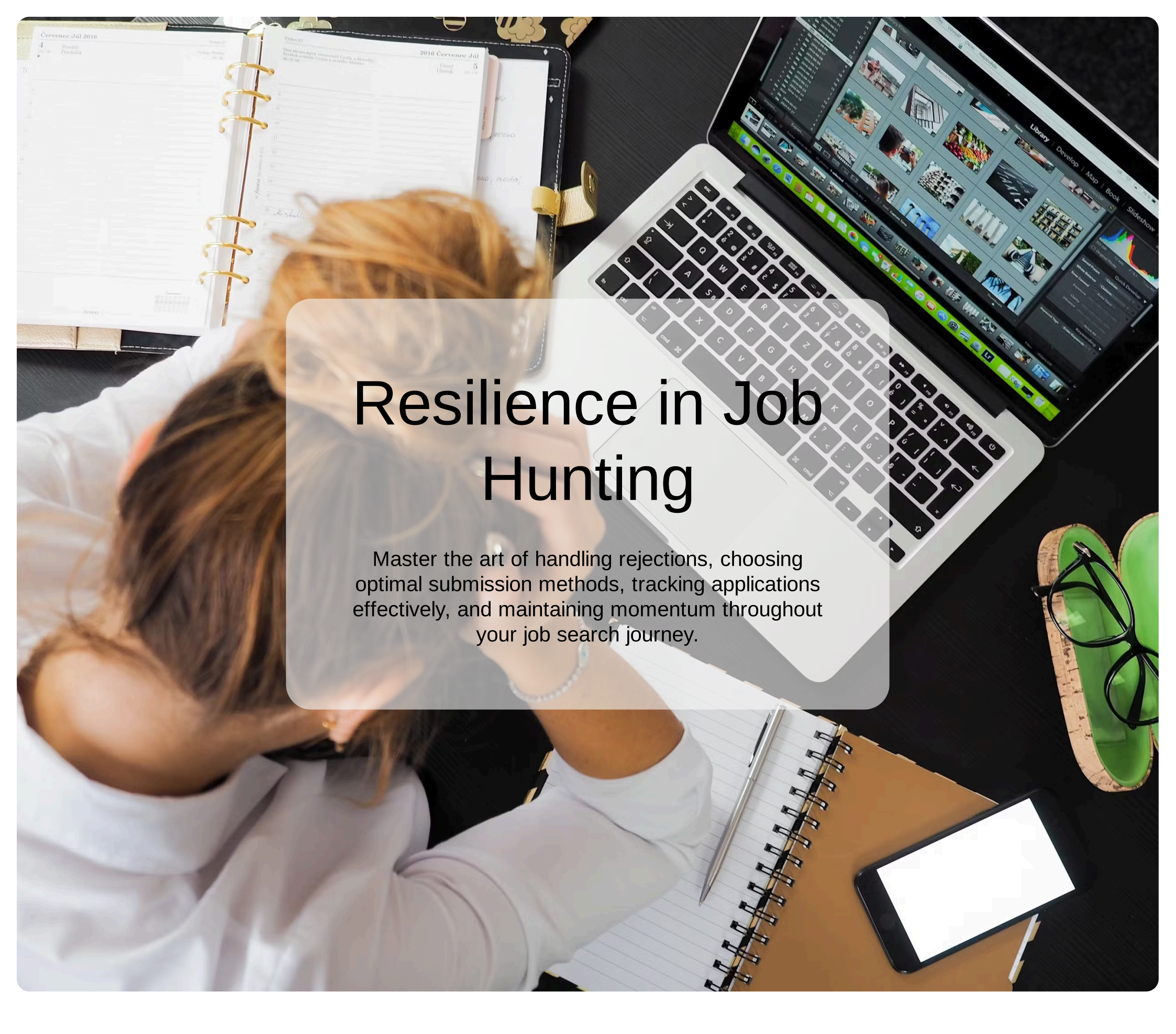
Limiting the resume to two pages

Using reverse chronological order

KEY TAKEAWAY

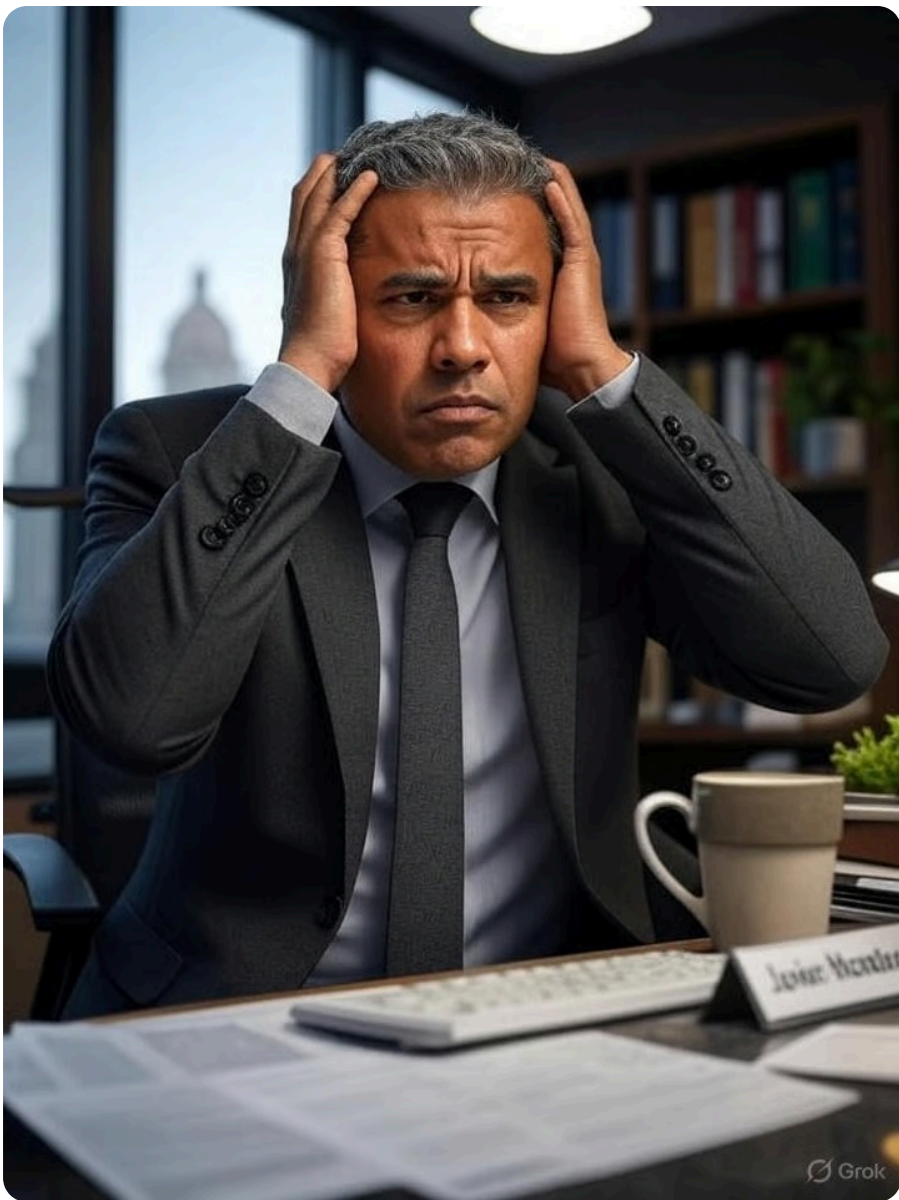
Your Resume Transformation Roadmap

Creating an effective American resume requires a strategic approach. Remember to keep formatting simple and ATS-friendly, transform job duties into achievements using the STAR method, integrate relevant keywords naturally throughout your resume, and structure your professional summary and work experience to highlight your value. By applying these techniques, you'll create a resume that not only passes ATS screening but also impresses hiring managers with your accomplishments and potential. Your resume is your professional story - make it compelling, achievement-focused, and aligned with American expectations.



