



Personal Information

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Any other things you will like to tell us about yourself (Optional)

I am a Computer Science undergraduate with strong interest in problem solving, data structures, and system design. I consistently focused on improving my DSA, core CS fundamentals, and coding consistency throughout my preparation journey.

Companies & Profiles that you were shortlisted for

- 1) Google – SDE
- 2) Amazon – SDE

Short-Listed Placement Details

Company: Google

Placement Profile: SDE

Selection Process and Insights

- The selection process consisted of multiple elimination rounds.
- It started with an Online Assessment focusing on Data Structures and Algorithms.
- Candidates clearing the OA were shortlisted for technical interviews, followed by an HR round.
- Google mainly evaluates:
 - Problem-solving ability
 - Clear thinking and approach
 - Code quality and optimization
 - Communication skills
 - Consistency and clarity of thought mattered more than memorizing solutions.

Preparation Strategy

- I followed a structured and consistent preparation strategy:
- Solved DSA problems daily on LeetCode and Codeforces
- Focused on core topics: Arrays, Strings, Trees, Graphs, DP
- Revised Operating Systems, DBMS, CN, OOPs

- **Practiced writing clean and optimized code**
- **Mock interviews helped improve confidence and communication**
- **Resources used:**
 - **LeetCode**
 - **GeeksforGeeks**
 - **Cracking the Coding Interview**
 - **Google Interview Experience blogs**

Advice for Juniors

Do:

- **Start DSA early and stay consistent**
- **Focus on understanding concepts, not just solutions**
- **Practice explaining your approach clearly**
- **Revise core CS subjects regularly**
- **Believe in yourself and stay patient**

Don't:

- **Don't ignore fundamentals for shortcuts**
- **Don't panic during interviews**
- **Don't rely only on luck**
- **Don't stop practicing after rejections**

Note:

I, the undersigned, give my consent for publication of my placement experience.

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