NITK Placement Gyan 2014

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To
Our Juniors

May you keep the flag of NITK flying high.

From the Class of 2014.

Introduction

Placements. For some, it's the one single thing that matters, for others it's just another piece of the college puzzle that shapes our future. Without doubt it is a life changing event or process in a student's college life.

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."
― Benjamin Franklin

One can definitely do better with help, guidance and smart preparation. Preparedness fused with hard work can definitely take one to greater heights. We certainly received a fair bit of help from our seniors during the placement process. We hope to help you (juniors) in a similar manner through Placement Gyan '14.

The document is complete with tips, strategies, preparation techniques, experiences and company specific approaches that could make the whole Placement ride a smooth sail.

Here are some general tips for placements:

- Think and decide well in advance if you even want to appear for the placement process.
- Prepare for placements. A lot of people regret their casual approach later on.
- Pick the companies you want to sit for (check eligibility, profile etc on the Placement Portal) wisely. This does make a difference.
- Do not sit for a company just for 'Apti Practice'. Not appearing for subsequent rounds after the first round because of lack of interest reflects poorly on the college, your batch and might have an impact on the subsequent batches as well.
- Stay well informed always. Cooperate and keep in touch with your Placement Coordinators.
- Keep your motivation levels and energy high through all ups and downs.
- Do not hesitate to contact seniors (alumni) for help, even the ones you do not know.

Good luck!

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Future Scope

This idea of documenting placement experiences through NITK Placement Gyan was initially implemented last year by Soumyadeep Bakshi, EEE- Class of 2013. That document was an extremely good resource while preparing for placements for the entire 2013-2014 batch. Hope this version helps the upcoming batches in the same way. A link to the last year's version is included in the last section of this document.

We sincerely hope someone from the 2014-2015 batch takes up the initiative and keeps this going. A few pointers to them:

- Start off early. Data collection must start as the Placements go on. People tend to forget/miss out a few points when asked about an event that happened months ago.
- Get as many people as possible to fill in. Ensure representation from every branch. Especially the non-circuit branches.
- Learning from rejections are an important part of the placement process. Document rejection experiences and incorporate them in the document. This document has a small section for that purpose.
- Compiling responses is a tedious task. Make sure you don't let this eat up your Summer holidays. Finish it off while in college.
- Publish the document in June. This way people can start preparing early.
- Try to involve MBA and other streams. The current document is restricted to just B Tech.
- Preserve previous versions of the document.

A lot of effort has gone into this. So, if this made a difference, do let us know!
Forgive us for any grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in the entry. We tried our best to proofread everything.

We would like to thank all the Placement Coordinators who urged their classmates to submit entries. Big thank you to Srinidhi Govind for helping us compile responses.
Hats off to Harsh Sinha for coming up with the idea to include unsuccessful (rejected) placement experiences and the constant support throughout.

Signing off.

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Placement Statistics 2013-2014

PLACEMENT % DURING THE YEAR 2013-2014				
Branch	Total Students	Placed	Yet to be placed	% Placed
UG (BTECH)				
CIVIL	90	60	30	66.67
CHEMICAL	47	30	17	63.83
COMPUTER	105	87	18	82.86
E & C	108	79	29	73.15
E & E	110	79	31	71.82
IT	101	75	26	74.26
MECHANICAL	145	110	35	75.86
METALLURGY	41	28	13	68.29
MINING	33	24	9	72.73
Total(B.Tech)	780	572	208	73.33
PG (MTECH)				
STRUCTURAL ENGG.	26	13	13	50
GEO TECH.	11	0	11	0
ENVIRONMENTAL	18	9	9	50
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM	21	0	21	0
CONSTRUCTION TECH & MGMT	23	5	18	21.74
MARINE STRUCTURES	18	2	16	11.11
WATER RESOURCE ENGG & MGMT	12	1	11	8.33
REMOTE SENSING & GIS	12	2	10	16.67
I P C	17	0	17	0
C P D	6	1	5	16.67
INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY	22	1	21	4.55
COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGG	26	22	4	84.62
INFORMATION SECURITY	29	20	9	68.97
VLSI	24	4	20	16.67
COMMUNICATION ENGG	28	2	26	7.14
POWER & ENERGY SYSTEM	22	4	18	18.18
THERMAL ENGG	13	3	10	23.08
MANUFACTURING ENGG	14	2	12	14.29
MECHATRONICS	23	7	16	30.43
PROCESS MET.	9	0	9	0
MATERIALS ENGG.	23	2	21	8.7
NANOSCIENCE &NANOTECH.	8	0	8	0
S A C A	21	10	11	47.62
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	26	22	4	84.62
ROCK EXCAVATION TECHNOLOGY	0	0	0	0
Total(M.Tech)	440	130	310	29.55
MCA	89	73	16	82.02
MBA	44	15	29	34.09
MSC(Chemistry)	16	0	16	0
MSC(Physics)	11	0	11	0
TOTAL	Total Students	Placed	Yet to be placed	Total % Placed
	1392	792	600	56.9
Total Companies Visited - 172				

Software

Google, USA

8.18 CSE

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Selection Procedure

First round was a written test which had 20 MCQ's in the field of Databases, Theory of computation, Operating systems, Data Structures and Algorithms and one programming question. 7 students (4 B.Tech, 3 M.Tech) got through to the interviews. Most of the interviews were held in the Google Bangalore campus. There were a total of 5 rounds of interviews. All based on Data Structures and Algorithms. Each round had 2 questions for which we were usually supposed to explain the algorithm first and then write the code on a Google doc.

Preparation

The book 'Cracking the Coding interview' is a good resource for preparation. Online websites like Glassdoor, geekforgeeks also have some good questions. Taking part in online programming competitions will help you learn some new algorithms and also improve your coding style.

General Tips

Practice your coding skills. Writing a neat code is very important. Interviewers not just look for a good algorithm but also your coding style (indentation, variable names, simplicity etc.).

Overall Experience

It was a really great experience. I got a chance to visit both Google Bangalore and Hyderabad campuses and taste their awesome food.

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There was a coding round followed by three rounds of interview.
No aptitude test. In the coding round there were 3 questions to be solved in about 3 hrs.

Interview rounds: (not necessarily in the same order)
1. Coding:
Simple coding questions. Make sure you first explain the logic to them and then you may be asked to write the code for it on the board using any language of your choice. Syntax is not a big deal, but don't make any logical errors. They are very friendly and may suggest certain solutions of their own. Make sure you can grasp them quickly. Find faults in your own code before they find it. Always try to give the best optimal solution. In case you are unable to do so then suggest possible improvements.

2. Design:
Some people may find this round a bit uneasy. But this round tests how good you are at designing solutions to problems. Most of the candidates were asked to build an online gaming system. And then they keep adding extra constraints and ideas and see if you can integrate them to your design. Database knowledge may be tested. They may also ask questions pertaining to you projects listed in your resume.

3. HR:
Expect the usual crazy questions like "Why LinkedIn?" and if you are already placed, be ready to give a proper justification for "Why LinkedIn and not XYZ?" so on. Be cool, you need not be accurate. Be well prepared with your resume and expect questions from them.

Be very strong with your coding ability. Whenever you code, do follow some standard procedures and make the code look simple and structured. Whenever you solve a coding question make sure you answer it completely for all the test cases. Partial results will only indicate that there is something wrong with the logic. Try to solve a complete question rather than multiple questions with partial results.
For the interview, just be confident and have a good resume ready with you.

An updated LinkedIn account with decent connections. ;)

To be honest, I would say it was a bit tiring simply because I was asked to be there at 9 am and the interviews started at noon and went on till evening. And then had to wait for almost a month for the results before which I had lost all hopes. Nevertheless, if you do get selected then it is a completely different story.

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It was a two step process:

1) Online Programming Test
Three questions of increasing difficulty level. The first one was on string manipulation, the second was based on the iterative version of the merge sort algorithm and the last one on dynamic programming.
2) Interviews
Eight students were selected for this stage which consisted of three separate interviews. The first one was on algorithms and programming, the second on system design and the third was HR.
In the algorithms and programming interview I was asked two questions. The interviewer asked me to first explain the proposed algorithm and then I was expected to write the code on a white board they had provided.
Three weeks after the interviews the selected candidates were informed through the concerned placement coordinator.

No special preparation is required. Just make sure that you have understood the fundamentals of Data Structures and Algorithms well.

Don't panic, the interviewers don't expect you to come up with the optimum result directly and they will give you enough time to refine your solution.

Quite relaxed compared to many other interviews.

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Round 1:
Interviewstreet (online) round - 1:30 hours with 4 programming questions (iirc)
Round 2:
12 shortlisted, 3 selected - 3 rounds each of 45 mins: Design, Programming, HR (random order)

These books should help you with any placement tests/interviews. The titles make them seem like they try to teach shortcuts, but their importance in getting recruited cannot be understated. Most of the problems interviewers ask tend to be similar to a relatively small set of problems; these books have the most essential of them. Use your best judgment when deciding to just read through the solution instead of trying to solve a problem yourself. This might be bad, I guess.

* Cracking the Coding Interview: 150 Programming Questions and Solutions
* Programming Interviews Exposed
For detailed description of some algorithm you can follow these resources (in order of how much time it usually takes to understand what they say)
* geeksforgeeks.com
* Algorithm Design Manual (Steven Skeina - this book is too vague in a lot of cases, but concise)
* Introduction to Algorithms - C,L,R,S

It might help in general to try to become a better developer at all times. One way to get good at it is to really enjoy what you do! Do random projects, use linux, Read Hacker News (http://news.ycombinator.com/) daily and wear hippie computer t-shirts (:-P) - Interviewers really LOVE talking about these, especially HR rounds (my HR interviewer was also a programmer).

The first round was difficult for our batch, apart from 2 easy questions which most got. The rest depended on the number of passing test cases in the other problems (my guess). I got stuck with one problem for almost an hour, could have avoided that. When giving tests please do not get stuck on one problem because it picks your brain, just move on and finish the easy ones first. This is very important.

I got rejected from Adobe, nVIDIA, and Arista Networks. The lesson I learnt was I had to find Cracking the Coding Interview earlier. That should be the first book you read and digest. Do it in the summer when you still have time. Then move on to GeeksForGeeks.com and browse. A lot depends on luck. So don't give up!

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Selection Procedure

Around 8 of us were selected for the interview round. We sat in different rooms while the interviewers went around asking questions from various topics - Algorithms, OS, DBMS etc. Those guys were very helpful and easygoing.

Preparation

I just glanced through the concepts from pdfs of textbooks on my computer. Did not spend a single rupee on material. Make sure you're aware of the basic algorithms and data structure questions.

General Tips

It's not a World Cup final and you're not Tendulkar. So relax, you don't have the burden of a nation's expectation on you. If you've managed to understand the fundamentals of algorithms, data structures, OS etc., cracking interviews shouldn't be hard. If you've not, then I guess you need at least a couple of months of intense preparation.

Overall Experience

I could not appear for Microsoft and couldn't get through the programming round of Yahoo. Once you write a couple of aptitude and programming tests, you get the feel of it and problem solving becomes easier. Walmart's aptitude round was simple and programming round was, I'd say, tricky. In the interview round, I was off to a horrible start. I spent a lot of time on the first two questions and could see the interviewer losing interest in hiring me. But the third one was straightforward and got me back in the groove. From then on, I managed to answer all but one question, including the first two.
If you think you are a bright student, remember that companies want people like you as much as you need good jobs.

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Round 1 -
Hosted on interviewstreet.com
C aptitude and logic questions. 1 hour
Coding snippets. 3 questions. 1 hour
Round 2 -
3 Back to back interviews. Each covering a different subject. First was DSA and DAA, next DBMS followed by OS.
Round 3 -
HR interview

Sites for algorithms and practice coding questions:
www.geeksforgeeks.com
www.careercup.com
www.glassdoor.com
Books:
Cracking the Coding interview - Gayle Laakmann. Browsing through the book once should cover most of the algorithm questions you will face in any interview

In an interview you will most likely have to write code on paper. Practice it at least once. It has its own set of challenges (no backspace, syntax correction etc). The interviewer most likely is looking for the ability to think right and not the best answer itself. Walk them through your thought process. Indicate why you think certain options are not viable etc. Make sure they are aware you are thinking about optimizations like space & time complexity, function runtime tradeoffs etc. For example, in DBMS the storage design depends if your client has more write operations than read or if it's other way around. Clarify these details before approaching the problem

Preparation for any company by looking up company question papers, interview process. This can help you identify what a company concentrates on in each stage. For example, some companies evaluate you on inane C/C++ questions answers to which are readily available on the net. Some on Java and some have logic questions.

Recruiters cycle through a set of questions when it comes to algorithms. Sites like careercup and glassdoor provide questions that have been asked previously

The placement has a lot to do with waiting and waiting. You'll just have to keep an eye open for the right fit. Keep calm and enjoy final year!

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VMware

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FIRST ROUND was a MCQ test. 2 sections: quantitaive aptitude + basics of computer science. Each section had individual cutoffs. Some 15 students were shortlisted after the first round for the interviews.

The company had two profiles to offer- Software developer (Application softwares) and software engineers(LInux and VM kernel). Each of us had to go through two interview panels. One panel was dedicated for finding out your knowledge of data structures and algorithms while the other tested your knowledge of the operating systems. After these interviews were done, only four advanced to the next round. The next round was manager interview round which was basically a rapid fire round for me. I was asked common OS questions and I had to answer them in split second. I had indicated to them that I was more inclined towards kernel profile. It was fun!

Finally, three of us were sent for HR round, which was just a formality. All three of us were offered the job.

*geeksforgeeks.com and careercup is more than enough
* very frequently asked puzzles
* Galvin textbook for operating systems, Nothing else is required

Just be confident. You may not be able to answer all the questions correctly. If you don't know the answer, be honest and confidently answer the questions that you know.

Back to back interviews could be challenging, especially if you have to sit for multiple companies on the same day. All the best!

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VmWare

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The first round was written aptitude test. Quant was easy while technical involved a lot of C++ programs snippets. 13 were shortlisted (3 BTech + 10 MTech).
Then we had 3-4 technical interviews which covered majorly questions from Operating System and Algorithms. OOPS, SE and some basic C concepts were also covered in technical interviews. It was followed by 1 Managerial and 1 HR interview which were pretty chill.

VmWare mainly focuses on Operating System. Try to be very good at this subject if you are targeting this company. Challenging algorithm questions were also asked but they were not too hard. A fine knowledge of Java could give you an edge over other candidates.

Try to be confident and smart about your answers. This interview was the most chill interview I ever gave, the interviewer was having more of a discussion than a question-answer session.

Definitely satisfying.

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Microsoft

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Selection Procedure

Two ways:

1) Internship: Pre-Placement Offer
After you have got the internship, one must finish of the project in time. Only the ones who do that are given the chance of appearing for interviews. Generally, there are 3 rounds of interview. 30% of each interview is about your project and the remaining is solving problems with great accuracy. Generally every round is an elimination round. Around 30% of the interns get the PPO offer. Once rejected you are not allowed to sit for the college interviews when they come to college.

2) Campus Interview
The procedure is same as the internship recruitment in 3rd year. 1st round is on Aptitude and C language.
2nd round is Online Coding. Questions are mostly on Matrix, linked list and Binary Trees.
3rd round consists of numerous interviews. Questions are very simple but you need to code it without mistake. It should pass all possible test cases. So, take your time but don't commit mistakes. Generally its 3-4 rounds of interview here. Try your best to impress the senior most interviewers. He has the final say for your selection

Preparation

geeksforgeeks is the most valuable site. The questions are generally taken from there. Careercup.com has the most common questions asked by Microsoft. Try to even brush up on OS concepts. Some interviewers ask that too. Practice all questions on linked list. This is generally the first interview question.

General Tips

Before going for the interviews, take a sheet of paper and write an error free code, with extremely well named variables and optimized runtime each on Matrices, Linked List and Binary Tree. This will ensure that you have confidence and don't feel rusty while writing the code. Check your code twice to make it error free before showing the interviewer.

Overall Experience

I felt that Microsoft is a company which demands an honest, hardworking and logical coder. So, even showing lapses in one of these aspects might lead to elimination.

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Microsoft

8.62 CSE

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First Round had 30 questions mainly from C, C++, and General aptitude each having 4 choices.
Second round was coding round which had 2 questions.
Then there were 4 rounds of interview.
In last 4 rounds, there were questions from Data Structure, Design and Analysis of Algorithms,DBMS,OS.The basic knowledge about advance DSA will be helpful.

Mostly they had asked to write function and test cases for problems. Also they asked me few questions on Web development which was mainly (I think) because i had done few projects on it. Do study whatever projects you have mentioned in your resume.

Books:-
Data Structures and Algorithms Made Easy: Data Structure and Algorithmic Puzzles by Narasimha Karumanchi
Cracking the Coding Interview by Gayle Laakmann McDowell
For Problems :-
http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/(Most Important. It has both aptitude questions and problems)
http://www.codechef.com/
http://www.careercup.com/
http://oj.leetcode.com/
For Apti:-
http://techpreparation.com/
http://www.cquestions.com/

Don't ignore aptitude because it is really important. Never give up on any question in interview.
Tell your interviewer anything you know about the question even if it is too simple to tell.
Be confident.

It was challenging,rewarding as well as fun.All the interviewers were nice except the last one.

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Microsoft

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Selection Procedure

Stage 1: Written Test: 300 odd people
This is entirely dependent on C aptitude.
Stage 2: Coding Round: 100 odd people
Here make sure your code works for all possible test cases, even the borderline ones.
Stage 3: Personal Interview 1: 16 people
Stage 4: Personal Interview 2: 15 people
Stage 5: Personal Interview 3: 10 people
These 3 interviews are sequential and are of the same level.
Stage 6: Final Interview: 6 people

Preparation

Cracking the Coding Interview by Gayle Laakmann McDowell
http://www.amazon.in/Cracking-Coding-Interview-Programming-Questions/dp/098478280X?tag=googinhydr2345-21
Let Us C by Yashwanth Kanetkar
http://books.google.co.in/books?id=7HrjAAAACAAJ&dq=let+us+c+yashwant+kanetkar&hl=en&sa=X&ei=d6MkU8HWJdHYoATB5oKABQ&redir_esc=y

General Tips

0. The most important thing. Know your level. Improve yourself by practicing more and be well aware of how smart you are. Wishful thinking can only get you so far.

1. Writing fluent and optimized code is an art. I was lucky because I have been coding for a long time. If your coding skills aren't great, practice! I answered one crucial question completely wrong and still got through because of this skill.

2. If you know an answer to a question, do not answer it immediately. Try to derive that answer from scratch and understand it before you go about blurting out the answer out of excitement. Let it look like a challenge.

3. Learn External Sorting and Kadane's algorithm.

4. Learn some basic OS facts like details about a program stack and what not.

Make a CV right now! Compress it to one page. No one cares about your extra-curricular activities as much as you do. Include relevant details.

This is one of the most memorable days of my life. This placement was a gamble for me because I rejected a pre-placement offer to be able to appear for the subsequent rounds of this company. I was betting my future on this company and there was every bit of pressure on me from all possible sides. The inner battle was taking a toll on me but my demeanor and my disposition did not change. I had to conceal the pressure and be confident with my ability to code. I delivered in spite of making one silly mistake which was overlooked because I coded the wrong answer but in a much optimized manner.