Resilience in Job Hunting

Master the art of handling rejections, choosing optimal submission methods, tracking applications effectively, and maintaining momentum throughout your job search journey.



Reframing Rejection as Growth

Rejections are a normal part of any job search—U.S. companies often review over 100 applications per role. The key is changing how you view these experiences.

Mindset Shift

Instead of seeing rejections as personal failures, view them as valuable learning opportunities that can strengthen your application strategy.

Practical Techniques

- Keep a rejection log to track feedback and identify patterns for improvement
- Set realistic goals (e.g., 5 applications per week) to maintain steady progress
- Join supportive communities like LinkedIn groups or Reddit's r/careerguidance
- Practice self-care through exercise, journaling, or other stress-relief activities

Remember: Each rejection brings you one step closer to refining your approach and finding the right fit.

Choosing Your Submission Method

Different job applications call for different submission approaches. Understanding when to use each method can significantly impact your success rate.

Online Submission

Best for: U.S.-based roles or large corporations (e.g., Amazon, Microsoft)

Pros:

- Convenient and accessible
- ATS-aligned for proper screening
- Reaches global companies

Cons:

- High competition (100+ applicants)
- Risk of ATS filtering

Tips:

- Apply via company websites or job boards
- Follow up via email after 1-2 weeks

In-Person Submission

Best for: Local branches or networking-driven roles (e.g., sales)

Pros:

- Shows initiative and determination
- Builds personal connections
- Ideal for local U.S. company branches in Mexico

Cons:

- Time-intensive process
- Not always feasible or welcomed

Tips:

- Attend job fairs (e.g., Expo Nacional de Empleo)
- Visit U.S. company offices in Monterrey or Tijuana
- Bring printed, polished resumes

Hybrid Approach

Best for: Maximizing visibility and chances of success

Strategy:

- Apply online first to enter the formal system
- Follow up with in-person networking at events
- Connect with company representatives on LinkedIn

Benefits:

- Combines convenience with personal touch
- Creates multiple touchpoints with employers
- Demonstrates both technical savvy and interpersonal skills

Tracking Applications Effectively

Creating a systematic approach to tracking your applications ensures nothing falls through the cracks and helps you learn from each experience.

Essential Tracking Elements

- Application details: Company, position, date submitted, contact person
- Follow-up timeline: When to check status (typically 1-2 weeks after submission)
- Feedback received: Comments from recruiters or interviewers
- Action items: Changes to make for future applications

Using Your Tracking System

- Review weekly to schedule follow-ups and identify patterns
- Use insights to refine your STAR stories and application materials
- Celebrate progress, not just outcomes (e.g., "10 quality applications submitted this month")

A well-maintained tracking system transforms your job search from a series of disconnected attempts into a strategic, improvement-focused process.

Quiz

What is the recommended timeframe for following up after submitting an online application?

Select all that apply

The next day

1-2 weeks after submission

Only after they contact you

Daily until you receive a response

Effective Follow-Up Strategies

Following up appropriately demonstrates your continued interest without becoming a nuisance. These strategies can help you navigate this delicate balance and keep your application visible to employers.

Question

When should you follow up on an online application?

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Question

What should you include in a follow-up email?

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Question

How can you follow up after an in-person submission?

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Question

What follow-up methods should you avoid?

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Question

How can you use LinkedIn for follow-up?

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Building a Sustainable Job Search Routine

A prolonged job search requires a sustainable approach that maintains momentum without leading to burnout.

