

Interview Questions

Common/General

What do you think about crowdsourcing?

- > Where do you think this is effective vs. not?
- > Are you an avid user of crowdsourced products? Examples?

Elaborate on an experience you had with a crowdsourced product

User

What's the last time you bought/sold something online?

- > What kind of item? Purpose?
- > Price range of the item?
- > Was the item time-sensitive?
- > Why did you buy it online as opposed to Walmart/physical marketplace/word-of-mouth?

What do you typically look for in an online marketplace?

- > Which features of a website would turn you off/prevent you from listing your item there?
- > What would you want to be able to buy that's not typically available on places like amazon, google express, craigslist

What are some online marketplaces you use?

- > What do you like about it?
- > What do you dislike about it?
- > What are some features you wish you could see?
- > What are your alternatives when you don't find anything on them?

Have you used a social networking site in the context of buying items?

- > What are some advantages/disadvantages of using that medium?
- > Are there categories of items that pop up more frequently than others?
- > Are they more events-based or location-based?
- > (if this doesn't come up in any of the previous answers) have you ever had to sell off a ticket for concert/game, elaborate on experience

Expert

Hardest part of implementing the product?

Unique challenges of the **crowdsourced** part of the online market place?

- > Engineering perspective?
- > Security/liability perspective?

What are some problems only crowdsourcing can address?