The overall experience put you in perspective of the world out there. These placements are your platform. This is the college's to exhibit you the outside world. Get it right and you'll walk out the T&P department with your future in your hand.

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Selection Procedure

There is an aptitude and technical MCQ round which most of the people clear followed by a coding round where most of people get eliminated. You are given two questions to code in an hour. The shortlisted people have to then go through four rounds of interview.

Preparation

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Www.geeksforgeeks.org

Www.Indiabix.Com

General Tips

For Microsoft your code should be perfect and written in perfect programming style

Overall Experience

The interviews take up almost your complete day. Each round lasts for 45 min .The level of difficulty keeps increasing with each round. It is a bit exhausting and by the time you get to final round but trust me guys it's worth it.

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8.8 CSE

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Preparation

For Data-Structure and Algorithms preparation I followed NPTEL lectures and Corman. Whatever concept you learn from these try to implement using C/C++ or any language you like. It improved my coding as I started writing more Structured/Modular code which makes you more impressive in interviews.

For more problems refer Careercup.com and GeekforGeeks.org. It was really luck for me during both intern and PPI interview I was asked questions from these websites. As these are favorites for all interviewers.

Its better to write code first on paper than on compiler it reduces bugs/errors like NULL-pointer error.

Aptitude C/C++ follow any good book and go through once. For C refer Dennis Ritchie.

For DBMS/OS follow ppts or their standard textbooks. Try to learn as many concept as possible. Don't depend on your prof did he teach or not.

General Tips

Now the pattern for Aptitude is changing. You will be given 60-90 min. and you have to code solutions for problems. Many of our batch-mates were not used to it. I was also rejected in more than 2 companies just because of not having good efficiency in handing online test. Be ready well before for such cases. Follow code-chef etc.

Your preference for preparation should be DSA>OS>DBMS

As I got PPO from the company it was little better-luck for me as I escaped from On-Campus Competition.

But yeah for getting intern and then PPO it was well challenging. But you can enjoy in parallel with little continuous hard work and smart preparation/work-out. Better find what will be asked in interview then learn accordingly concepts instead running behind CGPA(its enough 8-8.5).

You might get disappointed some time just try to catch plus from it and move forward. I have seen cases a student got rejected in one company placed in better one. You never know where is your destination. Better fix multiple than one.

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9.25 IT

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Selection Procedure

1) Initially we had elimination round which was conducted in two sessions. It was an online test.
 1a) In Session 1, general aptitude and C-aptitude questions were asked.
 1b) Session 2 involved coding. Seven questions were asked.
NOTE : Adobe was open to B.Tech and M.Tech students of CSE and IT department. The cutoff was 7.5.
 1c) For the elimination round around 200 students gave the test. 15 students were shortlisted for the interviews.

2) The interviews consisted of 4 rounds - 3 Tech rounds and 1 HR round.
2a) In the first round, I was asked about pointers in detail. Several questions involving pointers were thrown at me. This all required basic understanding of pointers. Also some puzzles were also asked in this round.
2b) I had HR interview in the second round. It was a very friendly interview. Few simple logic questions were asked. And later much of the discussion was focused on my internship.
2c) Third round was a tech round. In this round, much focus was laid on operating systems. The interviewer asked me to explain how virtual memory works in detail. He also gave me a live scenario and asked me to explain how the scenario works.
2d) Fourth round was again a tech round. Here a few data structure questions were asked like finding a solution with lesser time complexity etc.

Most of the students went through all the 4 rounds. The results were announced next day. 3 students were given the job offer.

Preparation

1) Books - Crack the Coding Interview by Gayle Laakmann, Let Us C, Let Us C++, C-Aptitude books and General Aptitude books

2) Websites - http://www.careercup.com/, http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/

General Tips

I asked my seniors about the interview process. Their guidelines were very helpful. Always try to bring the interviewer into your comfort zone. Also be confident and expressive while explaining. Explain your thought process while solving. Even though you don't get the solution the thought process might be very important for your selection.

It was challenging. The competition was high. So please make proper preparations and be calm.

ALL THE BEST!

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8.72 CSE

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Selection Procedure

First round was an online test on hacker rank for 3 hours. The online round had 2 parts; first one tested analytical skills and the other tested computer science knowledge and also had some programming questions (simple ones). From the test they took about 15-20 people for the interviews. They took 3 technical interviews and 1 HR round for almost everyone. a few they rejected after the technical interviews. For the rest, they announced the results the next morning (the interviews were during the night) finally choosing three students.

The technical rounds had basic logic puzzles and programming questions. A few questions I remember:

How do you implement naming of threads from the point of view of a multi-threaded OS.
Implement rand5 using rand7.
Implement functions to render circles and other figures. (This was mainly about my development attitude and object oriented design rather than my algorithm skills)
How does free know how many memory blocks to delete in the case of arrays.
Some questions on finding the errors in the programs. Some questions on stacks, linked lists, queues and sorting.

Preparation

"Cracking the coding interview".
geeksforgeeks.org
CLRS
Wu riddles (for general out-of-the box thinking)

General Tips

If you want to bag a top company, it's all about data structures, data structure & data structures. Just be sharp and attentive during the interview. If you don't know the answer just RELAX (very important) and start bouncing ideas of the interviewer, they're here to see how well you can solve not how well you remember.
And be ready with copies of your resume and proper formal clothes at ALL times till you're placed.
Interviews are very subjective. Make the interviewer believe that you can manage any job given to you. That's the most important thing. Be confident even if your solution has a few flaws that you know.

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Selection Procedure

Yahoo is one of the highest paying companies to visit campus; so naturally, its selection process is rigorous. It recently revamped its recruitment policy for fresher's and only recruits from certain premier colleges. In our college (and to the best of my knowledge, in other colleges as well), Yahoo placed a relatively high GPA cutoff of 8 and restricted the applicant pool to CS candidates only (both UG and PG). As usual the first round was a written test. However, unlike most of the other companies that had come to campus, the written test did NOT involve general aptitude questions. Most questions were CS specific and pertained to some kind of algorithmic analysis, design of recursive solutions, designing and tracing out an algorithm on a given sample etc. About **50-60% of the candidates were eliminated in this round**. The next round was a **coding assignment**. For those familiar with code-chef, the coding assignment was similar to a medium level problem (in the practice section) and had to be done in C. The coding assignment by design, required algorithmic optimization to execute within the prescribed time limit. About **10 candidates (8 UG and 2 PG)** were selected for interviews. Yahoo generally conducts **4 technical interviews and an HR interview**. Typically, 2 of the 4 tech interviews will be with immediate seniors in teams that are interested in your profile. The remaining two will be with more senior engineers (in fact, one of my interviews was with the tech director of a vertical at Yahoo). Interviewers discuss with each other after each interview, and some candidates were eliminated after one poor interview. It is therefore quite important to do consistently well in all of them if possible. After the technical interviews is the HR interview. This is mostly done to gauge the candidate's enthusiasm and motivation to join the company. Assuming your technical interviews went well, the HR interview shouldn't be anything to worry about.

Preparation

For a computer science student who intends to take up a technical job at a tier 1 company, spend as much time as possible, honing your technical skills. Start well before placement season, if possible, in 3rd year itself. To practice coding, popular websites include **CodeChef, SPOJ, Topcoder**. For interviews, **Cracking the Coding Interview** is a MUST READ. You can also refer to careercup.com for recent interview questions from top companies. As far as algorithms go, other than some mainstream algorithms, typically interviewers stay away from cryptic algos and data structures. For all practical purposes, everything you need can be found in 'Introduction to Algorithms' (by Cormen et. al) along with a lot of stuff you won't need. Algorithm design manual by Skiena is another good option. Personally, I found the design manual easier to read.

Also, if you do have free time, get in the habit of solving puzzles or riddles. As far as I have observed, these are not asked directly in interviews these days, but solving them gets you in the habit of thinking out of the box. Try to be confident and smart about your answers. This interview was most chill interview I ever gave; the interviewer was having more of a discussion than a question-answer session.

An important point to mention is that your CV will go a long way in determining your interview experience. Do NOT claim to know something you don't. Your CV should highlight what you are confident about. Since they are hiring freshers, leaving out something you don't know too well will NOT hurt you chances as long as your strengths make up for it. More importantly, your CV is a way for you to take charge of where the interview goes. I successfully managed to ensure that ALL of my interviews stuck to my preferred topic of **algorithm design and optimization** by calling out my experience at the ACM ICPC national level onsite round, important course projects and my previous internship that involved such work. Some candidates were asked about **obscure networking protocols or advanced database concepts** and paid the price for it. Also, get comfortable with coding without the use of a compiler. Without a doubt, algorithmic questions will come up during the interview and you will be expected to code up your solution. Practice with a whiteboard or just a notebook. **DEVELOP GOOD CODING PRACTICES**. This includes things like plentiful comments, correct syntax, appropriate indentation, modular program design etc. This is something many candidates fail to do (including me) and it can make your interview more stressful. Getting the algorithm right in an interview is only half a victory. Also, conversing with your interviewer is very important. Many interview questions are designed to be tough at first glance and are often under specified, requiring you to clarify certain aspects about the question with the interviewer. Moreover, interviewers are usually more concerned about your approach to the problem rather than expecting you to just spit out the answer. You can even get away with an imperfect solution if you manage to convince the interviewer that you are headed in the right direction. If you get lost, the interviewer will usually re-direct you subtly. One more important skill is to manage your time well. In a **45 minute interview, you can expect a few warm up questions, mostly to verify various claims on your CV, followed by a juicy algorithmic question**. Your aim should be to design an algorithm that fully solves that problem, including pesky corner cases (often times, the corner cases are the ones your interviewer will test against), and code it up in a fairly presentable form, within the interview time period. Once again, this is a skill you can only hone by consistent practice.

Apart from technical skills, your communication and social skills are what can make or break an interview and eventually, decide whether or not you get the job. Objectively speaking, most candidates who make it to the final round will be very technically proficient. Therefore, your aim should be to make the decision regarding your candidature anything BUT objective. The real advantage of an interview is to let the interviewer know YOU, beyond just your written test score or your academic credentials. Interviewers like confidence in a candidate and it can even make you seem better than you really are. It will also help to have a few well thought out questions in mind for your interviewer, to show him that you have put in more effort than other candidates to find out about the kind of work going on at the company. One thing you can do is to find out who all the interviewers are during the pre-placement talk (**Yes, attending the PPT CAN BE USEFUL**).

Look up their LinkedIn profiles and note what projects they have worked on or guided. Asking a few insightful questions about those specific projects is a good way to create a good impression of you. It is very difficult to truly judge a candidate during a 45 minute interview, so what matters a lot is the impression left in the interviewers mind about you. If possible, try to establish a **social connect** during your limited interaction with the interviewers, BEFORE the interviews take place. For example, **one of my interviewers, a senior tech manager at Yahoo, was an NITK alumnus**. Before the interviews, I spoke to him about his experience in college. As it turns out, he was one of the founders of the web club at NITK, of which I am a member. We spoke for about 15 minutes about how the club has grown and how the club has helped its members ever since. It definitely changed the way we interacted during the interview. The point of all of this is to create a recall in the interviewer's mind beyond candidate number X, with GPA Y and written test score Z. After all, your interviewer can be a powerful ally when your candidature is being discussed with other interviewers, behind closed doors. All in all, your success during the placement season will depend on a combination of technical acumen, social skills, perseverance, luck, and for lack of a better word, a little healthy politics to propagate your own self-interest. Best of luck!

For anyone, placement season is a period of great tension. I was lucky that my ordeal came to an end early in the season. However, it is important to learn to take rejection and carry on unfazed. Not getting selected does NOT mean you are a lousy candidate. A lot of times, luck is involved. Stick to your guns and something will eventually come through. In the end you will find yourself to be a much more mature person.

I sat for 2 companies before I got placed in Yahoo, both of which I got rejected from. An important point to grasp is that getting past the initial written test and coding round is the MAIN hurdle. These rounds are designed to eliminate people in large numbers. This is why it is important to begin preparation early on. Optimize your preparation with respect to how companies conduct their recruitment process. If it involves a general aptitude test, prepare for that, regardless of how irrelevant it may seem. This was where I lacked. I spent a lot of time coding and honing my CS specific skills but didn't work on speed required for a general aptitude test. This was why I didn't progress to the interviews for the other 2 companies I tried out for. In a way I got lucky that Yahoo's recruitment test checked mostly core CS knowledge, which was probably why I got through. One big advantage juniors will have in the coming years is resources like **NITK Placement Gyan**. Apart from that, tap into your seniors' networks and find out as much as possible to give yourself the edge. Your resourcefulness in this respect will make all the difference during the placement season.

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All my answers reflect my particular experience during the placement season, limited as that is. This may differ from other peoples' point of view, even those who got placed in Yahoo along with me. Take it all with a pinch of salt. In case of genuine queries, you can send me an e-mail. **PLEASE DO NOT SPAM**.

Arista Networks

8.25 CSE

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Selection Procedure

First round was a written round. Subjective questions(mostly OS) + a couple of coding questions(simple data structures)
Some 10-12 were shortlisted for the interviews
Interviews: Basics of C like what is a static variable, diff between a global variable and a static global variable, etc + data structures + operating systems(majorly). I was asked only one question from networks on DHCP
Manager round will focus more on your internships and the projects that you have done over the course of time.

Preparation

* Galvin for operating systems
* geeksforgeeks and careercup for data structures

General Tips

You require a good knowledge of the operating systems to crack this company!

Overall Experience

Since I had both VMware and Arista interviews going on in parallel, it became very exhausting and challenging. During my manager interview, I had become very bored and was lazy in answering the questions. Luckily, the manager was a very nice guy and he understood my situation. I was allowed to leave early :) It is important that you maintain the energy level and motivation throughout. All your hard work will go down the drain if you lose focus in the final moments.

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8.53 CSE

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As with most companies, the first phase of the selection procedure was a written test. There was no questions on general aptitude. Overall, there were 10 questions. The first 4 questions were based on algorithms and programming, next 3 questions on OS and next 3 questions where on Networks. Around 35 students appeared for the written test. 11 students got selected for the next phase, which was the interview phase. The interview phase had two rounds. The first round was based on algorithms and programming. They asked questions on trees, arrays and a couple of questions on CPU architecture. Out of the 11 candidates, 4 got selected for the second round of interview. The second round of interview was based on OS and Networks. There were some questions which involved explaining algorithms that were actually implemented in today's Operating Systems, i.e. what happens when the program executes the free function. Unexpectedly, there was also a third round of interview in my case. It was a video interview with another employee from the company. It was again based OS and networks. They asked questions on some advanced concepts in OS and networks. I couldnt answer a few, but they were satisfied with the fact that my basic concepts were strong. And I got selected.

Preparation

CareerCup.com
Cracking the Coding Interview by Gayle Laakmann Mcdowell
Geeksforgeeks

General Tips

Keep Calm and Rock On. Be confident and try not to make mistakes in writing codes.

Overall Experience

I had to write around 10 written tests before getting through for my first interview. This will sometimes lower your confidence, but trust me, just put in your efforts and hope for the best. You will definitely succeed. Overall, it was a great experience at the end of which I was relieved.

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Intuit

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One of the first things that anyone who sits for placement or internship for a certain company know is about the company itself. This gives you an idea of, a. What they are looking for so that you're better prepared and b. Shows the interviewer that you are keenly interested.

Intuit didnot hire anyone this time. All of us who are placed at Intuit were taken as summer interns during our 6th sem.

Getting the internship:
Their selection process was the most innovative. First round, we were divided into teams of 8-10. Our goal was to propose a solution to the given problem statement. This task was different than the usual apti rounds. However the key was to stand out and be noticeable. Dont be alarmed, just rremember to alwyas pitch in your strongest ideas(keeping in mind how you'll actually implement it) and always have an ear to listen to others.
Two to three people from each team were selected to the second round.
Second round, we had to prepare a design document for the solution proposed by your team(even your own ideas that the whole team rejected can be included). Now what did the company look for? If you were capable of implementing the application. We had yo include screenshots, code snippets anything that seemed relevant. Since my previous internship at IISc, was mainly focused on developing a software, I was at an advantage.Regardless, thanks to all those course projects youll have a good idea on how to present the solution.

Internship to PPO:
Working for a company is a different experience and is nohing like working on your course projects. Each intern is assigned a mentor and manager. Your mentor will be your point of contact wrt to intuit. Your manager will tell you what needs to be done. Your mentor and manager decide your PPO.Now as far working there, you have to contribute to the project but at the same time keep in regular contact with your manager and mentor. To be fair, no one really knows what their expectations are and in most cases we are lost on as to what is right or wrong. By experience I can assure you that being enthusiastic, a good team player and soft skills help. What is still important is the quality of your work. Strong coding skills are an definite advantage. Person advice, if at any point of time you don't know anything always tell them you're a fast learner and youll get to it asap. Now your first priority is to learn how that platform/package/library works!
Give it your best and at the same time have fun! One of the best memories have been playing endless at their recreation room and eating all the free food!

Preparation

Strong java/html/css/javascript knowledge helps whileyour interning.
For intern recruitment, preparation is like for any other company.

Overall Experience

Challenging for sure. You learn a lot when you work in a company as an intern and at the same time it increases your chance of getting placed at the earliest. Definitely adds to your resume. Even if you want to pursue higher studies, this small work ex helps you when you look for an internship during your graduate studies.

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Intuit

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Selection Procedure

It was an Internship.. First round was a Group activity aimed at pointing out the creative approaches to solving a customer problem.. Second round was written.. To describe the product designed in ound one wih UML diagrams...

Intern converted into a PPO

Preparation

Selection process involved knowledge of UML diagrams

General Tips

Recruitment process just involved presence of mind and show of leadership qualities
During the intern. always live up to expectations by reaching deadlines without fail.. Never stay without work at hand.. Keep in constant touch with your manager especially regarding the progress in work

Overall Experience

Recruitment process was extremely unique and fun!
Intern was Challenging and whole new experience given that it was the first exposure to the corporate world

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Oracle

7.81 CSE

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We had an online test around 15-20 days before the company actually came for placement. It was open for all the branches so nearly everyone above 7 cgpa wrote the test. It has different sections : General apti, Verbal, Basic C, Advanced CSE etc. Basic C was easy. In advanced CSE lot of questions related to java, object oriented concepts, data structures (mostly trees) were there. The test was not difficult for a cse student. The company had two profiles : Server tech and apps. Almost 100 students were shortlisted for interview after 1st round, However only 30 of them were selected for both server tech and apps and others were selected only for apps. Server tech is more a core computer science profile and they expect the thorough comp science knowledge for this profile. So if you want to get selected in this profile, you have to score good in basic c and advanced cse section. If you are from non-cse background, its better to choose apps. There were 3 rounds of interview, two technical and one HR. I have mentioned dsa, os and database as my area of interest. In 1st round they started with asking about my projects. Then there were mostly questions from data structures and algorithms. The questions were not too difficult and could be solved given some time and effort. I was able to answer most of the questions except one. That was a tough question,they gave me lot of time for it. I struggled a lot and suggested a few solutions. Even if the answer was not fully correct, the interviewer was impressed with different types of approaches I suggested. They really don't care about the exact correct solution and judge you on how you approach to solve any problem. So even if you don't know the correct solution, keep discussing your approaches with the interviewer. 9 students were shortlisted for 2nd round. In 2nd round most of the questions were from OS (mainly Memory management, virtualisation, process scheduling) and Database (Normalization, indexing, some complex queries) and a few questions from DSA. This round was a bit tougher than 1st. Finally they selected 6 students after this round. The HR round was mere a formality just to ask basic information like location preference etc. All the six students were selected for the job after HR round.