Weekly Structure

- Monday: Update application materials and research companies
- Tuesday-Thursday: Submit applications (aim for 5-10 per week)
- Friday: Follow up on previous applications and network

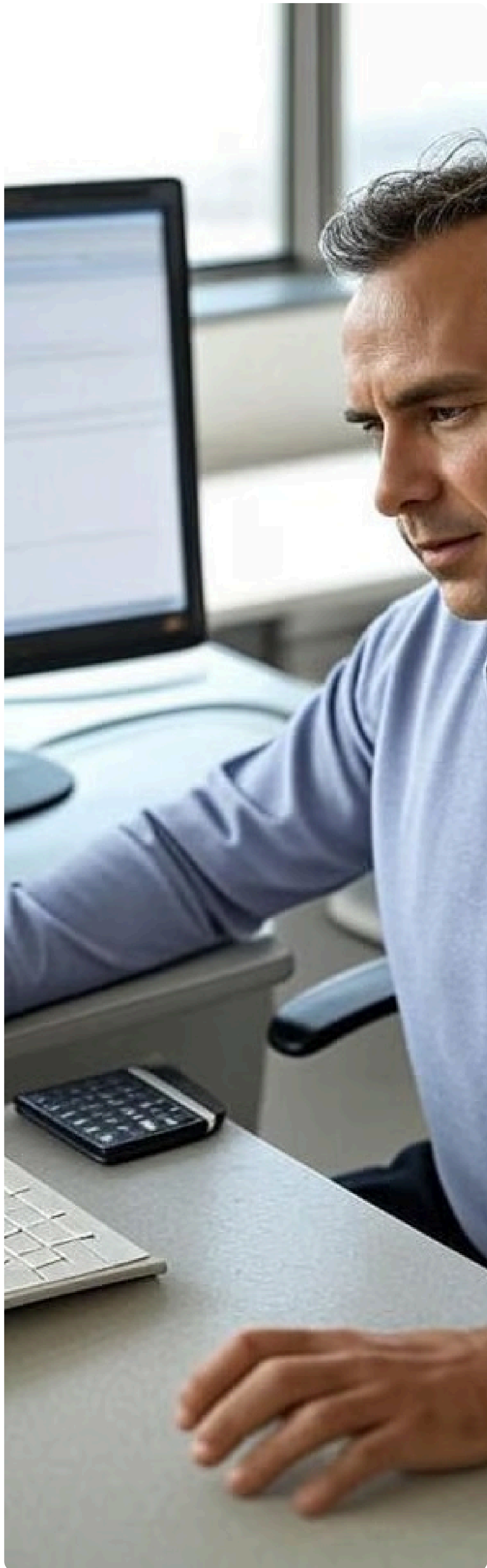
30-Day Action Plan

- Week 1: Update resume with STAR achievements and refresh LinkedIn
- Week 2: Apply to 5-10 jobs online; attend 1 networking event
- Week 3: Practice 5 STAR interview answers daily to build confidence
- Week 4: Follow up on applications, refine STAR stories based on feedback

Maintaining Motivation

- Set meaningful goals (e.g., "Secure a role in 6 months")
- Build supportive networks (mentors, LinkedIn groups)
- Continue learning (certifications, English proficiency)
- Celebrate small wins along the way

Remember: Job searching is a marathon, not a sprint. Pace yourself for long-term success.



Quiz

Which of the following is the most effective strategy for maintaining momentum during a prolonged job search?

