

A TDS reader was invited to apply for a job with Goldman Sachs in mid-April, 2018. For the interview he was invited to visit Google Hangouts, a favorite spot for criminals to pretend to represent legitimate businesses. REAL businesses would not conduct their interviews here! And after only a few minutes, with no phone call or video chat, he's hired! He sent us the full text exchange below for your entertainment....

1 it starts by receiving texts from 415-649-1082 out of the blue. (Copied and pasted) Conversation is below:

K- Karen claiming to be from Goldman Sachs
S- Shawn (Me)

K - Hello, I believe this is SHAWN [REDACTED]?

S- Who pray tell us this?

-----(Time passed I called phone number and Voice Message said "You've reached the voicemail of your friend- leave a message.")-----

K- I am Mrs. KAREN P. SEYMOUR, The Hiring manager to The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. We wish to inform you that your resume has been reviewed by the appropriate department and you have been selected for an interview with me. Kindly Reply back if Interested.

S- Well good day Mrs. Karen. I trust you are having a glorious day. I am always open to discussing options. I am curious to know which resume you glanced at. I try to customize for position. I have had an amazing life and career. So Karen is this afternoon good or tomorrow morning best?

K- AZjobconnection.gov/Office Assistant/ Customer Service Job Opening. Do you have a Google hangout to proceed with this job interview?

S- I believe so since I have a gmail account. New to gmail so forgive me however I am walking in to an appointment now I can be setup up for at 1:15pm. Would you be available at that time?

K- Yes sure, no problem. I need you to provide me with your email address so i can add you on hangout for your job briefing and interview

R-[REDACTED]

K- I just added you on google hangout. As soon as you are available, i need you to send me a chat message at (karenp.seymour03@gmail.com) to your Google hangout list for the Job Interview and Comprehensive job details. Endeavor to get online ASAP. 1:15pm

K-(11:47am- google hangout)

Hello SHAWN, This is KAREN P. SEYMOUR, The Hiring manager to the firm The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. Hope to hear from you soon

S-(11:48am text) -understood and cared if you're lucky enough to go to lunch please enjoy and I will see you at 1:15 thank you

S- (1:00pm text) Good Afternoon Karen Hopefully your lunch was fantastic and replenishing. I am now available for you anytime you are ready. Thank You, Shawn

S- (1:00pm- google hangout) Good Afternoon Karen Hopefully your lunch was fantastic and replenishing. I am now available for you anytime you are ready. Thank You, Shawn

K- (1:00pm- google hangout) Yes great. Do you have an online interview experience?

S- I believe this is the 1st of this kind for me - locked and loaded

(Google hangout is now GH)

K- (1:01pm GH) Alright. As soon as we proceed you will get to know more and understand better

S- (1:03pm GH) Are you waiting on me?

K- (GH)Can we proceed?

S- (GH)Absolutely

K- (GH) I am KAREN P. SEYMOUR, The Hiring manager to the firm The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. Am here to brief and interview you more about the opening position, Please introduce yourself indicating Full Name, Sex and your location.

S- I am SHAWN [REDACTED Name and Address]

K- The positions available are. Data Entry, Clerical Admin, Administrative Clerk/Assistance, Customer Service Receptionist, Accounting, Payroll Clerk, Book keeping, Typist Clerk, Management. which position will you fit in?

S- With my Experience, based on your listings it would be MANAGEMENT

K-(1:07pmGH) Okay. Here's the company website (www.goldmansachs.com). You are required to use (TEN) minutes of your time to glance through the website and read more about the company. let me know once you are done glancing through the company website so we can proceed with your job interview.

S- (1:08pm GH) Understood. BRB

S- (1:15pm GH) OK Karen, you may Proceed.

---Timelapse--

S-(1:30pm- text)- Are we proceeding?

k- (1:32pm GH)This is strictly an online and work from home job the working hours are flexible and you can choose to work from home or anywhere of your choice. The pay is \$19 per hour / training is \$14 per hour , you will be paid bi weekly via direct deposit or paycheck, the maximum amount you can work in a week is 45 hours. if you are employed you will be working as a full time employee and not an independent contractor.

S- I am Listening, What does the Position entail?

No response for a while. Etc.