General aptitude questions of any company's tests are easy and not of cat level. You can solve only level 1 questions from Arun sharma for apti preparation. For C apti, the best book is 'Test your C skills' by Yashwanth Kanetkar. The technical aptitude questions asked are basic questions from all of the cse courses. These are mostly previous years GATE questions. You can practice these from geeksforgeeks website. They have a good database of previous years GATE questions.

People suggest studying 'Introduction to algorithms by CLR'. Its definitely one of the best books available for DSA but problem with this book is that it is too much descriptive and mathematical.

You can study it during your courses but for placement I suggest you to instead study 'Data Structures and algorithm made easy by Karumanchi'. It's written from placement perspective, covers most of the questions asked in placement interviews with solutions. For OS, the book by Galvin is best. Don't just read the slides, study the book. The following websites are very useful for preparation of placement :

-Careercup

-geeksforgeeks

Besides these practice some puzzles. Refer my quora answer for standard puzzles.

http://www.quora.com/Job-Interviews/What-are-the-standard-puzzles-asked-in-programming-interviews

 A good resume is also important. A resume of 2 pages is optimum. Don't write anything or everything. Try to cover important aspects only. Mention only those projects which you can explain properly. It does not matter whether you had a very good internship or whether you have done some big project. Whatever projects you have done, you should be confident enough to make the interviewer understand it and answer the basic questions related to technologies involved in it. Be calm and confident when you are in interview room. Don't panic if you are not able to answer something. Don't give up easily, try to show the interviewer that you have struggled enough before saying no. Keep discussing with interviewer. Attend the ppts. It will help you in answering HR questions. Don't hesitate contacting any of your seniors for any type of help.

Placement season is always the toughest phase in college life. I got rejected by 4 companies in their last rounds of interviews before finally getting placed in oracle. A lot of factors including 'Luck' (being the prominent) contribute in placement. Life is not fair, placement season teaches this best. One thing I want to tell everyone that don't depress and loose hope if you get rejected by some company/companies. Keep struggling and giving your best until you make it. There will be a day, when stars will be in favor of you. Good thing is that lots and lots of companies visit our campus (until the last semester end) and almost everyone gets a good job(especially in CSE).

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8.72 EEE

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Selection Procedure

1st Round: Held approx. 2 weeks before the company visits. Basic Questions divided into different section - General English, Aptitude, C/C++/Java
2-3 Technical Interview Rounds.

Round 1: Why you wish to change your field [Relate your project to software] Basic Logic Questions, Puzzles, simple codes and Sorting

Round 2: String Manipulation. Function and Pointers. [Practice writing the code instead of just building logic. It will help]

Round 3: Harder Puzzels. Describe any one Project.

HR Round: Almost a Formality. Basic questions about yourself, why 'Oracle'. Just to make sure you will accept the offer if given and the city preference.

Preparation

Strings, Functions, Pointers and Sorting. Algorithms

General Tips

Don't Panic.Keep Calm. Confidence is the key
Brush up on our Aptitude skills-you will require them for any company.

Overall Experience

Rewarding and very exhausting .Interviews went on till 11pm

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Oracle

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There were 3 rounds of interviews preceded by an Aptitude test.
Written test had 4 sections
1. Coding skills
2. Computer science knowledge
3. Software engineering aptitude
4. Written English

Following which we were shortlisted and most of us had the option of sitting either for Server Technology profile or Apps profile, I chose the former.

Interview Round 1:

Looks at my resume asks me why I need placements, I gave him a convincing answer on the lines of how experience in the industry will be better than 2 more years of study.

Q1. Implement a Data Structure for best fit memory allocation scheme in an OS, discuss time and space complexities.

Interviewer was an alumnus told me about his life in Oracle.

Interview Round 2:

Q1. Find sub array such that sum is maximum.
Q2. Program for finding square root.
Q3. Optimize bubble sort to O(n) when array is sorted.
Q4. Delete a node given its pointer (Copy to next node data delete it)

Around 10-12 more questions on linked lists, trees and OS. Then asked to explain about the projects in my resume. Some puzzles asked me to stop him if I knew it before-hand, Monkey-door puzzle, Rope burning etc., I stopped him every time.

HR Round:

Q1. When is your GRE? A: Not giving.
Q2. Why Server Technology? A: What they told us in ppt.
Q3. What is your location preference?
Q4. What will you do if you don't get into any company?
A: Be careful with such questions this was a trap if you even slightly hinted at higher studies they won't take you. I answered that I will strive hard until I get into a company.

This was very informal, all the interviewers were in the same room and were sort of having fun by asking us intimidating questions.

Preparation

Read each and every question from
http://www.geeksforgeeks.org
http://www.careercup.com/

Aptitude:
DON'T NEGLECT APTI VERY IMPORTANT!!!
Revise OS, C/C++ from Yashwanth Kanethkar
Practice G-Apti too.

General Tips

Some our classmates prepared throughout summer if you do so you will get placed in Microsoft/ DE Shaw/ GS Strats/ WalMart/ Yahoo/ Adobe etc.,

If you start preparing about 1 week before August 1st like me you will get placed in Nvidia/ Oracle/ NetApp/ Qualcomm/ Samsung etc.,

SO DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT!!!

Also go through the companies previous year papers and interview experiences, most of the questions will repeat.

Overall Experience

It will be stressful until you get placed. It's all about PREPARATION don't fall for the talent BS.
I was rejected from Nvidia and Arista.
Nvidia - Was my first interview I fumbled too many times. It was one of the easier companies to get in to.
Arista - Bad luck.

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Oracle

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Initial online aptitude and coding test.

Some 50 of us were selected for a tech round which consisted of logic puzzles and simple data structure questions

Half of that proceeded towards another tech and HR round which deals with questions like why oracle, why do you want to shift to comps etc.

Final HR round which means you are through. 20 of us got to that stage

For Aptitude tests, I used TIME material
For C, I used Ansi C by Balaguruswamy.

Prepare answers for questions like why oracle and why do you want to shift to a comps background. If you are from a non-comps background those will be the toughest questions to answer correctly.

The initial online test had easy quantitative questions but the data interpretation and coding sections were tough. Those good at Aptitude got App Dev and those who were good with data structures coding got server tech.

The tech rounds were simple. They did not ask me even a tiny line of code. They just asked puzzles and algos. I immediately impressed the main app dev guy in my second round of interview. He asked about my low sgpa in 3rd sem and i said it was due to poor time management. He asked me to form the framework for a time management program and asked some logic puzzles and i did a swell job at that. After that he said please proceed to the TnP for your final interview.
If you are from a non-comps background, try to impress with your eloquence and problem solving abilities and you will get through.

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Oracle (App development)

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Application Development

Objective test (topics-Aptitude, English, Coding (mainly c and java), computer subjects) (150 selected I guess. It was open to all branches)
3 Rounds of interview

Round 1-
Toughest interview- Checked the basics , like puzzle solving skills, algorithm , Database etc.

Round 2-
Just checked if I know coding basics of java and c with some very easy coding like reversing strings and error checking in codes. Also asked were some java questions

Round 3-
First they checked my interest for company and also how the interview went. Then project details

HR interview-
Do you want to go to higher studies and all such standard questions. Everyone who enters this stage is selected!!

Online
1. Geeksforgeeks.org
2. Indiabix.com
3. Stackoveflow
4. Google

Books
1. Introduction to algorithm by CLRS
2. Ansi C by kerningham and Richie
3. Operating system - Silberchautz (Once read book and study more from google in general)
4. Database - Elmasri (Take google's help)

Try coding every algorithm and every problem with proper compiler. You will get an awesome editor (with compiler) during the test and you need to be able to code just the important function. So practice coding every algorithm and also problems. Refer geeksforgeeks.org . Understand every type of programs there. You won't get any new program altogether. A small modification might be there. So be ready with general logic to be applied.

IMPORTANT- Be prepared for the Aptitude test. Personal experience. Failed in almost 10-12.If you are good in Aptitude tests and coding plus comps student you can definitely expect more than 14 lakh salary! Then study os,networks(BRC Notes sufficient) and database. Also coding language either java or C++ or any other object oriented(apart from c). Both the above requirement is company dependent. So just do some research about the company prior to test.

Definitely challenging. That too when you believe you are good in Aptitude tests and during the process you come to know that your friends are better. Since most of the screening process is relative, unless those friends who are good in Aptitude tests get placed you can't even enter the interview process.

Since in second interview itself i got job it was not exhausting, but so many first round failures were definitely frustrating.

Almost 12 first round failures before getting job in second interview was my personal experience. Just being good in Aptitude tests definitely won't help. But all your preparation will be successful only after you clear first round.

Quick coding without errors is also another challenging thing which needs lot of practice. Since we get very good editor, proper coding and testing can be done. So you should be sure that your code works fine with all boundary conditions also.

Prepare well during holidays. You are very lucky to be in CSE branch NITK, you will definitely get a job. But try to get job in your dream company. Take it as a challenge and work hard

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Oracle (Server Tech)

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Software Developer

We had a two-hour online PAC test two weeks before the Company actually arrived. The test had 4 major sections with multiple sub-sections. Two sections had only aptitude and English related questions. The other two sections were full of Computer Engineering related questions (Algorithms, OS, Databases, etc). All four sections are evaluated separately. I think if you do well in the two Apti-related sections, you are selected for Oracle Apps. If you do well in the Comps-related sections, you are selected for Oracle ST. If you do well in all the four sections, you have to choose between Oracle ST and Apps. As expected, most CS/IT students get a choice between the two.

People from other branches flock towards Oracle Apps. Almost **200+ students were selected in total for interviews**. As Oracle guys came to the campus 15 days after the online test, many students had already been placed and were not allowed to sit. **Finally 32 students were interviewed for Server Tech and 75+ for Apps.**

FIRST TECH INTERVIEW

This interview lasted for 30 minutes. The interviewer asked me the following questions:-

(1) Given an array of natural numbers, write a program arrange it in a way such that all odd numbers are on the left side and all even numbers are on the right side. (Solution similar to partition in QuickSort.)

(2) How would you create a socket using Socket Programming? (I did not remember the functions. I explained the basics)

(3) A simple question on Database queries using JOIN. (Not very difficult. Similar to the ones we did in DBMS lab)

(4) A question on child creation in processes.

In addition, the interviewer asked me about my projects and why I did not get placed in the companies which came before Oracle. I had completed a Coursera course on Algorithms. The interviewer was highly impressed by it.

13 students were selected for the next round.

SECOND TECH INTERVIEW

This interview lasted for 45 minutes. The interviewer was a NITK alumni. He asked me the following questions:-

(1) Given a rectangular examination hall with many seats, write a program to arrange the seats which minimizes copying. (This question was very similar to the Queen's Problem. I wrote a backtracking code where a seat is used only when a minimum distance condition is satisfied)

(2) This was a confusing question but I reduced it to the Single-source shortest path problem. (Wrote the code for Dijstra's Algorithm)

(3) PUZZLE - The third question was a weird puzzle I don't remember.

(4) A simple question on Deadlocks(Basically I had to check if the four conditions were satisfied)

6 students were selected for the HR round

FINAL HR ROUND

This round was merely a formality and no one got rejected at this stage. When the interviewer asked me which city I preferred, I knew I had bagged the job.

(1) Data Structures and Algorithms Made Easy by Narasimha Karumanchi.
(2) Programming Interview Questions on this YouTube Page
(https://www.youtube.com/user/saurabhschool) Video resolution is not very good. But content is awesome.
(3) Cracking the Coding Interview by Gayle Laakmann McDowell
(4) GeeksforGeeks (I personally prefer it over CareerCup)
(5) Test Your C Skills by Yashwant Kanetkar. (Did not like this book much. Lots of mistakes. So, solve with a friend. Indiabix is also an option)
(6) Solve a couple of General Aptitude papers. You can find them online. For all companies, Aptitude tests are the first round. So, Apti preparation is crucial too.
(7) DBMS (Queries, Normal Forms, ACID Properties, Indexing should be sufficient)
(8) Operating Systems (slides should be sufficient. Multithreading and synchronization are extremely important)
(9) Networks (whatever was taught in class + Socket Programming)
(10) Object Technology (Even if you don't know Java, you should know the OOPS concepts in detail)

Utilize your holidays efficiently. Even if you interning in a good company, take out 2-3 hours every day towards preparation. Everything depends on your preparation. Placement interviews are very straight forward to be honest. There are a certain set of questions that all these companies ask - the same puzzles, the same coding questions. The difficult part - there are a lot of questions. Your job is to ensure that you read and understand as many questions as you can before you go in for an interview. That is all that matters. You slog it out, solve and understand (don't memorize them) everything before you go in, and you can get into Microsoft. People did that last year.

Regarding CGPA cutoffs, you can always talk to the people from the company yourself if they are being really strict about cutoffs. Don't be insecure because of your pointer. This is a mistake I made. I thought I wasn't good enough. Remember, if you go in and answer well, the job is yours.

Don't be disheartened if they don't let you write a couple of tests or you screw up a couple of interviews. This may seem trivial, but mental strength is important too.

A good internship can be of immense help. Look to do meaningful work, and most importantly - look to learn. That being said, people do manage to bag big jobs without flashy internships. Also, a PPO could save you from the tortures of the placement season.

Don't stretch your resume to more than 2 pages. Your resume is what you make of it. Anything you have done can be made to sound awesome if you put thought into how to describe it.

Lastly, chill out.

I am definitely not a comps guy. I started from absolute zero, studied decently during the holidays and got into Oracle (a company much better than I had expected)

All the best :)

As a computer science student with a 7.41 GPA, placement was a frustrating experience. For most companies CGPA matters only for qualification. Let's look at the first company that comes to campus - **Microsoft (CGPA cutoff = 7).** If you are exceptional, you will get in. If you are good and you work really hard, you will get in. They may throw a cursory glance at your GPA, but I don't think it really matters at all. It depends solely on how you perform in all their rounds. Dazzle and you can leave your pointer worries behind forever

But from then on it's an uphill battle. The companies which follow have pointer cutoffs that hover around the 7.5 mark. Your placement co-coordinators will badger them and try to get it down a few points. I remember ARM coming down to 7. The DE Shaw test will see your 8 pointer friends from Metallurgy and Chemical write a test for practice while a 7-pointer Comps student twiddles his thumbs in the hostel room.

Once you do get the opportunity, it's your job to ensure you convert. I do not believe any company looks at your CGPA too closely. They send back people with higher GPAs in favour of lower ones. 7 pointers have been picked before 9 and 8 pointers. I can assure you that it depends ONLY on how you perform. Higher pointers do obviously get placed faster, but that is because they are better prepared. They have been responsible and have taken their studies seriously from the start, and they are not going to stop doing that now.

Placement time in general is difficult. It's a frustrating and humbling experience. Which is why it's important you are well prepared in advance. It took me two weeks to get placed, it doesn't seem like too long, but it was easily my worst two weeks in college. And once you're done, the final year party begins :)

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Oracle

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Oracle was one of the first companies to conduct its online test. It was divided into two sections of general Aptitude and two sections of software Aptitude.

Interviews:

There were four rounds in total with progressive elimination.
Round 1 : The interviewer tried to gauge my general aptitude with several puzzles and a few pattern-based questions. Could last as short as 20 minutes for some or one and a half hours as in my case. Realized only later that he had taken two consecutive rounds for me.
Round 3 : In the third round I was interviewed by the Vice-President of Oracle Apps who asked me to write an optimal algorithm for a string-based problem. More puzzles followed. A few questions pertaining to stuff written in my resume. Since I denied knowing anything much about data structures, I was saved from its wrath (non-circuit branch students, take note).

HR Round: Karnataka or Telangana?

Doesn't take much to make it to the interview shortlist. Knowing OOP concepts is a great help. Just brush up on commonly-asked coding apti questions. Know your sorting algorithms in and out!

1. Make a CV that outlines your projects and experiences well. Don't go overboard with your academic achievements and don't undermine your extra-curricular stuff either.
2. Being modest about your coding skills makes them go a little soft on you.
3. Try to strike an immediate rapport with your interviewers.
4. Having a strong quantitative aptitude can make up for the tougher coding Aptitude questions. So do practice.

It was a day-long process, so yes it was quite exhausting. The results were announced late in the night and hence could get you pretty nervous awaiting them.

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Oracle

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Selection Procedure

An online test, before the commencement of placements. Then the company sends a shortlist (takes 2-3 weeks) and then visits the campus. Students will be selected for one or more than one the divisions of Oracle visiting the campus. 100+ got selected for interviews. I had 3 tech interviews. Each stage of interview is used to eliminate people. Some even had 4 tech interviews. It depends on how well you impressed the interviewers. If they are still in doubt, they may take 4th interview. Then the process ends with an HR interview. I think all the people who went for HR got in (not sure).

Preparation

Data Structures (Arrays, Queues, Stacks and Linked Lists are a must -- if you are non-Comps/IT student).

If you selected Server Tech profile, expect solid tech questions. In apps, they ask you both tech and Apti stuff. If anyone is waiting to jumpstart their career with decent programming skills, > 7.0 CGPA and a thing for problem solving (tested by the Aptitude stuff, get ready for a lot of puzzles), then Oracle Apps is the best option!

General Tips

Don't be excited. If you don't know something, simply say it. Don't beat around the bush.

Overall Experience

It was an exhausting, yet rewarding experience. OH yeah, don't get pissed off when you get a series of rejects from companies. **If you are really good at puzzle/problem solving with decent programming skills, Oracle is there to save you.**

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All the best! Feel free to contact me, just in case something (or everything) is unclear, or needs further explanation.

Goldman Sachs

8.8 IT

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Selection Procedure

I was selected for an internship at Goldman Sachs and got a PPO. However, the selection process for Campus Recruitment for placements is the same.

The Goldman Sachs selection Procedure consists of 3 stages:

Written Test:

The written test is a combination of 3 components- General Aptitude, C-apti and an essay. The General aptitude questions are above average difficulty compared to other companies' Apti papers in general. The C-Apti is moderate and not as hard. The main constraint faced in this round is time, as the questions given take quite a bit of time to solve. There is an essay to be written along with answering Apti questions, and this essay is not to be neglected. Generally, you are asked to write about yourself and why you think you should be selected. Make sure you give ample time to yourself to write this reasonably well.

In general, the most important things to remember for this round are:

1) Plan your time well.

2) Do not ignore any section completely, as there are section cutoffs. If you are short of time, attempt a little in each section so you atleast clear the cutoff.

3) Focus on writing the essay well. It is a way for you to advertise yourself and it is read.

The number of people who get through in this round is generally around 30-40.

Group Discussion:

the second round is the Group Discussion round. We all have had practice in GDs from first year and at least know what a GD is. The main criteria for selection here is that you talk, atleast a little bit. Very few people are eliminated here. In our year, less 20% of the people who got through to the GD were eliminated. As long as you talk a little bit, and do not say something irrelevant or switch sides you should get through this without any issues.