Select all that apply

Applying to as many jobs as possible each day

Following a structured plan with balanced activities

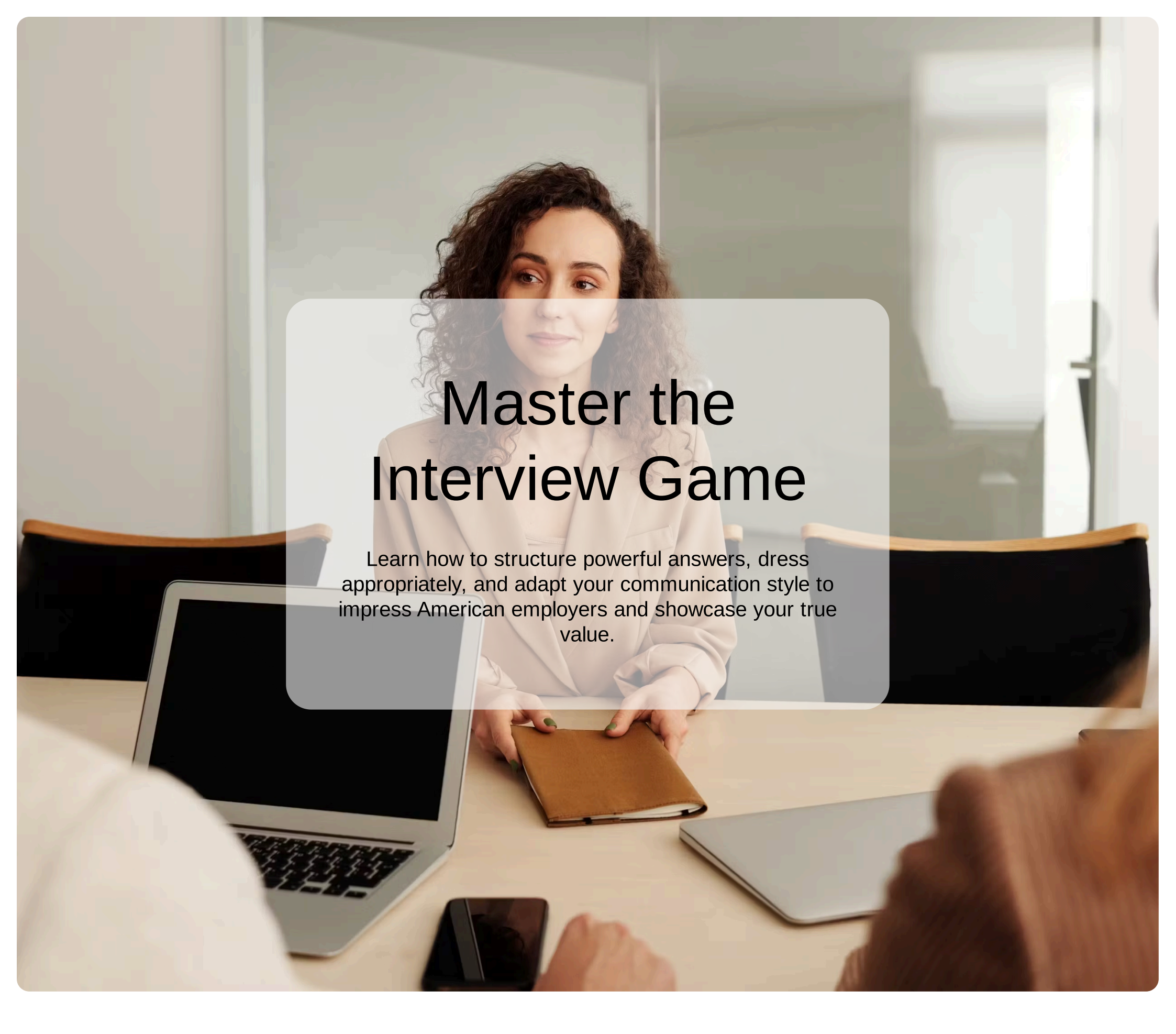
Focusing exclusively on online applications

Waiting for responses before submitting new applications

KEY TAKEAWAY

Your Resilient Job Search Strategy

Success in your job search journey depends on how you handle rejections, choose submission methods, track your progress, and maintain momentum. View rejections as learning opportunities to refine your approach. Select submission methods based on the role and company type. Track applications systematically and follow up appropriately. Build a sustainable routine that balances activity with self-care. Remember that persistence—coupled with strategic adaptation—is the key to transitioning successfully from Mexican companies to American firms. Each application brings you closer to your goal, especially when you learn and adjust along the way.

A woman with curly hair is sitting at a light-colored wooden table in a modern office setting. She is wearing a light-colored blazer and is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. On the table in front of her is a silver laptop, a brown leather notebook, and a black smartphone. The background shows a glass-walled office space with other people working in the distance.

Master the Interview Game

Learn how to structure powerful answers, dress appropriately, and adapt your communication style to impress American employers and showcase your true value.



The STAR Method: Your Secret Weapon

Ever wondered how some candidates make their experiences sound so impressive? They're likely using the STAR method—a powerful technique for structuring answers to behavioral interview questions.