S- OK - Karen please email me the details of the position and am interest thus far but I can see you are busy. we can reschedule and hangout when I get the details, need to continue on with my daily activities. I know you understand. I look forward to your email. Have a great rest of day - and thank you for reaching out to me. Talk soon

K- (hour later) DUTIES ARE:

1. Answering telephones calls
 2. Create and modify documents using Microsoft Office.
 3. Perform general clerical duties to include but not limited to: photocopying, faxing, mailing, and filing. Also perform Records keeping, keyboarding/data entry and performing a variety of other office tasks account balancing, invoicing recording, proper data analysis of sales records and recording pay slips into accounting database all these will be done through the use of the Accounting Software, such as faxing or emailing confidently and positive attitude Online from home.
- Can you handle all of these duties effectively?

(Following morning)

S- Good Morning Karen, Hope last night was wonderful evening. Sorry for the delay checking back in - kept checking for email. Anyways, not only can I handle these duties effectively I Will do them efficiently. If you would like to have me. I see it as a great foot in the door, and look forward to the opportunity. Please let me know what is next. Have a amazing day.

K- You will undergo a one week training from your training supervisor. He/She will training you on how to work with the programs accurately and other Data entry works you will need to get done. Your training is going to be done online through your PC and PHONE Okay?

-----(time passes)

S- (text)My internet just dropped out. Not ignoring you. This is shawn moving locations be back in 5 minutes

S- Downloaded app. Again new to google hangout. And appears whole block or more has no internet. What hours would training be? 8 hrs a day? 3? Etc. I sent you a text when my internet died And as you can see I am a problem solver as well 🤖

K- 8-3

(Looking back I found this interesting. Notice he just combined the times I asked about)

K- The Supervisor who will attach to you online, he/she will assign logs of duties daily to you. You will be required to work according to instructions using the Microsoft Office tools and the Accounting software. Now the function of the Accounting software is to arrange, formalize and manage the data you have processed, sent to your supervisor via E-mail.

S-Piece of cake. Thank you, Karen. What office are you based in? And would you know where bouts my supervisor/trainer would be located? And lastly, how long would it might be that I will hear from them.

K- New york; Ny.

Just follow the job briefing and let me know when you have finished reading and understanding every line. You will be allowed to ask questions later. With each line just respond with an Okay.

Benefits: Health, Dental, Life and AD&D Insurance, Employee Wellness and 401k plans. Paid Time Off and Holidays with Generous Company Discounts Working hrs are flexible.

All activities and corresponding time are to be recorded in excel spreadsheet. As for your duties, i will be assisting you with any difficulties via email, text or sms.

S-Yes I keep meticulous notes of my activities. You emailed the job activities? Or just the above information?

K- We are about to go into that

S- And the reason I ask of location is due to time difference.

K- I understand

S- Please answers all Questions.

1. Are you seeking for part time or full time job?
2. How many hours of your time will you be able to devote to the service of the company?
3. Are you currently employed?
4. What is your greatest strength and weakness?
5. How would you describe yourself?
6. What are your career goals?
7. How would you like to be paid, via Direct Deposit or check. And what means of payment would you prefer, weekly or Bi weekly?
8. Have you ever worked as a Data Entry / Front Desk / Admin and Accounting Clerk before ?
9. what bank do you operate with ?
10. Do you have a printer,scanner,photocopier and Fax machine ?

11. What do you understand by privacy and code of conduct of a company ?Whats your clerical speed?
12. Do you have an idea of how to use MS excel
13. What is your highest educational diploma and when did you receive it?
14. How much training do you think you need to become a productive employee?
15. Give me 5 genuine and specific reasons why you should be hired by the company.

S- Get to you shortly. Thank you

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1. Are you seeking for part time or full time job?

Full-time but would prefer part-time at first. On workers comp- almost fixed but do have chiroractor and other appointment during day/week and do not want to disappoint GS

2. How many hours of your time will you be able to devote to the service of the company?

Ideally first 3 weeks 20 or less. After 3 weeks.... 45-50

3. Are you currently employed?

No- basic answer.

4. What is your greatest strength and weakness?

Strength- many but nowadays They Greatest. Would be MY EXPERIENCE which encompasses many great traits.

Weakness: To honest.

5. How would you describe yourself?

Entrepreneur, Loyal, hard working to point of workaholic. Believe efficiency actually equals less actual work. Believe also in common sense. Maverick. And many personality test results are "I have an Executive personality."