Interviews:

Interviews of Goldman Sachs are not really segregated into Technical and HR interviews. Based on how well you do in your first interview, you may not need to have a second interview and get selected. Technical questions are quite simple. Goldman Sachs are merely testing technical proficiency, so questions will be based on C and algorithms, and sometimes puzzles. The important part of this interview is to appear confident and composed when you talk about yourself. when given an opportunity to talk about why you should be selected, be sure to talk well and focus on your strengths and acknowledge your weaknesses. There is no specific format for this interview as interview experiences vary based on the interviewer, but if you follow these general guidelines you should have a good chance of getting through.

Know your C language! This helps a lot in getting through your aptis and interviews. C is a basic minimum requirement and comfort with C will improve your chances greatly!
Read the "Let us C" book by Yashwant Kanetkar and brush up on your Data Structures and Algorithms concepts.

1) Before you go for placements, read up about the company and their placement processes. Knowing all this will get you more prepared for any surprises sprung your way.
2) Be confident in interviews. Prepare for general questions asked such as "Tell me about yourself". These questions are opportunities for you to showcase your talents. Do not boast, but practice what you would say in such a scenario so you dont miss out on anything.
3) In aptis, manage your time well!
4) Attempt all sections of an Apti paper in case there are section cutoffs.
5) When waiting for interviews and tests etc, be serious and quiet.

The experience is exhausting. You need to spend more time in waiting and apprehension than actually doing anything productive which is really taxing. The ambience of the Placement department and the foreboding atmosphere doesnt help at all either. The most important thing to do is stay calm and composed and get through this phase as soon as possible :)

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Goldman Sachs

8.4 EEE

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Goldman Sachs has become one of those companies that's visiting campus just for interns and converting them into full time hires by offering that coveted Pre-Placement Offer or PPO.
If you're lucky, they might visit this time for full-time hires. Keep your fingers crossed. This is one super awesome company to get into.

I too, was an Intern in Goldman Sachs, Tech and was offered a PPO. The recruitment process and style is similar for both. My friend Adarsh, has covered everything about the selection procedure. I'll just talk about a few things to keep in mind when you approach it.

Written Test(Strict cutoff 8.0):

Speed, speed and speed. Work on your 11th 12th JEE math and work out problems fast to feel at ease at the Aptitude test. P&C, Probability, Puzzles etc will be at plenty. Should be fine if you can recollect your math basics.
Don't neglect the essay. They do ask you questions based on the essay if you make it to the interview. Like an idiot, due to lack of time, I had put a smiley at the end of my essay. They made fun of me during the interview just because I used a smiley!
Out of 250 odd people who wrote the test, just 25 were shortlisted. Mine was the 25th name!

Group Discussion:
Talk, just about anything related to the topic. Open your mouth, frame a sentences, nod your head and you should be good to go. But this round is just to eliminate the dullards and those who can't voice their thoughts. Don't worry about this.

Interviews:
One or two interviews of 30-45 minutes. No specific Tech and HR Interview. They look for someone who can fit into a specific team. So you really don't have to worry about your coding skills. Puzzles, math problems, resume and your essay. Make sure you're confident, interesting and always THINK OUT LOUD. They have a 'GS Fit' factor which they look for in all candidates. If you're too disinterested and yet technically sound, you might not make it.

Honestly, my preparation was very scanty. Last minute reading up of C data structures. I gave up a few days before the company arrived thinking there was no point.
But if you're comfortable with C or C++, then that's good enough. Brush up on math concepts for the Apti test and go through a few standard puzzles for the interview.

1) Read up about Goldman Sachs. Visit their site. Know what they do. Why they need an engineer. Their 14 Business Principles (use words from those in your essay/intreview)
2) Make a kickass 1 page resume. You should be able to speak confidently about each and every thing you have put on that paper.
3) Dress smart. Beg/borrow – Wear a tie. GS likes to dress with full swag.
4) Ask questions at the end of your interview. Make them feel you're interested in that sector

and the company.

5) Maintain confidence levels and smile all the time. Connecting with any of the interviewers can go a long way, you never know.

Never had I expected to land this internship given my novice programming skills. Clearing the first round was a pleasant surprise. From then on it was smooth sailing. I was asked a couple of puzzles in my interview. Questioned a lot about different aspects of my resume-projects and achievements and also the essay. I told them frankly that we didn't have any CS courses in our EEE curriculum and they were happy that I was honest. The interviewer explained the concept of Trees to me in 2 minutes and asked me a few questions. Till date, I don't know if my answers were even close to correct because I don't remember what he exactly asked.

Luckily I had just one interview while others had 2 or 3. So it was long long wait for me at the TnP.

The whole experience and the internship was just brilliant and as I write this I'm getting ready to join Goldman Sachs.

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Samsung R&D

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Selection Procedure

The selection process that Samsung had was a bit more simple compared to other companies I had gotten through before, most notably Walmart, where the rounds were much more technical.

The selection round was divided into two:

The first round was a CAPT, which was conducted by an outsourced company. It was basic C and any student who knew the basics of C could have cleared the cutoff for the next round.

The second round was much more fun. General APT that closely resembled what you would encounter in GRE. Basically, Data Interpretation and math. I really enjoyed writing this exam and the cutoff for this was higher since this was the final selection criteria for the interview rounds

The interview process was divided into 3 rounds:

First Round: It could have been counted as a technical round, most of the questions he asked me was about my projects, a few coding questions on trees and arrays and a few general C questions.

Second Round: Well, second round for most people was conducted by this excitable guy, who again was just asking us about projects and stuff. Apparently, his area of interest was in networks, so as long as I stayed clear of talking about that it was fine. For some reason, he was really impressed that I knew 3D animation and stuff. I feel it was this guy that pushed my application

Third Round: A HR formality round. About where I wanted to work. My family background, etc. I could see my results from previous rounds with that guy. The process is pretty organized. Thats one thing about Samsung they are very professional.

Preparation

Do you know computer science?

No?? Read Padma Reddy Algorithms book and data structures using C

Yes?? Go to geekforgeeks, careercup

Bored of that?? I think it's time to start codechef.

None of this was specifically for Samsung, but it is very important to be very clear with your algorithms. If you are a CS student, knowing OS and networks wont be so bad.

* You don't know you don't know
* Samsung treats in kabab studio :P
* Samsung are starting a new division in India, therefore the hiring spree, the experience that you gain here could be good, if u wanna do an MS later. Since the company has R&D in its title
* Everyone who got in had a pointer above 8. I guess that was a criteria.

It is an experience. It is a time to introspect and if you don't know to code yet, time to start.

People say that if you are going MS, don't apply. Please apply, please get jobs. MS is a shady boat, especially in CS where the demand is so high and there are lots of things between here and US like visa, money, the right college, etc; Its always better to keep a backup.
Build and know your resume.

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Samsung R&D

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Two separate qualifying tests were held on different days.
1. Tech aptitude - This covered C aptitude and DSA and it was fairly straightforward for CS and IT students. EC students might have to revise these concepts well before writing the test.
2. General aptitude - This covered basic math, data interpretation, language and grammar and also some logic puzzles. This was very long and the key was not to waste time on a single question.
Both tests were of MCQ type.
About 40 students were shortlisted based on the results of these 2 tests. There were 3 rounds:
1. Tech round I : They didn't really ask tech questions as such. They screened the resume and asked about project work mainly. Most students were asked what their favourite project was and they had to explain the entire procedure that was followed i.e. motivation, block diagram, challenges etc. The interviewer would interrupt with questions. On the whole, it was more of a discussion rather than an interview. I was asked to give a detailed explanation of my Embedded Systems project. I was asked about the functioning of the various sensors that I used. Make sure that you know your projects inside out! I was also asked a few questions on bitwise operations. My interview lasted for about 45 minutes.
2. Tech round II : This round was more specific to my interests. I had mentioned that I was interested in Embedded Systems so I was asked questions about pipelining, branching, memory access etc. These were basic concepts in Embedded Systems and Microprocessors. (My interviewer was an EC engineer.) Some of these questions were in relation to my projects. Basically, they gave a lot of weightage on projects and how well I understood them. This interview went on for about 30 minutes.
3. HR round : This was a mere formality. I was asked why I want to join Samsung and what department I was interested in. This round went on for about 5 minutes.

1. C Aptitude - Test Your C Skills (by Yashwanth Kanetkar)
This book is extremely good!! Make sure you go through the entire book well. It helps for any kind of C aptitude test!

2. Past interview questions (www.careercup.com, www.geeksforgeeks.com). In my case, they weren't too relevant but they'll definitely give you some confidence!

Know your resume inside out. At any point, the interviewer can ask anything, regarding area of interest, projects, internships etc. You should be able to elaborate on anything that is written there!

It was very scary and exhausting! You must be mentally prepared to write tests after tests (sometimes 3 in a single day!) before you get shortlisted. Don't get disheartened if you don't get selected. There is an element of luck involved too. But always make sure that you give it your best shot, no matter what! And remember to be positive. If you don't make it through for one company, forget about it and concentrate on the next one. All the best!!

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Samsung R&D

9.24 ECE

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Selection Procedure

The first round was a technical MCQ test with questions on C, C++, DSA and a bit of Operating systems. This was followed by a general aptitude test, having two parts - logical reasoning and quantitative aptitude. 37 people were shortlisted for the interviews after this round. There were one or two rounds of technical interview depending on how well the first interview was faced. It was followed by a HR round. Finally, 15 students were placed.

Preparation

I read DSA books.

General Tips

Be good at DSA. Brush up your C programming skills. And, be thorough with your internship. There will be a lot of questions about what you did in your internship.

Overall Experience

The overall experience was good. I felt more relaxed than my earlier interviews. The interviews went on in a smooth manner, and finally, I am happy that I got selected.
Don't get frustrated if you don't clear interviews. I faced interviews of 6 companies in a week. Finally, you'll get a good job. Just approach each interview as your first interview. All the best.

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Samsung R&D

9.05 CSE

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First round was a technical test of around 30 minutes with questions on C,data structures,OS concepts etc..
Second round was a general aptitude test,called GSAT(Global Samsung Aptitude Test).It consisted of 50 questions-60 minutes. Section 1 tested your quantitative ability with 20 questions on data interpretation and 5 simple quant qs.Section 2 consisted of 25 qs on reasoning.
This round required mainly speed and presence of mind.
Third round-Interviews.
Technical interviews-These interviews are mainly conducted as a selection process rather than elimination process.There are two technical interviews.The first one went on for about an hour with discussions mainly about my projects and internships. Technical questions related to one of my internship was asked and some questions on data structures and C.Second round was similar but limited for a time period of 20 min involving discussions about some core technical concepts about some of my projects.

HR interview-Introduction,hobbies,why samsung,why should we select you etc...

Online apti sample papers, a thorough knowledge about the internships I have done

Speed is very important for solving GApti.
Practice and solve sample papers with time-limits.
Good knowledge on data structures,OS and C.

The overall experience was challenging and at the same time helped me discover my strengths and weaknesses.The placement process for Samsung was something different from other companies as it was purely conducted as a selection process rather than as an elimination process,giving more importance to how much you knew about your own projects and internships rather than what you didn't know in terms of technical concepts.

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Cisco Systems

7.75 ECE

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1st Round Aptitude
50 marks test - i think there was a 3:2 split between C apti and Gen Apti

After clearing the Apti round, there were 3 rounds of interview.
1st interview - Tech
2nd interview - Tech/Stress
3rd round - HR

They announced selection a short while after. the whole thing took only one day.

Be thorough with DSA, COA, and C/C++ syntax, these are the favorite questions of interviewers

Most of my Apti/puzzle preparation was online. One of the questions I was asked in my interview : http://www.careercup.com/question?id=21820669

My collection of Puzzles and Apti Prep :

https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/nitk-placement-coordinators2012-13
http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~wwu/riddles/hard.shtml
http://domino.research.ibm.com/Comm/wwwr_ponder.nsf/Challenges/July2011.html
http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/
http://www.numericana.com/answer/magic.htm
http://www.folj.com/puzzles/
http://rec-puzzles.org/
http://www.sfu.ca/~jtmulhol/math302/
http://mathforum.org/rec_puzzles_archive/
http://wpc.puzzles.com/history/2000.htm

The Apti round is generally the hardest part. Maximum filtration happens at this stage. Pointer cutoffs come in place here. For eg software companies have no cutoffs for CS/IT. Until last year (2012-13), ECE and EEE did not have high cutoffs for software companies. From what I heard, it was usually around 7, but this year I saw a lot of cutoffs near 8.5. I don't know if this is the company's decision or TnP's. Either way I failed to foresee this and missed out on a lot of good companies I had hoped to sit for.

The apti round is easy and therefore becomes extremely competitive. Preparation makes a lot of difference. (i should have prepared more)

One important thing i had failed to factor in, was the fact that people copy during this round. The invigilation during these rounds not handled seriously (excluding online rounds, where it doesn't affect much) and usually one gets to see a lot of teamwork. 3-4 ppl cracking an Apti paper, its hard to compete with that, even if you're smart. I remember some female in Comps 14' had made a big issue out of it. She complained about some boys of her class to the TnP during the D.E Shaw interviews.

It was Fun in a challenging way.

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Cisco Systems

Kalyan Siva
Software Developer

Aptitude test, 3 rounds of technical interviews. 1 HR interview.

I didn't really prepare for this interview. I did go through operating systems concepts from the text book as all companies ask some pretty confusing questions in that area.
And obviously went through the popular DSA questions that are asked for every interview.

Make sure you have your resume (updated) printed and ready.
Know your DSA - time and space complexity for all data structures and where each of them are useful. This will come in VERY useful when they ask you to design data structures for particular applications.
Read a bit about networks. It is after all a networks company.

Challenging, yes. Rewarding as you feel a sense of achievement if you get placed. Exhausting waiting for your next interview.

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Qualcomm

8.8 CSE

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I got Pre Placement Offer from Qualcomm. So I'll tell you the experience of my interview in 3rd year where I got selected for internship.

The selection procedure consisted of two apti tests : one general and one C apti.
It was followed by one technical interview and one HR interview.

In technical interview, previously worked on Projects and if any internship is there, they are helpful.

One should be quick in applying basic class XI and XII maths. Speed matters. For C apti, one should be well prepared with all basic concepts like arrays , pointers especially. Questions come like mark the correct output, what will be the error displayed, theoretical questions on memory etc.

Prepare hard before the D-Day and try to be as calm as possible on the D-Day. Last minute preparations may be dangerous.

Interviews are challenging. You have to be very careful with what you say and how you say. Everything matters. But make sure you know what you are saying and be able to justify your words if required.

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Selection Procedure

1. Apti Test(MCQs) - LR, Quant, Coding, OS
2. Technical Interview 1- logical questions, codes, puzzles(75% of my interview questions were puzzles)
3. Technical Interview 2 - same type, but more codes and higher level of questions. (interns dont have to give this as was in my case, I actually never gave this second interview, I got a ppo.)
4. HR Interview - Probably the easiest compared to other rounds, if u read
a. Wiki Page for Qualcomm
b. Qualcomms site
c. Generic HR interview questions like strengths, weakness.
Tip - Be prepared for any question the interviewer might ask, don't think too long and be honest.
If you know any answer don't leave any stone upturned. Take time and explain with real examples.

Preparation

Indiabix.com
Careercup.com
CNET.com - specifically for Qualcomm, read about the major technological advances the company has brought in the mobile domain in the last decade.

General Tips

1. Develop your apti. If you keep clearing the test, 100% guarantee you will get placed soon.
2. Be prepared.!!! Don't leave it to chance and spontaneity, when its a really good company. I performed very poorly in Goldman Sachs interviews coz of this.
3. First question every company will ask you - Tell me about yourself. Prepare an impressive answer from your background, including academics,hobbies etc. First impression matters a lot. Half job done if u hit the first nail right. ;)

Overall Experience

Amazing experience. If you get placed in the first month,its icing on the cake with cherry on top as well. If you get opportunity to intern, work hard and get a PPO. Nothing beats getting a PPO.

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7.7 MCA

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Selection Procedure

Process started with prior shortlisting of all the candidates applied based on CGPA and their C.V. and around 160 were shortlisted to write the test.
First Round Started with an online test consisting of Aptitude Section, Computer Fundamentals, Reasoning Section and Programming Section which consisted of two programming questions, test duration was around 3 hrs and was solely conducted by Amcat.
For Second Round, they shortlisted around 30 candidates for the P.I.'s mostly from comps and ec. Further rounds were technical, some of us had to face one technical and some two based on how you perform in your first technical round each one concluding around 45-75 mins.
Interview questions asked were purely based on applications of algorithms (since they were looking for innovation spark..) and yeah no standard geeksforgeeks/ karumanchi questions were asked e.g. design a load distribution system and design a spellcheck sort of questions with given constraints , interviewer was taking time on each question till he was fully satisfied with the answer.
Final Round was H.R., two member team one of them was VP and extended around 45 mins.
Only 6 of us were selected, two from comps, one from IT and rest from ECE.

Preparation

Prepare using standard material, work out coding problems. Programming questions were based on general topics like SJF scheduling, trees and recursion but with relatively high difficulty level.

General Tips

Brush up your computer fundamentals especially data structures and algorithmic applications(it helps !!). Go through your projects written in resume thoroughly. Go out there with cool and calm mind set since they are looking for candidates who can handle pressure.
Your COMMUNICATION Skills do matter, improve your fluency if u lag considering it is a global banking firm in the end.

Overall Experience

Yes, the overall procedure was challenging but the PC's really helped a lot and the panel made it look simple

Contact

Credit Suisse

8.6 CSE

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Selection Procedure

Round 1 : written test consisting of technical and quantitative aptitude, puzzles along with few coding problems. About 20 people are shortlisted in this round.

Round 2 : 4 rounds of interviews consisting of both tech and HR with peoplr getting rejected after each round.

Preparation

Online sources for standard puzzles and coding problems. Company follows a very standard evaluation technique. Nothing which cannot be found online.

General Tips

Go through all the standard coding and puzzles before the written test. Must know basics of OOPS (C++ or java)

Overall Experience

If u target the company and prepare for it like I did things would seem straight forward and at least you won't face any surprises at any round.
IT analyst job at any investment bank requires good knowledge of object Oriented programming. It isnt like any other software job because here u hve to create products for d company itself. Gives a good entrance to financial world as a tech guy. But if ur really into coding u can opt for a much proper software firm.

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Credit Suisse

8.0 CSE

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Selection procedure consists of 1 round aptitude test followed by four rounds of interview.

1 st round- It was aptitude round.It consists of three section:- Coding Section,Puzzle Solving,General Aptitude.Coding section was easy,it has all basic questions like recursive reversing link-list without using double pointer ,the general aptitude was also easy but time was very less for general aptitude, puzzle section consists of question like 8 balls finding which ball is defective and a lot more.

After 1 st round around 24 students were selected for interview

2nd round:- It was technical round.The questions were asked from database, database query were asked, I had interest in website designing ,so they asked me about website vulnerability and what is to be done to protect website(sql injection).They also asked me one puzzle that i answered wrong in aptitude test.

3rd round:-It was also technical round, general basics questions of coding, puzzles,aptitude question that i did wrong in apti test.

4th round:- It was Hr round.They asked me about grades,why my grades fluctuated and projects done so far, they also asked me about myself and why to join credit Suisse.

5th round:-It was just a formality,they asked me about family members and they gave a rough idea about company and what we need to do in company.

They mainly see puzzle solving techniques and try to score high in aptitude test .

After selection for interview rounds, be ready to answer the question that was wrong in aptitude test,they will ask those question for sure.