Situation: Describe the context or challenge you faced
Task: Explain your specific role or responsibility
Action: Detail the steps you took to address the challenge
Result: Share the measurable outcome of your actions

Why does this work so well? The STAR method aligns perfectly with American employers' preference for concise, results-driven answers. It helps you transform your narrative, relationship-focused communication style into the direct approach valued in U.S. workplaces.

EXAMPLE

STAR in Action

Question: "Tell me about a time you handled a difficult team member."

Situation: "A team member consistently missed deadlines on a critical project, putting our timeline at risk."

Task: "As the project lead, I needed to ensure team productivity and meet our deadline without damaging team morale."

Action: "I scheduled a private one-on-one meeting to understand the underlying issues. I discovered they were overwhelmed with multiple assignments. I helped reorganize their workload, reassigned some tasks, and provided daily coaching."

Result: "Within two weeks, their performance improved significantly. We completed the project on time, and they became one of our most reliable team members."

Notice: The answer is concise (under 2 minutes), focuses on measurable results, and balances individual initiative with teamwork.



Dress for Success: American Style

Your appearance makes a powerful first impression. American companies have varying expectations for professional attire, and understanding these differences can give you a competitive edge.

Corporate Settings

Business Professional

- Men: Navy or gray suit, white shirt, conservative tie
- Women: Pant or skirt suit, blouse, closed-toe shoes
- Polished, conservative appearance
- Minimal accessories
- Neutral colors

Tech & Creative Industries

Business Casual

- Men: Blazer, dress slacks, button-down shirt
- Women: Blazer with slacks or skirt, professional top
- Still professional but more relaxed
- Avoid flashy colors or excessive accessories
- Research company culture before interview

Adapting Your Communication Style

Mexican and American communication styles differ significantly. Understanding these differences and adapting your approach can help you connect better with American interviewers. Review these common questions and see how to structure your responses using the STAR method and direct communication.

Question

How would you handle a tight deadline?



Question

Tell me about a time you improved a process.



Question

How have you mentored others?



Question

Why do you want to work for an American company?



Confidence Without Arrogance

Striking the right balance between showcasing your achievements and remaining humble can be challenging, especially across cultures. American employers value confidence but may perceive excessive self-promotion as arrogance.

Key strategies:

1. Use inclusive language: Frame accomplishments with "My team and I..." to acknowledge collaborative efforts.
2. Focus on measurable results: Instead of saying "I'm an excellent manager," say "I led a team that improved productivity by 15%."
3. Show enthusiasm for growth: Express excitement about learning and contributing, not just showcasing existing skills.
4. Keep responses concise: Aim for 1-2 minutes per answer to respect the interviewer's time.

Quiz

Which response best demonstrates confidence without arrogance?

Select all that apply

"I single-handedly saved the project and impressed everyone with my skills."

"My team and I identified the issue, and I implemented a solution that reduced costs by 20%."

"I'm probably the best project manager you'll interview, based on my track record."

"I just did what anyone would do in that situation."

Quiz

Which component of the STAR method focuses on your specific responsibility in a situation?

