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Hi All,



I learned a lot by reading interview experiences on Leetcode and Blind. Wanted to post my experience in way of giving back :). This is my first post as well.

Profile : 1.5 YoE (1 yr in PayPal), MS from Top 20 in CS school.

PayPal MLE Position

Callback: Got PayPal referral through friends working in PayPal. A friend pinged hiring manager directly.

Interview process:

1. Phone Screen: Interviewer asked to open leetcode on my browser, share my screen and :
2. **Virtual Onsite: 4 rounds**
 - a. Coding + ML theory: **1** coding question on DFS + matrix. ML, DL & NLP theory ques
 - b. Coding + ML theory: **1** coding question (standard leetcode hard). ML, DL and NLP th
 - c. Coding + ML theory: **1** coding question (binary search variation). ML, DL and NLP
 - d. Manager round: **General** ML/DL questions which test broad understanding of ML and I

I did all the rounds exceptionally well. All the interviewers were very impressed and told me great job.

Google SWE in ML Position

Callback: Applied online without referral. Extremely lucky to get callback. Maybe because I applied within posted.

Interview process:

1. Phone Screen 1 : **1** leetcode style problem. Sliding window types.
I did not get the correct intuition first. Interviewer gave hint. I used it well and Should've barely scraped through I guess.
2. Phone Screen 2 : **1** leetcode style problem. Heap + sorting.
Did very well. Got optimal solution immediately. Wrote Clean code and worked through
3. Virtual Onsite: **4** rounds + behavioral
 - a. Coding: **1** leetcode style problem: started with leetcode easy. I coded it up very
 - b. Coding: **1** leetcode style problem. BFS with added logic. Got super confused at fi
 - c. Behavioral Round: Fun. Prepped all standard behavior questions. half of the ques
 - d. ML theory : A broad general ML prompt based on recommendation (more like ML syst
 - e. ML theory : A broad general ML prompt based on NLP

Discussion for 40 mins. Focused on all the latest NLP approaches (transformer, lstm