They also want us to be confident and answer them confidently.

After all rounds of interview, 4 students got selected .

For Aptitude
See more and more general puzzles from internet,
For coding if you are done with Karumachi's book its sufficient ,
geeksforgeeks.org

They ask some questions which has not been correctly answered in aptitude test.So be prepared for those question.
Being confident ,matters a lot in interview.

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8.4 CSE M.TECH

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Selection Procedure

Two rounds of written test, Four Rounds of Interviews (3 technical, 1 hr)
First round was technical and some aptitude questions were somewhat of GATE pattern.
Second round was coding where in some questions you have to write functions, tell output or errors.

Preparation

For aptitude mostly online website like indiabix.com, technical from website like geeksforgeeks.com, careercup.com, for coding questions i found N.Karunmanchi book Data Structures made easy very useful.

General Tips

One thing I wished someone would've told me was that "Prepare for aptitude/written round well". I was technically very sound but I was not able to crack Aptitude test. Mostly because of not having speed in solving "Quantitative aptitude" questions. So i would suggest prepare well for aptitude using some CAT book like Arun Sharma.

Overall Experience

It was challenging, but as i was not able to clear many aptitude round it was little disappointing at first. I wish i could have prepared for apti well. But it is allright if it ends well.

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Informatica

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Selection Procedure

Two rounds of online technical aptitude tests. 1st round had GATE-style questions, 2nd round had programming, debugging, algorithm design etc. This is a tech-savvy company. They don't care to see if you can solve 5th grade arithmetic problems. Then there were three rounds of technical and one round of HR interview (for me it was two rounds technical as both my rounds went pretty well I guess). They asked to write query, codes / algorithms on data structures (specially trees) where you have to think on your feet and write. The difficulty level was moderate to hard. Reading Karumanchi helped to some extent.

Preparation

First and foremost - "Data Structures and Algorithms Made Easy" by Narsimha Karumanchi..it is the Bible of placements at NITK. Other than that, you need to have basic understanding of the core CS subjects like OS, DBMS, etc.

General Tips

Read Karumanchi.

Overall Experience

Good, except that they made me wait for 2.5 hours for hearing the final results.

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7.17 CSE

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1 Round:
Aptitude Test
The test contained apti questions of good level and tricky ones. It was about an hour test.(Organized by outsourced company the same day as interview,so the pattern may change next year).
2-4 Round:
We had around 20 people for next round. Once selected for interviews they have three interview rounds 1HR and 2Tech.(each round is elimination round). I had first HR interview and then later 2Tech rounds. The order of interviews was not fixed. HR was not too tough I was asked some general HR questions like tell me about yourself, etc. Then later asked to explain all the projects and what i used to do in my spare time. Also we discussed a lot about football during it.

For Aptitude: Arun Sharma
For Tech:
1)Networks: In my tech interview lot of questions were related to networking(like how servers function, different protocols) So Forouzan is sufficient enough. Go through only relevant topics whatever were covered in syllabus.
2)OS: Galvin. This book is sufficient enough. Thorough knowledge of process sync., threads, memory management.
3)Geeksforgeeks: best online resource resource. Go through C,C++,os sections.
4)Careercup.com- most resourceful
5) Data Stuctures by Karumanchi.

Here I have described my interviews just to give you idea. Both of my technical interviews required application of whole of my knowledge. Both the interviews i was given real life scenarios and was required to build the system or provide solution to the problem. Also during both the interviews i was asked some questions from C,OS,DB and Data structure. But these questions were not too tough, basic knowledge was enough.
1) In first tech interview i was asked to design and build Toll Booth System. So i went on started explaining requirement of servers and then used DCS knowledge then networking concept and so on. The interview was interactive one so the interviewer kept on asking questions in between.
2) Second tech round was to provide solution to cache problem in servers like YouTube. In this one the interviewer kept on firing some network questions.
(Don't panic the network questions were not too tough).

Selection Procedure

Preparation

General Tips

Everything was in equilibrium (my anxiety, interview toughness, aptitude questions).
As every round is elimination round so they don't keep you waiting for results until you are selected for further rounds.
Overall experience was good and satisfactory.

*"Number of people EMC selects from a campus is flexible. It depends on the quality of students."(HR's Word).
*Don't just run behind the pay package and go for any company, first decide what you want and focus on it. Also go through the company's work and projects they do. Trust me even though I was 7 pointer i had a lot of options.
*Cracking the apti is the most imp thing, so prepare for it.
*Go through Karumanchi
*Keep thorough understanding of all the concepts.
ALL THE BEST.

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Overall Experience

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8.4 ECE

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Selection Procedure

First an online test is conducted by elitmus which included an aptitude test followed by a technical test. Questions are of good standard. The aptitude test had 3 sections- quantitative analysis, logical reasoning and verbal ability and the technical test had 20 questions (C, C++, JAVA, Operating Systems).Around 15 students were shortlisted for the interview process which consisted of 2 rounds. First interview round was more about puzzles and C programming after which 7 were shortlisted.Second round was purely technical with questions from C, Data Structures, Process and threads, deadlock management and compilers.

Preparation

For apti : Study material of TIME or Byju / Arun Sharma / indiabix

For DS : Narasimha Karumanchi

For C apti : Test your C skills by Kanetkar.

General Tips

Try to score as much as you can in the test as it has some weightage too. Be confident and stay focused throughout the process.

Overall Experience

The overall process was quite challenging, especially the second round of interviews which was completely technical and covered a lot many parts of your knowlege of computer science. Overall the process was quite enriching.

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8.3 CSE

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Selection Procedure

First Written(1 hr) - Quantitative Aptitude Questions(20 Ques) + Technical Aptitude(30 Ques).
Within Technical Aptitude - 3 sections (DSA , OS , C/C++)

Interview - 2 Tech. + 1HR

In Tech. - 1st round was of 1hr. and 2nd was of 35 min. Questions on OS and DSA and Puzzles.
In OS, they asked about Process and Threads, Semaphores, Memory Management. You should
have deep understanding of Process and Threads, how system call works. They keep on asking
Questions on OS until they go that deep such that u stop giving answers. In DSA, they asked
about Arrays, Linked List, Trees.
In HR - 20 min About your Resume, Ambition in Life. Would u accept our offer if we select you?

Preparation

For Apti - Don't rely only on Indiabix. Prepare for tough questions too. - Arun Sharma(CAT).
For OS - Refer book Galvin otherwise u can also read OS ppts given by author Galvin himself.
For DSA - Narasimha Karumanchi.
For Puzzles - Solve Placement Puzzles by yourself. Don't read Solutions as they don't ask
Directly given Puzzles. They will ask modified form of those puzzles.

General Tips

Be confident at the time of interviews. They will try to confuse u but if u think u r right, then
stick to your answer. If your interview is over, do ask solutions of those questions which u were
not able to solve during the interview. Don't give up. Take ur time and think about that
problem. Try to interact with them while solving and ask related doubts.

Overall Experience

It was Challenging and especially 1st round which was of 1 hr. So many students were rejected
after 1st round itself. So, be prepared and follow the general tips.

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6.91 CSE

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Research Engineer

Selection Procedure

1. PPT
2. Test(GA 15 or 20 questions , language c++ or java 15 que, DB, OS and Network 20 questions)
3. 8 students selected for interview.

My procedure was bit different as my gpa was below cuttoff but I was the topper of test with quite a big margin and with the help of our PCs ,HR allowed me to give the interview.
First interview was a tough one. I don't remember the questions exactly so please bear with me.
1. A router is connected to many networks and a machine is connected to router which stores size of data transmitted bw two ip addresses and other extra information.what must be the data structure implemented in that machine. What factors you take in consideration while designing the data structure.
2. Class b and c inherits a. Represent it in a database.
Basic questions on inheritance. Why multiple inheritance is not supported in java.
3. What is TLB, Why is it used.
4. Cirular Queue Implementation.
5. Map Reduce concept used in search engines.(I wrote search engines as my interest in resume)
Second interview. Again technical. A bit easier.
1. Give real life example where trees are used.
2. Code hangman game.
3. What happens when function is called. Some code they gave in c++ . Show errors.
And finally the HR interview.

Preparation

www.geeksforgeeks.com
MIT lectures of Data Structures(Very nice lectures by Erik Damain.)
Karamunchi is basic. Everyone should complete this before going for anything else.
Operating systems.(ppts and course book.)
Balaguruswamy for c++(must for low pointer guys)
Complete reference java(If you don't want to do C++)
DBMS.(NPTEL, NAVATHE)* , Indexing and Btrees and B+trees are important.

Be perfect at any one object oriented language.

Don't leave out threads during your preparation. Many companies ask questions based on threads

If you have a low pointer, do not neglect any topic. Try going through every concept there is in Computer science. If you answer everything in interview no one will reject you no matter how big the company is.

Give every company's aptitude test. It boosts your confidence and you will be sure that you will go through the first round of the company you wish to join.

If you work hard, have confidence and believe in yourself, you will get what u want.

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Netapp

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Software Developer

Aptitude round: It had three sections
1.Genral aptitude: questions on aptitude like speed,time,distance etc.
2.Programming: detect error in programs, o/p based questions.
3.Conceptual: questions on subjective knowledge(os,networks,database)

Around 20 students cleared this round.
Totally there were 4 rounds of interviews
I) Technical round:
1.Program on trees.
2.Program on stacks and queues.
3.Program to find the number of trailing zeroes in a factorial.
4.There was a question on design.

II) HR round:
1.What are u expecting from netapp.
2.How will u make make a difference in netapp.
3.Any plans for higher studies.
4.Best thing about netapp.
5.The least likely factor of netapp.

III) Manager round:

In this round, u will be interacting with the manager.

1.I was asked to explain about the summer project(give detailed technical description)
2.There will be an hard disk containing 1,00,000 files. How efficiently would u write a program to search for a file(Hard disk had redundant names!).
Basically, he was expecting a solution using hashing.
3.Are u interested in higher studies?
4.Where will you see yourself after 2-3 years in Netapp?
3 students were shortlisted for the final round.

IV) Final technical round:
This round was more like a rapid fire.
1.Write a program to detect a cycle in circular linked list.
2.Program on various operations of trees.
3.A puzzle about horses and races was asked.

Geeks for Geeks website is the best online material for interviews.Refer each and every section in the site.

1. For any programmatic question, initially give the worst complexity solution, after that u can give the best solution u know.
2. It is not necessary that u solve the question correctly, It is always the approach that matters.
3. When solving a question, be loud so that interviewers can know the method you are using while solving the program. In case if u go wrong, they will guide you.
4. Be Confident and diplomatic.

Interviews are always challenging, but at the same time, happiness u get after clearing it is amazing.Totally, it was an exiting experience!

Placement is one of the toughest things you face in college life.For some people it is a cake walk, but some have to strive hard till u get what u want. Nitk is great platform, utilize the maximum of it to reach great heights. At any point of time never loose hopes, don't let ur confidence down, work hard, u will surely be rewarded with a fruitful result.

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Streamnet

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Selection Procedure

Apti
HR Interview
Tech Interview

Preparation

Let us C
C++ (sumita Arora) for OOP concepts
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General Tips

Maintain a good GPA.
Be good with programming and branch related stuff.
Instead of being Jack of all and master of nothing, master one thing and know other things lil..
Make good resume.Be confident at interviews and have a good body language.

Overall Experience

HR interviews were challenging for me. I had to face 2-3 HR interviews to get comfortable with them. I was fine with my tech stuff but initially I screwed up my HR interviews. And the only thing that helped was experience. I sat for all companies whether I wanted it or not for my experience and I improved each time. I went on till I was confident that I can crack any interview now. Later on I also rejected some companies because I wanted some other profile. Finally I got streamnet.

Know your branch stuff properly. Be thorough with some stuff atleast that the companies want. For non-circuit branches, know C if u want any company, be good with maths and puzzle solving and a little updated with news and stock market(if possible) if u want finance company. And if u want core, be good at your branch stuff.

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6.87 CSE

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Selection Procedure

There were 2 rounds.

1st round: Test. General Aptitude, Technical Aptitude: C and C++ basics mainly OOPS(a lot were there, tricky ones), Java basics, simple error correction.
2nd: Interview: HR and Technical.
For HR: whatever u speak, just be confident.
For Technical: They asked tricky but basic questions of C and C++. They focus mainly on OOPS.

Preparation

Quant: Arun sharma will be enough.
For c++ sumita arora is good. You can go through different aptitude papers online.
Just take up different and many tests online.

General Tips

For test, don't break you head on very difficult questions. You will waste a lot of time. There will be a lot of questions and very little time.

Go through you resume properly before the interview. It is possible that your interview is totally based on your resume and projects you did.

Overall Experience

It was good. If you have practiced for quant properly and took up many online test for technical aptitude, it will relatively easy for you to get through the 1st round. For interview, you need to be confident and have clear basics.

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Amadeus Software Labs

8.44 IT

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Java Developer

Selection procedure includes a written exam followed by 2 technical rounds and an HR round. The written round consists of questions checking your verbal and analytical reasoning. The time given for this round is very less as compared to the questions they asked, so you have to be extremely fast while attempting the questions. Additionally, the web interface was also not pleasing. In analytical part, the majority of the questions are of data interpretation. So, be prepared before going to the exam. Number of students after first round :30

The second round was the technical round in which, the questions asked were mainly related to the project that you have done in your B.Tech/ M.Tech. Also, since they were interested in hiring people with proficiency in Java, so the question related to Java Concepts were implicit. Questions were asked by giving a situation and then we had to design a Java based system. No filtering after this round.

Then it was the second technical round taken by the center head of Amadeus Software lab, India. The interview was basically based on the basic programming ability. Questions based on strings and using different data structures were asked. Also, the major focus was on my undergoing major project. Number of candidates after this round :7

The next and final was the HR round. The questions asked were the basic about yourself, some basic puzzles, SWOT analysis Also.They asked some puzzles for which they wanted to see the approach taken to solve. At last, they selected 2 candidates for full time, and 2 for internships.

Books: Algorithms and Data Structure Made Easy by Narsimha karumanchi(must), for java, refer Herbert Schildt. There are multiple online portals for preparing aptitude and verbal ability, like indiabix.com, a2zinterviews.com.

Be prepared in advance. Do not depend on last minute preparation. And most importantly, don't get depressed if you are not selected in some company. There are many more companies coming till March. But, don't let your guards down till you are placed in a good company.

Selection Procedure

Preparation

General Tips

Of Course, the placements season is very exhausting. For one company, if you have cleared the written round, then that means you are booked for whole day , because the interviews are scheduled in the afternoon, till the evening. And after that, if the result is negative, then it does feel bad. The same process goes on till you get placed. Everyday, with each failure you will be one step closer to your target, because ultimately your experience from each interviews and written exams will help in the next companies.

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Selection Procedure

1 Written test

2 Technical round

3 HR round.

Preparation

geeksforgeeks website online.

General Tips

Be confident. Look for Good profile .Don't go for any company. Enough companies visit our college.

Overall Experience

It was very challenging.
But it went on smooth.

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Selection Procedure

 1. Written test(purely technical objectives and 2 programs). I am not aware as to how many were selected. Selection priority was programs.
2. Followed by 3 technical rounds.

Preparation

1. Data Structures and Algorithms Made Easy by Karumanchi (Very good for basics).
2. geeksforgeeks.com (Awesome website).

General Tips

1. Start as early as possible.
2. Be calm and focus.
3. Read every subject simultaneously (distribute your time)
4. Discuss problems in groups.
5. Don't get frustrated seeing others getting placed.

Overall Experience

Surprising. One will never know why he/she get selected or rejected. Just try to give your best. Don't give up, just say what you know and try to be particular. Be smart not over-smart. Its NITK, You'll get so many opportunities. Be prepared. Wear your Armor. Pick your Weapon.

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CSC India

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(1) Candidates were shortlisted above 6 cgpa and were asked to report at CSC Bangalore office. Eligible branches: CSE, IT, ECE, EEE, MCA. (2) Interested candidates who showed up were given a 20 min PPT and then a written test was conducted. (3) Written test comprised of quantitative & logical aptitude 50 questions while other 50 had mainly questions related to CS branch subjects like DSA, OOPS, SE, C aptitude and a glimpse of other branch's concepts like ECE and EEE which were quite general. (4) There was a short essay writing part too which is only just to check your communication aspects(150 words and choice among 5 topics). Total time for this round was 90 min. 100 questions + essay so you have to be pretty quick in answering. NO Negative marking. Roughly 20 people showed up and 9 were shortlisted for interviews. A form was to be filled up, kind of a short bio-data about yourself, fill in details along with your resume and a photograph. (5). First round was technical. The interviewer was CTO of the company with 18 years of experience very cool, he was looking for a common topic to get along. Fortunately my major project on SDN was one of them. We had a healthy discussion, he just wanted to ensure my domain knowledge and be very sure about the terms you use (cross questions are always there). No contemporary C or DSA questions being specific but as I said when you use certain terms you need to explain them. It lasted for 30-40 min. (6) Second round, HR round was just a formality, general questions like hobbies, free time occupation etc (lasted for 4 minutes). Totally 4 people were called for HR. Interviews were over and we were told that results will be declared after a while. All 4 got selected 2 CSE and 2 IT.

Mostly I studied online from careercup, Indiabix for papers, geek for geeks and study buddy conducted by seniors. Revise about projects and concepts and just know fundamentals because that's what really matters.

Don't panic, don't fake it, present confidently what you know, examples are an asset show the interviewer that you really know how things happen and how you have implemented them by yourself. Revise all your projects very well whatever you have mentioned in your resume. Stay calm and composed.

Overall experience was very good and it wasn't a fully formal kind of interview, it was at ease but I will advise you to stay focused. Keep on preparing and never get disappointed. There are two ways of proceeding an interview, the interviewer way or your way, try to structure your resume and answers in such a way that interviewer is forced to go in your direction. All the very best hope this helps.

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Tejas Networks

7.53 M-TECH, SACA

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Software Engineer

There was PPT, written Test followed by Technical interviews. Written Test had four parts (1)Apti(Logical Reasoning) 10 questions (2)C aptitude (3) General Computer Science, Networking, OS. (4) Coding Section

I had been through 2 Technical Rounds.

1st Round almost went on for an hour. I was given some declarations & definitions about Pointers & References and I had to figure out which were valid/invalid and explain why? Questions in CPP: What is polymorphism? , What is difference between copy constructor and assign operator? (I was asked to write an example also), Is it possible to write virtual constructor & virtual distructor?yes/no & why? Questions of Networking: TCP vs UDP, was asked to explain a network he drew, How UDP packet will reach from it's source to Destination and what happened at each node?, How DHCP works?, What is ARP and the layer in which it works? , What is Routing?, What is DNS and how does it work?

2nd Round (30 minutes) . I was asked about my project. Rest of the questions were mostly C & CPP questions. What is the sizeof empty structure? , sizeof empty class? What is name mangling? I got a few tricky questions on virtual functions? What is smart pointer? How c program get executed? He asked me explain those stages of execution? I got a few questions on Print.c, print.i, print.s, print.o also.

Let us C, Let us C++, coding interview questions by Narasimha karumanchi . All standard text books related to course. Sites i used to refer: www.geeksforgeeks.org (programming interview questions) , www.geeksquiz.com (mock tests) ,www.studytonight.com.