Select all that apply

Situation

Task

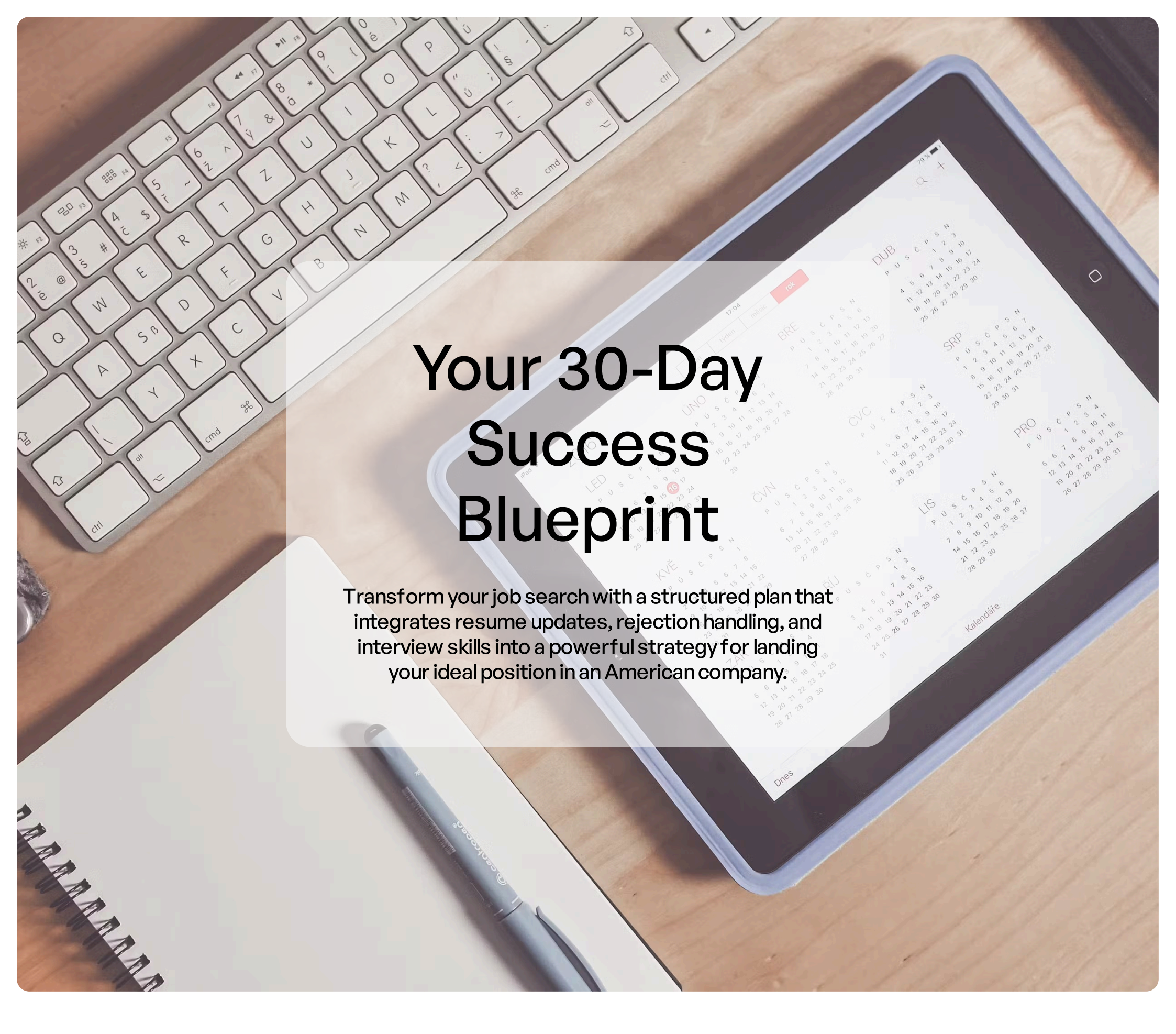
Action

Result

KEY TAKEAWAY

Your Interview Success Formula

Success in American interviews comes from mastering the STAR method to deliver concise, results-driven answers that showcase your achievements without arrogance. Dress appropriately for the company culture, adapt your communication style to be more direct while maintaining authenticity, and balance individual accomplishments with team acknowledgment. Remember, it's not just about what you've done—it's how you present your experience that makes the difference. With these tools, you're ready to bridge cultural differences and shine in your next interview.

The background image shows a wooden desk with a silver laptop keyboard on the left, a tablet with a blue case on the right, and a grey pen at the bottom. The tablet screen displays a calendar application with a grid of dates and various city abbreviations like DUB, BRE, SRP, CVC, UNO, LED, KVE, and PRO. A semi-transparent white box is centered over the image, containing the title and subtitle text.