6. What are your career goals?

To be happy and proud of my work. And equally/fairly compensated for my performance. What I mean by that. In Silicon Valley at C-Cube. My first year review resulted in 24.5% raise along with stock options when company ceiling as 10% it requires president sign off.

7. How would you like to be paid, via Direct Deposit or check. And what means of payment would you prefer, weekly or Bi weekly?

Direct deposit, bi-weekly is cheaper for company

8. Have you ever worked as a Data Entry / Front Desk / Admin and Accounting Clerk before ?

Yes as business owner of small start-up. Many times it was only me at first doing everything.

9. what bank do you operate with ?

Not sure what you mean. I bank with Chase, AEA credit union, discover bank. But direct deposit will go to E*TRADE. Also I have security credentials for JP Morgan chase. Finger prints, background check, and photos on file. Also I DOD minimum clearance for military access. And I am a state license insurance agent. So no felonies or blemishes that would cause me to be denied what I listed .

10. Do you have a printer,scanner,photocopier and Fax machine ?

Yes except fax. Can acquire

11. What do you understand by privacy and code of conduct of a company ?

#1 I represent company. As for privacy. I am HIPPA certified and understand client personal info and how it is to be treated. Again in Silicon Valley I was responsible of any company intellectual property I had in my possession to point I had a safe at my desk

Whats your clerical speed?

Typing 30-40 wpm . As for computer navigation. I use Alot of keyboard shortcuts and am at least 3-8 times faster than average CPU user.

12. Do you have an idea of how to use MS excel.

I am advanced. Not expert. You can train your whole life no never know everything it does

13. What is your highest educational diploma and when did you receive it?

Graduated 1 year from high school in 1987. Then Some college. 1988 California State University Bakersfield. Dropped out after 1 year. Bored talked more than teachers and knew more than teachers. Took 19 credits 2nd semester as a challenge. At college 12 hours a day. Tutored classmates in between my classes. And was still bored

14. How much training do you think you need to become a productive employee?

Based stated job responsibilities, less than 3 hours. After software and passwords are all complete.

15. Give me 5 genuine and specific reasons why you should be hired by the company.

#1 - Honest and Trustworthy, I own my activities and quickly notify supervisors immediately. If I did anything in error. For quick resolution to protect company and/or client

#2 - I everything (duties, responsibilities, attitude, clients, company gains/losses & Reputation etc) as if I owned the company and I Alone is accountable for all results

3.- Positive and encouraging. Treat all as equals. Even as Manager. Manged through motivation

4 - detail and goal oriented. I am my own worse critic

5 - many early sago, I simplified why I did what I do both professional and personal. - and my purpose in life. "Is to HELP people" I try and enrich all I come in contact with. I do not force myself on anyone and I do not preach. I educate if they so desire. You can see here I explain. Also, rest assured. I am not a "LONG TALKER" - this is wordy. Because I only have short window to give you this info.

Thank you for the opportunity

Thank you for reading all this

I have always met and exceeding expectations of my supervisors.

I will not disappoint

S- Just noticed typo. Darn Siri. # 5. "Many years ago".

Thank you

K- Alright, I need you to hold on online while i forward your interview file to the Head Dept to enable them review if you are professionally fit and good for this job. BRB

S- I am here and available

Of course, I do not think this app will work if I am on phone. Verizon doesn't do voice and data at same time

K- I am back now..the result for your interview is on my desk.....

K- Are you still here with me?

S- yes sorry

K-what took you so long?

S- was on phone -

K- Can we proceed further?

S- Yes

I don't know can we?

K- Congratulations! Due to your level of experience, You've just been confirmed qualified for this Job.You are welcome to The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. We will like to see your diligence,Charisma,Commitment towards this job. Congratulations!

S- I bow to you - Thank you very much

K- In the mean time i need you to provide me with these following information's to enable the company's secretary's department put you into register. Full names, state, city, address, zipcode and cell #

(I googled her real quick. There is a Karen Seymour at Goldman Sachs - Executive VP & General Counsel at Goldman Sachs, NY)

S- Karen,I would prefer that via email or voice - if you don't mind. also you mentioned viewing my resume and that information is on there as well as you have my cell

-----(2 hours pass)-----

S- Karen I have not received an email yet

-----(2 hours pass)-----

S- Karen awaiting for that email. With whom did in the head dept. I can speaker with them direct. My I have phone and ext ?

(Google hangout shows her still active, online,)

Never an email or response
I stopped responding