First of All, Be strong in fundamentals in every subject of your course. Make it a habit to write code on paper. Interviewers often ask us to write code. If you are able to write a simple/smart code it increases your chances of getting hired.

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8.02 CSE

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The selection procedure started with their well-known GSAT paper which consists mostly of Data Interpretation and Logical reasoning questions. The test is of 1 hour duration. There were roughly 10-15 candidates selected for the next round which was a C-aptitude round. The paper consists of short program snippets and you have to write the resulting output in the answer sheet provided along with the question paper. There were 6 candidates selected from this round. Next, started the technical interview where the first couple of questions were from Bit Manipulation, followed by some simple linked list questions. The HR interview consisted of the customary HR questions like "what have you done in your college which you can be proud of" etc. In the end, 4 of us made it!!

Geeksforgeeks.com, especially for Bit Manipulation. There is a good book suggested in Study Buddy for C-aptitude (can't recall the name) to write the output for given C programs.

Don't ignore Bit manipulation as my ability to answer those questions sealed the deal for me. Also, try answering the first few questions impressively, as they determine the course of the interview and mostly, the outcome as well.

The whole procedure was fun. The Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning questions in GSAT are quite easy, but you have to be quick to attempt the entire paper. The C-aptitude was also very easy and a glance through the recommended book will do the job. As far as technical interview is concerned, concentrate on linked lists, arrays and Bit manipulation. HR is just a formality, but remember to show some enthusiasm for the company and technology in general.

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7.7 CSE

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It started with a written round which was Samsung's global aptitude test. It was a 60 min test and it has three sections- general Apti, data interpretation and logic based questions. Questions were simple but time was a constrain. So have to be done fast.

Second stage was again a written test based on C. It has some 25 questions on C. It was a subjective test where you had to write output of given code.

And after that there was 2 interviews - one technical and one HR. In technical I was asked mostly from my projects which I explained well. HR was just a formality, he asked some puzzles and my bio.

I started with the apti from RS Aggarwal. I also took help from some online sites like indiabix and all. Another thing to focus on was C apti and C questions. And besides other subject like OS and DBMS I did with common course books.

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1. Prepare C questions really good as many companies will have a written test based completely on C.
2. Keep your preparations of general apti good. Practice a test paper (online/books) day before to make to focused and accurate.
3. Revise basics of OS, DBMS and networks.
For Samsung work on APTI, data interpretation question. Try to make it fast. Also focus on C basics. Once you got in interview they will take you mostly.

After I was selected for interview after two written rounds, it seems easy. I was asked mostly about my projects. I was somewhat exhaustive as I was giving two interviews simultaneously. It started at 9 Am and finished at 10 in the night.

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Wipro

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Selection Procedure

Initially we had an online test which consisted of aptitude, logical reasoning and verbal ability section and a seprate section where we had to code along with objective questions from java ,c ,etc. Out of 62 people who wrote the test 25 got shortlisted for the interview. The interview process was calm and it consisted of a technical interview and an HR interview. Only who got through technical interview was sent to HR interview. At the end 9 people got selected.

Preparation

I just kept preparing aptitude from Arun Sharma and C programming from 'let us C'. Book named test your c skills helped a lot to test my c programming skills.

General Tips

It is always better to give interview in morning when you feel fresh and prefer not to give it in night when your feel tired and your interviewer is bored after a hectic day. So, If you are given an option to choose the timings, choose the morning slot.

Overall Experience

Initially I felt that it would be very difficult to crack the aptitude test. But the tests of each company help to increase your confidence. Overall it was really a great experience.

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Wipro

8.51 CIVIL

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Selection Procedure

Cut off was 7.5 for CS and IT and 8 for other branches. First stage was an online test (including basic questions on programming, aptitude and verbal questions, and a code snippet to be written online). Second stage was Tecnical interview (In this part, they just asked about d basics of programming, and a little about your background and projects). Third stage was a HR interview.

Preparation

Have a good hold on the aptitude part. After clearing the first stage it is very easy thereafter. Learn some basics of programming. A lot of practice papers are available online.

General Tips

Be calm. Do not try to learn somethng new on the last day. Be confident on what u know.

Overall Experience

A good experience for those who love to be in IT industry. It will be an easy and short process.

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Oracle - OFSS

7.29 EEE

Ranjitha Naik v
Software Profile

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Software Profile

Selection Procedure

First round was aptitude and software online test. Totally there were 4 sections - general aptitude, computer aptitude, programming and English. Around 110 people were selected for interview round. There was ppt before interview and we were asked to fill a very big form. 2 rounds of interview, one each of tech and HR. Tech round was computer basics and I was asked to write a small code. HR was mostly behavioral and about strengths, weakness filled in the form. Around 13 got the final offer.

Preparation

Aptitude was mostly related to probability, P and C, distance and time, work and time, basic c.

General Tips

Do not freak out if you don't know few answers. Try writing and explaining, it helps a lot.

Overall Experience

It was exhausting but sit tight. End result will be soothing.

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AKS Software

7.27 IT

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Selection Procedure

The company allowed the students only from CSE & IT dept. There were 4 rounds. 1) First round was an MCQ test comprising of 4 sections viz. QA + LR + VR + Tech. I think 30 questions from each portion with a 30 minute time slot respectively. 2) IQ cum Pressure test. It was quiet fun but challenging. 10 different type of question sets with every set having a time quantum of 1 or 2 minute with number of questions around 20-30 in each set. 3) GD was a simple one 4) Technical plus the HR round .

Preparation

Arun Sharma for QA, Knowledge of Pointers is very important because many companies ask short o/p type questions on it. So, pointers in C, Let US C, Data Structure and Algorithm by Karumanchi, OS by Galvin or Stalling & Data Base. Know these and you are good to go.

General Tips

Don't take the aptitude and LR lightly. Most of the students, in spite of having good technical knowledge struggle to clear the first round. For MS, Yahoo etc go through Graph Theory. Before going for any company just check out the previous question papers. You can get it from various websites like indiabix, fresherworld.com etc.

Overall Experience

Experience was good but a little bit of Exhausting. I would suggest don't skip too much companies waiting for the right company. If u are interested in higher studies but want a back-up, then make it quick and start preparing for Gate or GRE or Cat. At the end of the day, almost everybody would get placed. You just keep in mind this one thing that "You are an NITKian". The college pays back. So, Keep calm and give your best.

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AKS Software

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Selection Procedure

There were four rounds

1. Aptitude test + Technical test (mainly C and java)
2. IQ tests
3. GD
4. Interview

Preparation

Byju's Classes question booklets

General Tips

Improve your aptitude skills. That is the first step. 1st round of almost all the companies will be the aptitude test. For GD remember this - "speak and let speak". Express your views & encourage others to express out their views. Listen carefully to what the other participants are saying and finally, stick to the given topic. For interviews, wear proper formals, first appearance tells a lot about you. Be confident, it is the key to impress.

Overall Experience

The technical test was quite challenging and aptitude part was easier. The IQ tests in the 2nd round were simply awesome. To be honest, I enjoyed it a lot. They gave me a lot of satisfaction and self-confidence. After the results were announced, the head HR guy gave us feedback about our performances individually which i found very helpful. It was my first interview and it went quite well. After the interview, I was almost sure about selection. So overall, it was an awesome experience.

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Verizon

Nivedita Chaudhary
Software

Selection Procedure

We has an easy test which include basic C topic. Very strict regarding the pointer cut off(cgpa> 7). Around 15 B.Tech students were selected for interview round & many MCAs also. 1st interview was aptitude and puzzles. For 2nd round around 5 B.Techs were shortlisted. It was a complete coding round. DSA basics n code for various games like tic tac toe, chess etc.

Preparation

CAT study material is best. Online puzzle solving. Shakuntla Devi puzzles, Einstein puzzles etc.

General Tips

Learn to write codes for chess and other games.

Overall Experience

1st round was scary. That interviewer was torturing me but I kept my cool and solved his puzzles. Don't lose hope without putting complete effort. Everything was basic . Never thought will be through 1st round. Scariest interview ever.

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Airvana Networks

<div align="right">7.65 M-TECH, SACA</div>

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Selection Procedure

First round was written test. It consisted of 4 sections: a) Aptitude, b) OS and few other networking questions, c) C & C++, d) Java

Second round was technical, in this round I was asked about my B.Tech mini projects and the major project of M.tech and later I was asked to write one program about string reversal word-by-word. I got a few questions on Data structures (mainly linked list), Operating systems (about semaphores, locking, and about processes).

Final round was mix of technical and HR round.

Preparation

For data structures use kurumanchi's algorithm book. First get a hold on basics and solve problems from sites like geeksforgeek.com, try solving maximum number of problems to give you confidence. Try to search for company placement papers and try solving. Keep track of glassdoor website for company reviews, salaries, placement experience etc.

General Tips

Be clear on the basics. Keep your cool and do not worry too much. Try learning from every interview. If you are not selected try to analyze the reason for your rejection , do homework and perform better next time. But always keep track of companies visiting the campus.

Overall Experience

It is always a new experience. Everytime you get to learn new things. It is always challenging. And never lose hope.

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Unisys Global

6.6 CSE

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This company came in September and was only open to the people of cse. So at that time around 50 people of my class were not placed. So I sat through its ppt. The company seemed impressive. Then there was an online test which was based in c apti. Only coding and general c concepts were asked. Around 10 peple cleared this around which was followed by another test on general verbal and quantitative aptitude. Finally around 8 people made it to the interview process which had two rounds. The first round was coding and c apti and the second round was managerial round. Only 3 people made it the second round of interview and finally 2 got selected.

Books that I referred were how to crack coding interview by carreercup. For quantitative aptitude RS Agarwal and Arun Sharma. Online geeksforgeeks is the best source. Other materials from placement buddy and seniors were helpful too.

Firstly dont panic. This semester you will see your friends getting placed and it may so happen you will feel you are more deserving. Well its okay you will have your day too. Do not get panicked and take decisions. Plan out your priorities and stick to it. Patience and determination will definitely be fruitfull at the end. Especially for a branch like cse there will be a lot of companies coming so don't worry if you miss out on one of your dream company.
Secondly start preparing early the competition is tough and you cant leave for the last moment. Utilise your summer break efficiently. Being well prepared will give you confidence and thats what you need the most this time. All the best.

Its really an unforgettable experience. Its challenging but once you are past it you will feel you are at the top of the world. The gpl, placement treats and congratulations rush into you. And the real final year follows it. So live it to the fullest.

Before you get placed your anxious, nervous and tensed. Well it's a part of it. You might have to sit throughout the day for your interview or run in the night to write apti test. Be energetic and confident at all times and just dont give up. it was my first interview and I got the company. its not like I knew all the answers to the questions they poured on me. I was confident and passionate about working in their company and that does make a difference. The recruiters see what approach you follow to get to thr solution. Be explanative about your approach.

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Onmobile Global Limited

Keerthan Vasist
Software Engineer Trainee

Selection Procedure

Ppt, 2 written rounds and 1 technical interview and 1 HR interview.

This company mostly asks only puzzles. They are mostly easy with a few moderate ones. If you do well in the first 2 written rounds, the interview will be a calm breeze. The interview is also based on puzzles but if you specifically mention you are good at coding, they might ask you to give some simple algorithm or pseudo codes. HR interview is generally inconsequential in this company. It happens after the selection is made. That interview is just to make sure you know all the details of the company. The team that comes for recruitment is super friendly. This is a company in which you don't have to worry about anything. Just have a good time.

Preparation

There are lot of websites on the net which have interview puzzles. A lot of these questions repeat in many companies. Going through those will help.

General Tips

Look confident. Express yourself well with gestures. The theatrics you exhibit during the interview is more important than you would think.

Overall Experience

Onmobile was less exhausting than all other companies.

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Expicient Inc.

6.58 EEE

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Selection Procedure

Recruitment process started with brief presentation. Then round 1 was general aptitude written round (math, reasoning CAT like but much lesser difficulty level). Round 2 was interview with basic questions on linear data structures and 1 puzzle. Round 3 was again interview but this time instead of 1 interviewer, 3 people stormed questions.

Preparation

Going through cat literature helps a lot. Arun sharma gives ample practice and boosts confidence by a great deal.

General Tips

Stay calm and composed but never lose the chance to show your knowledge.

Overall Experience

Definitely rewarding. Every recruitment round is an experience. Throughout the recruitment stint i was rejected by 2 companies (In HSBC I was not being able to explain few things in my resume and in Centurylink they did not find me knowledgeable enough as I had not touched data structures). Practice aptitude questions, learn about group discussions, prepare resume as per company profile. Do not keep the same resume for every company.

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Calligo Tech

Prem Sameer
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Selection Procedure

The process was 1) Written Test which was conducted for around 30 2) Interview I for which 14 were selected. 2) Interview II for which 8 were selected.

Preparation

To clear the written test or online test, try to refresh the math and logic which you might have forgotten over these years. Indiabix, an online archive of all the aptitude questions and tests plus glassdoor are more than enough to assist you. Try not overestimate yourself and perform the test and interview with full conviction.

General Tips

The most important is to be strong in the areas which the company operates. The most basic questions could land you in trouble. Be confident in the fields that you are comfortable in.

Overall Experience

My placement experience was exhausting, challenging and in the end rewarding. So do expect the unexpected and be prepared for the challenges. Do not hesitate to interact with interviewer, and do trust yourself of what you have done. The interviewer is just looking for a chink in the armour.

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Core

Power Grid Corporation of India

8.6 EEE

Sagar Wadi
Executive trainee

Direct interview. Shortlisted based on CGPA. Usually 15-20 people will be called up for the interview.

All power system related courses. Switch gear protection which is not part of our curriculum but very important topic. The blog www.**electrical**4u.com is very helpful.

Be prepared for anything. GD topics can be very different and generally one cannot be aware of all possible topics and be prepared. So confidence and clarity of thought during the GD is important.

Challenging in the beginning ,exhausting in between and surely rewarding at the end.

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Power Grid Corporation of India

8.77 CIVIL

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Selection Procedure

CGPA based Shortlist and direct Personal Interview.
Interview starts with Tech round followed by HR It lasted for about 35 to 45 minutes.

Preparation

Revise all basics of important Civil Engineering subjects such as SA, SD, Steel design, Soil Mechanics, SOM, PSC, Foundation. Also, research about the company details(most important)

General Tips

Have faith in yourself. It is mostly dependent on luck. You never know what will they ask so instead of worrying about it, have confidence in whatever you know. Even if you make blunders in interview don't lose hope and ruin it further. (I did make 1, still got through)

Overall Experience

Smooth...A little challenging.

Contact

Texas Instruments

Divya R Nandihalli
Design Engineer

Selection Procedure

After the first round of written test, around 10-11 students were shortlisted. The written test did not have any aptitude section. There were around 10 technical questions. Though the questions were MCQ's, all of them required solving. The questions were based on simple analog circuit analysis and BJT's.

The next round was a technical interview. The questions mostly tested the basics. We were asked about simple circuits with capacitor and inductors. Then there were a few questions about low pass, high pass circuits. A few more on CMOS circuits.

After the second round, 2 students were selected for the third round which was a HR interview. There was one more technical interview round after this which was more or less similar to the first interview.

Preparation

There was no aptitude test in the first round of filtering, but TI generally has an apti round in its written test. Hence its advisable to prepare for it. Any online source will do for the apti round.

For the technical rounds, its necessary to have good basics. Revise all the concepts in analog electronics and linear integrated circuits and try approaching the problems.

During the technical interview, they test if you can apply what you have learnt to solve the problem they give. For example, I was asked what circuit you would use to convert a square wave to sinusoidal wave of same frequency. Since square wave is nothing but a sum of sinusoidal wave of harmonics of the square wave's frequency, a simple low pass filter will do.

General Tips

When you are answering a question asked by the interviewer, keep telling them in which direction you are thinking. If you are not going in the right direction, the interviewer might slightly hint where you are going wrong. Also be very clear in speech when you are saying something.

Be genuinely interested in what the interviewer has to say about the problem. If you think you are still right, point it out very softly and do not push your point of view or argue in an interview.

Overall Experience

It was slightly exhausting because three rounds of interview took an entire day at the TNP. You need to be patient enough and prepare yourself if the interview doesn't go your way. However it was rewarding in the end.

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Texas Instruments

8.37 EEE

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Analog Design Engineer

Selection Procedure

Written test (very relaxed pointer cutoffs). Test contained around 20 questions from Analog, Digital, Computers (option of attempting one of the three) and a mandatory mental ability section. Core sections tested fundamentals. Mental ability section was very easy.
Around 10 students were selected for interview round. A technical round ensued, which was again a test of fundamentals of circuit theory(for analog profile). Few who cleared were put through a discussion with the HR representative.
After 2 month long internship, your respective mentor chooses to recommend you or otherwise for a PPO. Another HR discussion follows, after which PPO offer is extended.

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Preparation

Any Electronics fundamentals book.

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General Tips

Aptitude questions are easily solvable. Concentrate on strengthening fundamentals of Circuit theory, logic gates etc.
Instinctive answers in interview are appreciated more than accurate decimal point answers.
Problem solving approach is important more than speed of solving in interview round.
HR representatives look for people who are willing to join the company and not those inclined towards higher studies.

Overall Experience

Overall experience was good. Interviewers were helpful during the interaction.

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8.31 ECE

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Selection Procedure

1. Written test (Around 150 students):
   a. Logical Reasoning section
   b. C programming section
   c. Technical section (VLSI/ECE/Comps)
2. Technical Interview 1 (12 Students): In this interview I was asked the very basics of VLSI. Projects mentioned in my resume   were also covered at great length.
3. Technical Interview 2 (6 Students): This interview covered my internship, my basic knowledge in digital circuits, and a few logic questions of varying difficulty levels.
4. HR Interview (3 Students): This interview was just a formality to ensure that I was truly invested in working for the company. All 3 students shortlisted for the HR interview were offered jobs.

Preparation

1. For the technical part, studying Rabaey, the prescribed textbook for the VLSI course, should be enough.
2. For the C Programming, I would suggest brushing up on your first year computer science course.
3. The logic questions in the test were similar to ones asked in the CAT. The logic questions in my interview were like those asked in all our technical club recruitments. You can easily find such questions through the internet.

General Tips

1. Stick to the basics. If you know your basics, it will be enough to get you through.
2. Luck is a HUGE factor in getting the job. Not everyone gets the same interviewer, or the same questions. So just prepare well, and don't worry about the things you can't control.
3. Don't act nervous or fidget during the interview. If don't know the answer, work out your thought process out loud so your interviewer can guide you in the right direction.
4. Make sure you know your resume back to front.

Overall Experience

The interviewers were kind and the interview was definitely not a stress interview. However, they did evaluate me very thoroughly on all aspects of ECE, leaving no stone unturned. The interview process took an entire day, but it felt very rewarding to have that job in the end. :)

Qualcomm India

7.80 EEE

Kaustubh Apte
Associate Engineer

1. Written test- aptitude, coding, logic, electronics (analog and digital)
2. PI - around 15 are shortlisted for PI. Technical interview
3. 30% are selected for HR.

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Analog electronics- basics of op-amp, filters, circuit theory questions etc.
Digital- Flipflop circuits, counter.
simple C programs, logic, aptitude question etc. for the written test.

RLC series/parallel combination circuit are most likely to be asked in interview.
If you have worked on Unix platform, do mention in the resume. Everything in Qualcomm runs on Unix.
The knowledge of programing languages like 'perl', 'tcl', 'python' will be a plus in the interview.