Your 30-Day Success Blueprint

Transform your job search with a structured plan that integrates resume updates, rejection handling, and interview skills into a powerful strategy for landing your ideal position in an American company.



Bringing It All Together

You've learned valuable skills throughout this course—from crafting ATS-friendly resumes to handling rejections and mastering STAR interview responses. Now it's time to integrate these elements into a cohesive strategy.

Why integration matters:

When your resume highlights STAR achievements, you're better prepared for interviews using those same stories. When you track rejection feedback, you can refine both your resume and interview responses. This interconnected approach creates a self-improving system where each component strengthens the others.

Remember, successful job seekers don't treat resume writing, application submission, and interview preparation as separate tasks—they create a unified strategy where each element reinforces the others.

Your Week-by-Week Action Plan

Let's break down your 30-day plan into manageable weekly goals. This balanced approach prevents burnout while maintaining steady progress toward your career transition goals.

Week 1: Foundation Building

- Update your resume with STAR achievements
- Optimize your LinkedIn profile
- Research target companies
- Prepare your rejection log template

Week 2: Active Outreach

- Apply to 5-10 jobs online
- Attend at least one networking event
- Use your STAR-based elevator pitch
- Begin tracking applications

Week 3: Interview Readiness

- Practice 5 STAR interview answers daily
- Record and review your responses
- Research company dress codes
- Test technology for virtual interviews

Week 4: Follow-up & Refinement

- Send follow-up emails (1-2 weeks after applying)
- Refine STAR stories based on feedback
- Review rejection log for patterns
- Adjust strategy for month two

Self-Assessment Tools

Regularly evaluating your job search readiness helps identify areas for improvement and builds confidence. Here are effective self-assessment methods to incorporate into your 30-day plan:

Your Self-Assessment Toolkit

- Rejection Log: Track feedback patterns to refine your approach
- STAR Response Practice: Record and review your interview answers
- Cultural Adaptation Reflection: Consider how to align with U.S. workplace norms
- Weekly Progress Review: Assess completion of weekly goals

Try this: After each interview or application response, ask yourself, "What went well? What could I improve?" This simple reflection can reveal valuable insights for your next opportunity.



Maintaining Motivation and Momentum

Even with the best plan, job searching can be challenging. These strategies will help you stay motivated throughout your 30-day plan and beyond:

Question

How do I set effective goals?

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Question

What if I feel discouraged by rejections?

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Question

How can I maintain energy throughout my search?

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Question

What if my plan isn't working?

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Question

How do I stay current while job searching?

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Course Journey Recap

Throughout this course, you've built a comprehensive toolkit for transitioning to American companies:

Resume Mastery

You've learned to create ATS-friendly resumes with STAR achievements that highlight measurable results and align with U.S. standards.

Rejection Resilience

You now understand how to track feedback, maintain momentum, and use rejections as learning opportunities to refine your approach.

Interview Excellence

You've mastered the STAR method, cultural adaptations, and professional presentation techniques for American workplace expectations.

Strategic Integration

Finally, you've learned to combine these elements into a cohesive 30-day action plan that balances applications, networking, and skill development.

Quiz

Which weekly activity sequence best represents an effective 30-day job search plan?

Select all that apply

Week 1: Apply to 20+ jobs; Week 2: Update resume; Week 3: Practice interviews; Week 4: Start networking

Week 1: Update resume with STAR achievements; Week 2: Apply to 5-10 jobs and network; Week 3: Practice STAR interviews; Week 4: Follow up and refine

Week 1-4: Apply to as many jobs as possible every day until successful

Week 1-2: Perfect your resume; Week 3-4: Wait for employers to contact you

KEY TAKEAWAY

Your Journey Continues

Success in your job search isn't just about having the right resume or interview skills—it's about implementing a structured, balanced approach that evolves with feedback. Your 30-day plan is just the beginning. As you move forward, continue to refine your STAR stories, build your network, and maintain momentum through small, consistent actions. Remember that each application and interview, regardless of outcome, provides valuable experience that brings you closer to your goal of transitioning to an American company. You have the tools—now put your plan into action!

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