

ZOHO CORPORATION INTERVIEW EXPERIENCE SHARED BY ALUMNI

Placement process which I attended consisted of FIVE rounds.

1. Puzzles and Aptitude in C
2. Programming Round (Level 1)
3. Programming Round (Advanced)
4. Technical Interview
5. HR Interview

Round 1: Ten puzzle. Few were very simple and others need a little bit of lateral thinking. Aptitude in C consists of twenty questions with NO OPTIONS. It would be mostly regarding POINTERS, ARRAYS, STRINGS, INCREMENT - DECREMENT Operators. Most of the Filtering Process will be done here. So this is the most important round.

Going through LET US C book and solving few puzzles online help!!!

Round 2: This Programming Round consists of Five to Six questions. This Round is intended to check your Logical skills. You must write a program and execute it. Rather than the output the logic you use to solve the problem is important . Questions are mainly based on STRING manipulation, Two dimensional arrays and FILES. You would be given 90 to 120 minutes .

Showing the Moderator that you are good at logic is VERY IMPORTANT

Round 3 : Advanced Programming Round . Believe me there is nothing advanced in it. They test your designing skills in this round. What i mean by design is

- > What type of structure you use
- > Memory Usage
- > What path you take to solve the issue

It consists of JUST ONE BIG QUESTION divided into modules. They give THREE hours to solve. So take your time and complete module by module. Use Functions if possible.

Knowledge in Data Structure can get you through this

Round 4 : Technical Interview . I dint have this round and its a LONG STORY . But there is nothing to worry about this round. If you reach this round , you are most probably gonna get selected . They will ask you very basic questions from C , C++ and maybe even JAVA . Being Confident is a key .

Round 5 : HR Interview . The most easiest round of all . Just personal stuff and they try to judge your character. So just try to sell you out for the company. Tell about your good traits which can help the company and yourself .

DONT LIE !! AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO LIE , BE GOOD AT IT !!!

The interview process is a straight-forward test for your knowledge and character.

1. Show that you are interested in this job and try to enjoy the interview process . (VERY IMPORTANT)
2. Don't lose your confidence at any point.
3. It is not wrong to admit that you dont know !!
4. For Non - IT students , main thing they expect from us (I am from EEE) is not brilliance in any specific language. Learning the syntax of language is not a big deal. LOGIC and PROBLEM solving skills are very important. And that is what they expect from you.
5. You will be asked a lot of PUZZLES . Trying to solve it is very important . Dont just quit without trying.

ZOHO has a wonderful work environment . So dont miss a chance just because you dint prepare or give your best in the interview. Try HARD and Prepare well . Crack the Interview .

Hope all of you are geared up for the placement season. Here is a summary of my interview experience at Zoho.

We had a presentation session by the HR of the company followed by a written test at our college. It consisted of roughly 20 C programming questions (find the output type) and 10 puzzle/aptitude questions. The programming questions were based on basic concepts like Pointers, post/ pre increment, order of precedence, etc. For preparation, "Let Us C", any FOC textbook, online interview questions examples would be useful. There were no MCQs, so don't depend on luck!

I, among other friends, was called for a programming round on office campus the next day. We were asked to write 5 programs (preferably in C) and show the output to the interviewer. Questions were based on factorial, matrix operations, file read/ write, etc. Time was a major constraint. Even if the complete output for all the questions is not reached, the logic used to approach the questions was evaluated.

After this, we had a short interview with the HR. Questions regarding interests, hobbies, personal background, etc were asked. Be prepared to elaborate about anything specified in the resume. It was more of an interaction rather than a criterion for selection.

The next day was an Advanced Programming round where the skill to code to a real life scenario was tested. We were asked to develop a single application (word processor, railway reservation are few examples) in the C console. Around 4-5 hours will be provided for this. Need to be strong in data structures to ace this round.

Following this round, we had 2 interview sessions with the team managers (most probably you will work under one of them if selected). The way in which questions in the previous rounds were solved was discussed. More puzzles were asked. With that the interview was over and the HR gave us the news.

Prepare programming concepts well, especially students of the non-IT stream, since you might have lost touch after 2nd year (being from ECE, I can relate) . Hope sharing of my experience would be of help. Zoho is a great place to start your career and there are lots of opportunities for growth. All the best :)

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Zoho expects candidates to be strong in programming and problem solving. There were a total of 5 rounds

1. Written test
2. Programming test
3. HR round
4. Advanced programming test
5. Technical HR round

1. WRITTEN TEST:

This was the most critical round. This was given high priority because many candidates were filtered in this round. More than 320 candidates attended this round. Out of those only 23 were selected for the next round. The duration for this round was 2 and half hours. Totally 30 questions were asked (20 – C aptitude questions ,10- Quants).

C- aptitude questions:

We were given a C code snippet, and was asked to find the output. No options for the answers were given. We had to find the answer straight forward. No compiler dependent questions were asked.

eg. `printf("%d",sizeof(int));`

This result varies from compiler to compiler. Questions of this type were not asked.

They tested mostly on recursion, nested loops, pointers (very important). Some questions carried 1 mark (easy) and some questions carried 2 marks (difficult).

Preparation required: A lot of searching on the internet was done understanding the fundamentals of C. Preparation on two dimensional array of pointers is required.

Quants:

This was really easy. Well known questions were asked. SMART training quants were sufficient for this section.

2. PROGRAMMING TEST:

Around 23 people attended this round. We were given a total of 6 programming questions and was asked to solve within 2 hrs. Any language can be used. For C/C++ we were given DEV C++ IDE to work on. For Java we were given eclipse IDE.

The following questions were asked in this round. Please take this as a model:

1. Find the power of a number using recursion.

Input: 5 2

Output: 25

2. Given a string where all the alphabets are unique, generate all the permutations.

Input :

abc

Output:

abc

acb

bac

bca

cab

cba

3. Find the diagonal sum of a matrix (major as well as minor diagonal sum).
4. Given employee details in a file "input.txt" , read the file and find the average salary of the employees.

Input.txt:

1-Salem-500.00

2-Aravind-1000.00

3-Ravi-1500.00

Output:

1000.00

5. Given two arrays A and B of integers. Find the output A U B (union).
6. Given an array of integers (positive as well as negative), find the 3 numbers which have high frequency(which occur the most number of times).

Input:

10

4 4 2 2 2 2 1 3 3 3

Output:

2 3 4

3. HR – Round:

We were asked questions orally (tell about yourself). Very easy round. Testing was done on our communication skills.

4. Advanced Programming Test(APT) and Technical Interview:

We were asked to implement a text editor in any language. The specifications of the text editor was told orally by the interviewer. This lasted for around 3 and half hours. When we were doing our APT, Technical Interviewer suddenly entered, reviewed the code and asked technical questions about technology and also asked us to solve puzzles.

The entire interview was spread over 3 days. The key thing required is your confidence that you can solve any problem.