Highlight the strong points in your resume.
Prepare well on the projects that you have done so far. Especially electronics related.
Dont rush up to answers to technical questions where you are required to draw a circuit or do calculations. Take your own time. Your approach to the problem is more important than the final answer.
You may watch some mock recruitment interviews on internet.
http://www.youtube.com/user/DenhamResources

This was my first and last interview in TnP. I got selected during the Internship drive and eventually got the PPO.
It was challenging and testing.
Do your part of the work and just relax.
Prayers do work.
All the very best!

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Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

8.97 EEE

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Management Trainee

Generally it is 3 round process
1. Group Discussion (30 to 40 % will be qualified for next round)
2. Technical Interview
3. HR interview.

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First thing they don't look only for high pointers and all have equal chances.
Group Discussionis will be based on current affairs and general issues, so be updated to current affairs.
For Technical (EEE) be thorough in basics. Generally they ask on Electrical Protection equipments like fuses,CBs,Switches,Relays etc and Electric Machines.
Refer VK Mehata for Power Systems and Electrical Machines by Nagarath.
For HR express yourself confidently and dont act too smart.
Good Luck !

Refresh your basics and have a look at your projects.
Actually you can make the panel members to ask questions in the field in which you are good at, so make best use of it.

It was a 1 day long process. I was really tensed but everything turned out well at the end. 'Hardwork never fails'.

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Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

9.39 CIVIL

Himika Boliai
Management trainee

Selection Procedure

First round was GD followed by personal interview. Out of 40 students, 12 were shortlisted for interview. Only 4 were recruited.

Preparation

Structural design by Bhavikatti is good enough.

General Tips

Keep your basics strong. Be confident enough. Go through company's website.

Overall Experience

It all depends on you. If u are confident enough and can make the company realize that u are here to work with them, then it is all easy.

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Cadence Design

8.67 EEE

Shashank Alevoor
Analog Designer

1. Written test based only on the technical part. Two choices either digital or analog
Was open for whole of EC and only above 8 cgpa for Electrical
2. Selected 7 people for digital and 7 people for analog
3. Interview was based on oscillators, feed back theory, RC circuits, Op-Amps and circuit theory
4. Final HR round was very simple.

Boeylstead should be enough.

Don't dig too deep be good with your basics

Definitely challenging.

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Infineon Technologies

8.32 ECE

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Automotive Software

The company was open to EC, EE, CS and M.techs.

There were openings in automotive software, design and validation.

First round was an online test comprising of two sections: one related to the domain selected above and then a coding test.I had chosen validation. There were questions based on 8085 microcontroller(architecture based), simple digital questions on mux, FFs, boolean equations...There was aptitude section too(verbal and analytical).

This was for around 60 mins. Next was an online coding round...two questions and 30 mins.

The test was conducted in CCC. Since it was full, I think around 60 students appeared.

Around 10 were shortlisted from each domain. First round was general interview based on resume. I was asked questions on my projects. Then was asked about ARM architecture, interrupts, addressing modes.Then unexpectedly I was asked to attend software interview which was based on assembly language and c coding. Do brush up your knowledge on pointers.

Finally HR round, same old questions like tell me about yourself, describe your room blah blah...

One student was selected in each domain. All from B.tech and also from EC ;-)

Preparation

Nothing in specific... Prepare ARM architecture and instruction set.

General Tips

This was my third interview, I had figured out what the interviewer expects. Elaborate your answer... Arrive at your answer logically.

Overall Experience

Was interesting...

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Hindustan Unilever Ltd

8.97 MECH

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Selection Procedure

Around 50 people were shortlisted based on CGPA. About 25-30 were from mechanical.
It was open for all to apply in mech but from chemical and electrical, only girls were allowed to apply.
We had to fill out an 8 page form with details of academics, projects, internships, some questions like 'describe how you overcame a challenging situation' or 'the obstacles that you had to dodge in a tough project' and so on.
After this 24 people were shortlisted for interviews of which 12 were from mech.
There were 2 rounds of interviews. The first one was about half an hour with 2 people in the panel. This was the technical round which started with a brief intro. They asked me my favorite subject (Thermodynamics and Fluid Mechanics) and started asking basics like TD cycles, draw PV diagrams, applications, then some basic questions on turbines, Rankine cycle, ways to increase efficiency. reheating, intercooling; they also asked me about RC Car project that I had mentioned in my resume and what I had learnt from it. Then came a no. of questions on IC engines. Finally asked what quality control and assurance was. I answered about 85% of these correctly (I think) and the ones that I didn't know I said so because for each answer they would counter you or go deeper into the answer given and ask you whether you're sure about it.
Then 9 were shortlisted for final round of interview (5 mech,2 chem, 2 trical).
This also was a half an hour interview with 2 in the panel. Now they asked questions only on the projects done and for me it was all about the 2 month summer industrial internship. Mine was at Volvo GTO concerned with the truck assembly line. So every detail was asked and again they told me to draw the assembly line and explain from the beginning of the problem statement to what improved because of my presence there. Many cross questions later they thanked me and asked me to wait for the results.
Finally 4 of us were selected- 2 mech and 1 each from chem and electrical.

Preparation

For Mechanical, you can't prepare for all the subjects (at least I couldn't) so be very thorough with the basics of your favourite subject and read those. My preparation was a week of revision on BTD, ATD, FM, ICE and Turbomachines. Whatever projects you've mentioned in your resume, have a grasp on the related subjects as well. You never know, some surprising questions like those on quality control for me, may spring on you.

Sounds cliched but Don't panic and Be true to yourself. The latter is very important. Answer clearly what you know. If you do not know the answer say you don't know.
It'll be difficult to let a few go but Sit only for the companies that you have in mind. And know everything about the summer internship that you do right after third year. Go through the report and your own work. This is the one area where many go complacent and when asked questions won't be able to respond about their own work.

The overall experience was rewarding. The wait in the TnP department just before the results was nervy but once you know you're through, the exultation is something else.

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Hindustan Unilever Ltd

9.2 EEE

Saloni Singhal
Supply Chain trainee

Selection Procedure

Resume short list followed by two interview. Interview questions were based mahinces and power system.

Preparation

Nptel video for machine basics and apti through online source

General Tips

Give your best leave the rest.

Overall Experience

Challenging but you will learn a lot about your branch and yourself.
Prepare for HR interviews . I got rejected in two interviews because I was not prepared for HR round.

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ARM Embedded

7.9 CSE

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For Software Profile
1 Written Test followed by one Tech and One HR Interview.
First Round - Duration 2 Hours, Question related to basic electronics, Programming (1.5 Hrs) and General aptitude(30 minutes)
Technical Interview - ARM is very much concerned about time limit for each of the interview. 2-3 questions related to Coding and they asked me to explain one of my projects(20 minutes)
HR Interview - Tell me about yourself? Your Strength and Weaknesses? Where do you see yourself in next 5 Years? Finally HR asked me to briefly explain all the projects I have done(15 minutes)

Aptitude Test is the most important part of the interview process so start preparing for aptitude at least a month before placement season.
Data Structures and Algorithms Made Easy By Narsimha Karumanchi
GeeksForGeeks
Arun Sharma For Aptitude

Try to make a proper resume and write only about the projects which you can explain (Number of projects doesn't matter, thing that matters is How much you know about the projects)
And Be Confident and jovial :)

Fun - Challenging

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Coal India

7.33 EEE

Sumit Patil
Management Trainee

 1) Pointer based shortlist. (category wise. 6.5 for general)
2) GD-

     Mainly they divided trical candidates in two groups. 1st containing sc and st candidates, 2nd had general and obc. around 35 people in 2 groups. 14-14 candidates each turned up for gd. they gave engineering related topics. for first group engineer as politician and for 2nd energy audit and engineers role in it were the topics. every candidate is given 2 chances to speak. 1st everybody is asked to pitch their own ideas and thoughts. again the invigilator will ask you to add any relevant points if you want. finally they will ask one of you to summarize whole discussion.
P.S.- Just speak relevant things, don't try to sell fake facts, they will catch you. and while summarizing don't add new points,stick to whatever the group has already discussed, they were adamant about it. one of our group mate got scolded in spite of speaking very good because he brought incorrect fact and while summarizing tried to add new point.

3) P.I.-

      For me it was kind of stress interview. one of the panel member asked me the question even before asking me to sit. after greeting them i tried to answer the first question, but he was ready with second question. both the questions were regarding transformer protection.i explained buchholz relay for transformer protection with diagram, they asked about other ways of transformer protection, i could only explain one more method of over current protection. they said explain two more,but i couldn't. afterwards they asked me about types of circuit breakers and working. i answered them 50-50. advantage of HVAC transmission i told.

After that they asked me random questions like material used in transmission, material density,comparison between different material for transmission based on resistivity, cost and density(i was not able to answer most of them,and i was stressed out), suddenly everybody started asking questions (4 panel members), i took my time, and most of the time after taking considerable time for answering difficult question i would tell i don't know.

When questions got exhausted they asked me which subject is my favorite, and whether i have any knowledge of management, i told mathematics is my favorite and for management i had taken 3 optional EE, MTP, MM. they asked about basic definition of management, bernoulli equation for liquid,and archmedis principle of floating body(i don't know why).

Finally asked me about hobbies, and whether i can sing my favorite song(may be to cheer me up, because 2nd half of interview where they asked random core questions was very stressful) then they asked me if i have any problem to join in remote place,i said no.

P.S- Keep calm and take your time, even if the ask too many questions at a time, and say no if you really don't know the answer.

And next 5 Years? Finally HR asked me to briefly explain all the projects I have done(15 minutes)

1) v.k mehta. specifically protection, circuit breakers, and power transmission part.
2) ashfaq hussain - machines

Nothing specific, don't give up even if you don't know the single answer. i couldn't answer more than half the questions. try to use pen and pencil to illustrate the things which you can't explain with words. and please never sell fake facts in core job interview, if you don't know, say so.

best of luck. :)

Exhausting experience, but at the end of the day getting selected was way more satisfying than anything else.
They kind of discouraged female candidates. Probably because of mine/field work.
Decide for your own.

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Coal India

9.26 CIVIL

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Management Trainee

Initially there was a GD. Civil had two groups. Everybody got a chance to speak once. In the end anyone could volunteer to summarize the discussion. Topic of my GD was: 'While planning the township for Coal India employees at a mine site what all information is required?' Few students got shortlisted for the personal Interview which was the next round. we had a document verification where they checked our X, XII and semester mark sheets. The only extracurricular certificate they accepted was of NCC. Personal Interview was for approximately 20 mins.

Preparation

In the interview they would ask you your favorite subject and question you about that. So it is best to prepare that subject well and go. For e.g. if you say concrete technology then they will ask questions like what are the tests for fresh concrete, hardened concrete, tests for aggregates etc. They will also ask for specifics like slump value of pumpable concrete.

General Tips

If you are going for a company prepare the question 'Why this company?' well. Coal India employers want to make sure that you will stay with them. They had asked me this question along with a lot information about the company such as What are Coal India's subsidiaries? Where are they located? In how many years does one get promoted from E1 grade to higher grades? Find out more about the company well before going and if possible speak to alumni working there well in advance.

Overall Experience

It was a challenging experience. I didn't expect to get selected. Keeping calm is the key.
I had given many interviews for different companies. Giving sensible/intelligent answers is critical. Giving haphazard answers gives a wrong impression. Do not have expectations from any company.

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Coal India

Mustafa Quadri
Management Trainee

Selection Procedure

Selections are based on pointer
GD
Interview(technical and HR)

Preparation

Machines -Nagrath and kothrai
Apti-agarwal

General Tips

 Be through with the basics, I cannot emphasize the importance of this.
people who are interviewing want to see whether you understand them or have just mugged up.projects which might have done is also important.
Contrary to the popular belief, pointer matters period.
Don't try to bullshit, interviewers are good at catching them and then screwing you over because of it, just be honest. know your abilities and when asked about something which you know nothing of, answer truthfully dont BS.
Plz Have a shave before coming;no sutta before the Interview. Remember you are selling yourself. Everyone's extra nervous on their first interview-it gets better with experience.

If you have screwed one too many interviews take a time out and think about it, talk with your friends, get honest feed back and build on it.
If you have read until, a few extra points.

here are some Ted Talks that are useful
   Your body language shapes who you are - Amy Cuddy - YouTube

In placement season many of us are prone to addiction's(am looking at you candy crush saga).

It's full of stress, anxiety, rejection. So in those times don't start any "habits"
which you might regret later.

Try meditation it helps, here is a ted talk.
Andy Puddicombe- All it takes is 10 mindful minutes.

I'll stop now with a quote.
"do not disturb yourself by picturing life as whole;do not assemble in your mind the many
and varied troubles which have come to you in the past and will come again in the future, but
ask yourself with regard to every present difficulty:'what is there in this that is unbearable and
beyond endurance??'"

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7.35 MINING

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Selection Procedure

 GD for students with more than 6 CG , 22 students sat for GD , 19 shortlisted for interview, 12 finally selected.GD topics are general for any mining student , GD Is category wise , for interview you should know whatever you did in your training.

Preparation

Industrial training /Coal Camp.

General Tips

Take the interview in hindi and be chilled.

Overall Experience

Easy selection process, they are strict about CGPAs.

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6.96 EEE

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Selection Procedure

 1.All the students were shortlisted on the basis of GPA.

Round 1-Group discussion.Proper kind of GD was organized.Everyone was given a chance to speak.So you can clearly put up your points.

Round 2-Interview.There was a panel of 6 members.Everyone was above 45 and kind of chilled out.It started with some HR questions and then tech.In tech part they asked very basic things like Ohm's law,how fan works,how tubelight works etc. No grilling on any topic!!

Preparation

IV K Mehta for power systems and switchgear..
Any book on induction and synchronous motor will also help.

General Tips

 1.In GD don't repeat the points which someone has already covered.Try to come up with the points which are closely related to the topic.
2.Try to cover both the aspects of the topic,positive as well as negative.
3.In interview,be calm and don't panic while answering questions.Take your own time to answer the question(only if you know the answer properly!!!)
4.In tech part,mention only one topic which you have prepared well.Please don't tell every topic you have studied.

Overall Experience

It was a cool experience and it feels awesome to get placed in PSU!

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Selection Procedure

They shortlisted some 40 students based on their CGPA in the respective categories.
after coming to campus there was a GD out of which some 17 people got selected.
then the Personal interview and then 10 got selected at the END

Preparation

No extra preparation required just the normal notes of class and wherever doubt existed got it cleared from NPTEL videos they were really helpful.

General Tips

 Be confident in whatever you know.
Dont take any tension about whatever you dont know as you cannot change anything regarding that.
Never beat around the bush. Be straight forward.
Always go with a smile come back with a smile and be Confident. Confidence matters a lot.

Overall Experience

It was a wonderful experience knowing half of the things not knowing quite some of them.
and finally getting selected. One thing I knew i did not fake around with any of the question.

Guys Never feel bad if not selected, because it is not destined for you. there is something better waiting for you.

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8.46 MECH

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Selection Procedure

They shortlist candidates based on cgpa(above 7) from Mechanical and chemical branch. There is no written test and the process starts with GD. There were some 35 people comprising of both the branches. The process is common for both the branches as the job profile is that of an analyst. After GD they shortlisted 9 people(6 from chem and 3 from Mech) for first round of PI. Five got shortlisted for final rounds in Gurgaon. Two more rounds of interview was conducted in Gurgaon. Candidates from other colleges were also present in Gugaon. Overall they selected 6 people among which two(1 Mech and 1 chem) were from NITK.

Preparation

They never asked any technical questions. My prepartion was mostly on common HR questions and knowing about the details of the company from Wikipedia and their site.

General Tips

Be confident and be honest. They did not ask any technical questions. They would ask you about your hobby and might pursue on that. Be very specific about what you are trying to project yourself at personal level.

Overall Experience

To get through a GD round and 3 rounds of personal interviews(all elimination rounds), I would say it was challenging. The experience was great. They make you stay in a very good hotel. They also provide you air tickets to and fro Delhi .
Although this is the world's largest oil and gas company, the job profile that they offer is not core. So if you are looking for a core job, this is not a company for you.

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TATA Steel

9.36 MECH

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Selection Procedure

PPO.. I was selected for intern after my third year. There was no cut- off for written test. So almost whole mechanical branch was present there. Out of around 110 students, 10 were shorlisted for the interview. 120 questions were there; 30 apti and 90 tech. Apti were ok type, i ll rate toughness level 7/10. But dtechnical part was pretty tough.

Preparation

Well, I was not at all prepared. Anyways the technical part they asked, it wouldnt hv helped much even if I studied.
More weightage was from themodynamics, MOM, SOM and metal cutting.

General Tips

Interview was purely technical, so I would suggest STUDY, nothing else will help. HR questions were pretty simple and I dont think they were serious abt HR part.

Overall Experience

Well I was told that company has excellent policy of awarding PPOs, I was pretty happy with the

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Nagarjuna Construction (NCC)

6.20 CIVIL

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Selection Procedure

There was an aptitude and technical test after which the company shortlisted 17 students.
7 were made offers after the interview.

Preparation

Pay at least a minimum amount of attention in all your classes. You never know when any of it might come up.
Patience and good language skills also help.

General Tips

Stay calm.

Overall Experience

It was interesting and fun. Rewarding, definitely rewarding too.

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Nagarjuna Construction (NCC)

8.07 CIVIL

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Selection Procedure

2 exams, one is aptitude+general knowledge and other is fully concentrated on Civil Core. For web source join ASCE group on LinkedIn.

Preparation

I read newspaper daily which I think was sufficient for the general knowledge and for core follow any standard Gate preparation book (Arihant Publication) or class notes.

General Tips

Keep calm and believe in yourself and your preparation. If you don't know the answer say you don't remember or don't know. Be prepared for HR questions in advance like why do you want to join our company. Prepare yourself in advance for the questions like these. Visit company website and wiki page at least a day before and have a look at the projects they have completed.

Overall Experience

It is a mixed filling. Some questions asked in the exam and in the interview are very general and basic.

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BAJAJ Auto

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R&D

9.64 MECH

Selection Procedure

Written round followed by interview.. 13 selected for interview. 5 placed

Preparation

Well, Loads of apti and fundamentals of design thermal and manufacturing required.

General Tips

Be yourself. Do not hype up anything about you. It is ok to answer I don't know once in a while during the interview than beat around the bush. Those written rounds that have negative marks, attempts only those questions you are sure of getting. Have seen many who have missed out because of heavy negative negating their positives.

Overall Experience

Bajaj was really an easy experience. In contrast to the internship interviews I had attended from ITC and godrej the experience here was much less challenging.

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9.64 MECH

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Graduate Engineering Trainee

Selection Procedure

Written test
1 round personal interview

Preparation

Brushing up formulae from Gate books.

General Tips

Keep your resume ready and printed.
Go through the project reports and industrial training reports.
Shortlist which are your courses of interest and revise only those courses.
Keep calm!

Overall Experience

It was rewarding. Projects like Baja which are very specific to the field of automobiles Helped in a big way.
Also, one round of interview made the process easier and enjoyable.

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8.10 MECH

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Graduate Engineering Trainee

There is a MCQ test of about 40 questions I think in which half the questions are Mechanical Engineering knowledge while the other half is general and math aptitude. The main problem in this test is that there are negatives if you get the question wrong due to which you should tread very carefully. Here, I would like to note that the Mechanical Engineering part can be quite hard if you are unprepared. But the general aptitude questions, while not very easy, are nothing out of the ordinary. So, my suggestion would be to seriously attempt the aptitude questions and spend lesser time on the Mechanical Engineering questions.

Around 20 people are selected for the interview round from around 120 who write the test. There is only 1 round of interviews for Bajaj from which they take around 5 people (these numbers have remained about the same for a few years). The interview itself will be based on what area of Mechanical Engineering, as chosen by you, is your strength. Alternatively they might quiz you on your summer projects. In my case however, almost the entire interview was based on my work in NITKRacing. And from my experience as well as from what I heard from others, being a part of any wing of NITKRacing is a big positive especially for Bajaj.

Some aptitute question a day or two before the test day could help shed some of the rust that you might have accumulated. As far as Mechanical Engineering knowledge goes, there is nothing much you can do in the last few days. You should either have an excellent memory or have been preparing for placements for quite some time.

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Nothing much to say except not underestimate your chances of getting into the company in question. This confidence of yours could reflect in the interview.

Bajaj was the first company to come for placements for Mechanical Engineering students just a week after vacations. Hence there was barely any time to settle down and prepare in any way. Also, it has one of the shortest recruiting procedures with just 1 round each of interview and test. So, it all got over quite quickly for me to realize. But the one overwhelming experience was of anxiety, especially when you clear the test that you did not expect yourself to. If you got from 120 to 20 students unexpectedly, you are EXTREMELY anxious to get to that lucky 5 so that you don't have to go through all that again, which fortunately, is what happened.

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Nokia Solutions and Networks

7.22 ECE

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Embedded Systems Engineer

Selection Procedure

They conducted a written objective type test which had 3 sections: Verbal (reading comprehensions), basic aptitude and the last one was a mix of C programming (find output/error) and basic electronics. The electronics section had mostly theoretical questions focused around circuits and basic electronics stuff. No networking and communication in particular. After clearing the test there was a technical interview for each and an HR interview for those who cleared the tech interview. The tech interview went on for a minimum 45 mins for each candidate purely focused around Embedded and programming. In Embedded I was asked about interrupts, pipelining, about the processors I have worked on, etc. I had done good projects in the same field so it benefited me. They hardly asked me any programming apart from some basic codes for strings. They rather appreciate your logic skills than how god are you at the actual syntax. But programming experience will be surely be an extra edge. I could not answer most of the stuff related to operating systems and core C++ but I did my embedded and C part well. C questions included storage classes, memory management, recursions, etc. If you have done any project on networking/communication even that can be very beneficial for you in the interview.

Preparation

Aptitude sections can be done without/or with the general preparation (from any source). Nothing specific to refer even for the electronics section. However Reading Frank Vahid for Embedded systems helped me in my technical interview.

General Tips

The profile was Embedded Systems and Networking so I was expecting the same to be asked about in the interview. I told my interest was in Embedded systems and they asked me only on that. Read a bit about some concepts of operating systems (Linux) and C++ like threading, process, etc. Have a good grip on embedded systems concepts like interrupts, processors, etc. They don't ask you to explicitly write a full C++ code though. In the tech interview I was asked about micro processors interrupts, pipelining, machine cycles, etc.

Overall Experience

Technical interview was a bit challenging and exhaustive (>45 mins!). But they were patient enough to listen to your answers and gave ample time in case somebody couldn't recall anything.

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HERO Motor Corp

9.33 MECH

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Selection Procedure

1 Written test (30 min 50 questions - 25 core and 25 gen aptitude).
Shortlisted candidates had a gd and further shortlist for interview

Preparation

Not much. Gate books for Tech stuff in test and interview helpful.

General Tips

Be prepared for anything. GD topics can be very different and generally one cannot be aware of all possible topics and be prepared. So confidence and clarity of thought during the GD is important.

Overall Experience

Challenging. Interview was a fun experience. it lasted for 5 minutes and i got the job while those with 45 min didnt. only tech question was define pressure.

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HERO Motor Corp

Deep Agarwal
Graduate Engineering Trainee

Selection Procedure

1. Test (Aptitude+ Technical)
2. GD -30 Selected (rough estimate)
3. PI - 10 Selected
Final, 4 selected
2 Others also received offers later.

Preparation

1. Elements of Mechanical Engineering By KR Gopalkrishna.
2. Training/ internship report.

General Tips

Give yourself good sleep, the night before.

Overall Experience

1. Test- Technical was a little tough, went for the apti first.
2. Gd- Effect of social media on modern communication. Was ok.
3. PI- was very basic. Basic questions regarding anything u say u r interested or worked with.
All based on 1st principles.

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MECH

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Selection Procedure

1) Online test
2) Presentation of the company followed by announcement of online test results
3)GD- Two batches each comprising of 10 members.
4) Interview- Both tech and HR in a single round

Preparation

If possible ,go through the basics of all topics that you have studied in the last three years. Choose the topic you like most and concentrate more on it. In interview, mostly they'll ask your strong subject first and ask questions on it.

General Tips

Interviewers do not come with a list of questions, they frame the question based on your answer to the previous one. So do not use high tech words in your answer unless you are completely aware of it.And whenever you get questions from the subject you are not comfortable, somehow relate the answers to your project or internship or your strong subject which might change the current subject.

Overall Experience

Normal

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General Electric

8.41 EEE

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Online test as the first round, split into technical questions and aptitude questions (20+10). There is an essay writing section there too: "Why GE?", "What are your Goals?" etc. This is followed by a technical interview and then a HR interview. Interviews in our year were done in a couple of days, the HR interview being over the phone.

However, the rounds vary from person to person. Though people from the imaging section came to college this time, they were open to taking us for hardware design too. But if you ask for any other kind of work, be prepared to wait. Your application is forwarded through the company and this takes time, a lot of it. There was a second round of interviews I had to take about 2 months after the time they came to college. And by this time, the results of the other people who had applied were already out. So, patience is critical, although if you have been provided with a point of contact within the company, it is all right for you to bug him/her about the status of your application.

Preparation

An intuitive grasp of what happens and why it does is crucial. I wouldn't recommend 'preparation' as such, since there is too much to learn if you want to 'prepare'. Some experience in handling electronics is time better spent than poring over books: you can also show you have applied what you learn, and that gives you brownie points in the interview. Developing an ability to solve problems in the situation, and guess-estimate the solution from what you know is also very helpful.

What you have to prepare for is the HR round. It might seem trivial, but I have had trouble in specifically these kind of questions. They pose a standard set of questions, so prepare well for them. Try to sit down and prepare an honest answer to each of them: it will help a lot. Using tried and tested phrases and giving the standard replies does nothing for your image: you are just another person in the pack. And from what I found out during placement season, the HR interviewers have more power than your technical interviewers in pushing your application through.

General Tips

 Dress well, more importantly dress comfortably. Formals is not absolutely essential unless you are going to an interview with a business company. It is the T&P which imposes this rather.

The feeling of euphoria after placements is unmatched, trust me. But the process itself is tiresome, I had a lot of trouble managing my patience when waiting for communication from the company.

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Freudenberg

7.9 MECH

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Selection Procedure

They interviewed me for two times.
1st Round: Questions basically on my Interest subjects
2nd Round: Interviewed by both Technical and HR people.

Preparation

My suggestions to all juniors is that make a web survey of any company visiting our campus in prior 1-2 days. Read experiences shared by other people on web about that company. Basically it limits your area of concentration for that company Recruitment preparation. Since I prepared the same way, questions in the Interview did not surprise me at all.

For the preparation refer any one of the GATE books for the knowledge of basics.
Wikipedia search will help you for the quick knowledge on topic.

General Tips

While explaining your works (Trainings or Interns) present them in an impressive way.

Overall Experience

Questions asked mainly on my Intern in GE Healthcare, Bangalore and subjects of my Interest(CHOOSE THEM WISELY).

"Company's expectations and my interest matched and I got selected" :) :)

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Pepsico

Snehasis Deshpande
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Selection Procedure

The selection process consisted of four steps :-
1) Resume Shortlisting
2) Psychometric Test
3) GD
4) Technical and HR interview

Preparation

Fundamentals of electrical engineering is really important with special focus on induction machines and transformers.

General Tips

The interview mostly revolves around your CV and some good projects on your CV really helps. The company is searching for people with strong skills in core electrical and mechanical engineering so no need to prepare any coding skills.

Overall Experience

The interview was challenging and my foreign internship gave me a big boost to get selected. Company is not that keen on communication skills so average performer in GD can get selected to next round.

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7.69 MECH

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The first round was an online psychometric test, which was given 2 or 3 days before the company visiting day. You need not use brains to finish this test, it is just a set of overlapping questions about your character and personality. All you need is little patience to attempt all the questions which will take around 50 min. The first shortlist was done based on this test and the resume, I suppose. The pointer cutoff was 7.5; so the first shortlist had about 20 students. On the company visiting day, the shortlisted students were given PPT presentation about the company. After this, we had a group discussion with around 10 guys in each group. The topic given to my group was: Future Scope of Alternative Sources of Energy in our Country. It was relatively an easy topic, in which most of the guys had supportive views; so there was not much of a debate. The GD was followed by interviews in which 7 guys were shortlisted. The panel had one technical guy and one HR guy. So, after a round of technical questions, the HR questions were served. I think I must have answered about 75% of questions correct in the technical part, while HR part I just survived. Only the students who would eventually get selected were called for the second round of interviews which was just to affirm our willingness to work for the company. So, this was more of HR type.

Preparation

I did not prepare anything in particular for this company. Since there was no aptitude test, the apti preparation was not necessary. For GD, just be specific in your view points during the introductory turn and try to support other valid points in the discussion phase. Don't try to speak too much.

General Tips

For the technical interview, you will be asked questions on subjects of your interest. So, just make sure that your basics are strong in at least 2 to 3 core subjects. In my case, it was fluid mechanics, heat transfer and vibrations. It included a combination of theory and simple problems. I answered most of them correctly. They even asked about the project work I did during your summer internship or industrial training. So, prepare yourself to brief about your project work. I think, this is very important. The HR part included usual questions like cite an instance where your leadership skills were tested, whether you are ready for 'getting your hands dirty' sort of job, about your personality in general, etc.

The interview mostly revolves around your CV and some good projects on your CV really helps. The company is searching for people with strong skills in core electrical and mechanical engineering so no need to prepare any coding skills.

Since it was my first interview, I was pretty nervous and they even noted it, but at the end , all is well that ends well.The HR questions were quite challenging because I was not really prepared. I just showed through my body language that I was very keen in getting that job, which finally paid off. After my interview, I did not expect to get selected because among the ones selected for the interview, I had the least pointer. But, later I realised that pointer is not just the criteria for placements. So, don't worry about that.
I was the only mech guy who got selected finally apart from two others in trical. My prime advice is: just remain positive throughout the placement period. Every dude has a day!

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9.02 EEE

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All the students who submitted their resumes were allowed to sit for the written test. Cut-off 7, but they were not so strict about it. Test was apti+technical (Meta people were given the same technical paper as mechanical). Around 10-15 students were selected for interview from each branch. 1 tech interview and 1 HR interview. All people who got to HR round got selected.

It is important to have some basic technical knowledge when you are sitting for a core company. If you have done your project in a core subject, please be thorough with that.
As for people from EEE, important topics that RIL asked questions on: Machines- Induction motors, Synchronous Machines, Transformers. Also try to understand the basic concepts of DC Machines. Just basic understanding of these subjects as taught in class is enough. Books: J B Gupta, Fitzgerald.

The technical paper is not that easy (But it doesn't matter much since it's all relative). This is the basic tip for any interview- try to keep the interviewer in the subject that you know about it. A lot depends on the HR person. Just be frank with him. Give 'to the point' answers.

The whole process took two days and in the end I was satisfied. The interviews were easy to handle compared to many other companies that I had sat for.

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8.8 MECH

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Selection Procedure

There was an objective type written test containing questions from aptitude and technical. Shortlisted candidates appeared for Interview. From Mech they shortlisted around 15 students for interview and finally 5 got selected.

Preparation

Read basics of Compressors, Turbines, Pumps, Thermodynamic cycles. Most of the questions were from these subjects. Beside that they asked some general questions from other subjects. e.g.- Difference between 2-stroke and 4-stroke IC engine, Tolerance grade, relative humidity etc. Be thorough with your industrial training because most of the time interviews starts with questions from your industrial training.

General Tips

A Stone Is Broken By The Last Stroke Of Hammer. This Doesn't Mean That The First Stroke Is Useless. I started preparing for placement when 7th sem started. Got rejected by many companies but kept on preparing. Finally got placed at the end of 7th sem. Whatever I studied from beginning till end helped me.

Overall Experience

Overall I can't explain my experience. You have to feel it when your time will come.

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8.92 META

Sudeep Manjunath
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Apti followed by technical test 1hr each. Shorlisted candidates were called for interview.

No particular books as such.

Think smart and do your best in the test, do not badger yourself with tough & complex questions. Be thorough with basic concepts especially the elementary things. Interview questions will cover diverse topics from various fields. They do not expect you to be an expert in everything, but you will have to know basics for ex... I was asked working of an IC engine, Eddy current phenomena and how its employed as testing method, wrought vs cast products, etc.
If you do not know something, be frank and say it loud and clear.

HR interview was the toughest. Rapid fire questions - will let you no time to think. Unless you answer them carefully & wisely they will find a way to pull your legs.
Do not get depressed if you are rejected. It is definitely not that others are better than you...only luck was on their side. Every company that registers will bring you ample opportunity to manifest your learning in this college...you will realize that the wait was worth it only on the day you get placed.

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Selection Procedure

Round 1: written test- both aptitude and the core subjects; the weightage of core was higher(around 5:3). The level of aptitude would be average but the core paper dealt with a lot of basics. For electrical people, a lot of questions were from machines (both dc and ac), and it also had questions from power systems and switchgear & protection devices. Around 30 people from EEE had appeared for the test.

Round 2: Second round was interview. 11 students were selected for the interview out of 30(eee). In the interview, first, it was technical round. They would ask you to fill a form containing the subjects of interest column. Be careful while filling this column as they look at the preference and ask almost A to Z of the basics of that subject. Interview goes on for 20-25 min. They may ask about the internships and projects… try to show your interest in the core through these. They basically look for two qualities, first you have knowledge of the core subjects and second that you would stick with the company at least for some years. Finally they took 5 out of 11 for the HR round

HR round: It seemed just a formality. They just check your spontaneity and behavior asking some random questions about you, your hobbies and your surroundings. All the 5 members could pass through it and thus finally 5 people were selected from EEE.

Preparation

Core: any book on core would be enough; give special attention to machines section- selected topics from Electrical machines by fitzgerald and Kingsly; Nagrath and Kothari or any other relevant books will do.

Aptitude: Aptitude was comparatively simple, R S Aggrawal or other medium level aptitude books would be nice option.

General Tips

Try to stick to the core and basically machines (for trical people), do not go towards the other subjects of interests as they are not looking for that profile. Be calm, they might look a bit serious people, but they make you very comfortable during interview. All the best.

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7.1 EEE

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A written test was conducted after a ppt session , people who were above 7 pointer were allowed to sit for test. If u have pointer above 6.9 try and ask them they'll allow because even my pointer at that time was 6.91. The test will have all basics of transformers , induction machines , and a bit of power systems.. Some 20 students were short listed after test from eee, and then tech interview and after that 5 were shortlisted for HR interview. The students who submitted their resumes were allowed to sit for the written test. Cut-off 7, but they were not so strict about it. Test was apti+technical (Meta people were given the same technical paper as mechanical). Around 10-15 students were selected for interview from each branch. 1 tech interview and 1 HR interview. All people who got to HR round got selected.

Its very important that we should brush our concepts during holidays. What I suggest is that we should get the nagrath kothari and other power systems book to home with us and then revise all the theory which was taught to us and be sure to master on all the 3 concepts transformers , induction machines and power systems. And then when we get back college , we should look for the interview tech questions asked in history on those topics, just googling will be enough..

In my point of view a sound technical knowledge and the ability to express yourself clearly is all that's required.

It was certainly a challenging experience as I had the least CGPA among all those shortlisted.The interview was quite tense too and this is how it went.

First he asked me to tell about myself. Then asked me the reason of my GPA being low inspite of my 12th percentage being quite high.
I said it was hard for me to compete in first year which was false :P Sometimes we should lie just to impress them .My sgpa history goes like 6.0 6.91 6.33 6.94 7.9 7.5, So when I said that initially it was difficult but later on I caught up with competition he smiled and said its good that I never gave up.

Next, he asked me which topic I liked. I chose transformers as I had prepared for it and answered most of question well. He told me later that I had to increase my CGPA above 7 if selected, which I did.

Another point that I'd like to add is that if you do not figure out the answer to any question then ask what the answer was to the interviewer at the end of the interview. This shows that you are keen leatner. This obviously applies ton every interview that you give.

All the best. See you at RIL :P

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8.48 CHEM

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The placement process took place over two stages:
1) Written test
Two papers consisting of General Aptitude and Branch Specific Questions. I found the latter to be a comparatively tough paper

If one qualifies, the next stage would be
2) Interview
It was quite short (approximately 15 to 20 minutes). The interviewer asked questions related to a form which everyone was required to fill before going for the interview. This form also contained a question asking one to list three subjects. The interviewer generally asks questions based on these. Also, I faced two or three questions related to the PPT.

General Revision of Subjects should be just fine

Listen attentively to the PPT.
Explain your answers in simple terms, do not use high level mathematics.

It was not as tough as I imagined it to be; in fact, quite simple compared to the day long grind which students from other branches face.

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7.78 MECH

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Selection Procedure

The selection procedure had total of 4 rounds
1) Online aptitude test - 75 questions in 60 mins (verbal,logical,numerical) the numerical section was very long and some people got stuck here.Do NOT try to attempt all the questions properly,make some educated guess.no negative marking
2)Online technical test - separate papers based on the profile chosen.different questions for everyone.medium difficulty (Refer GATE preparation books for study material,stick to basics)
3) Bingo round (GD) - The objective was to speak about any person from the group as to why mahindra should hire him/her.Ask some friend of yours to speak for you and you can in turn speak for them.Speak to the point ,listen to what other people are speaking,will help you once everyone is done speaking and GD proceeds further
4) PI - Different panel for different profile.the interview (R&D) started with a short intro,followed by questions about your projects (read properly the reports of internships or projects that you have done).This was followed by questions based on automobile engg. (petrol/diesel cycles,turbochargers,gearbox,differential,engine components,materials used,suspension system).The duration varied from 30-70 mins
*Fill the form provided by M&M people properly as it helps during the GD round

Preparation

-GATE preparation books for technical topics
-watch videos on internet to understand the working principles of various parts
-Get some good book for apti-test preparation and compete with any friend of yours.this will help you with the much needed speed

General Tips

 -Do your research about the company before applying
-Keep your answers to the point
-Do not be in a hurry to answer questions,think and then reply
-Try to divert the course of interview in the direction of your interests

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One Convergence

Sharavya
Software Engineer

Sharavya
Software Engineer

Selection Procedure

1.Written test.
2. Shortlisted 23 students from written test.
3. 2 rounds of technical interviews and 1 HR round.
4. Technical rounds started with basic questions and moved on till programming. They covered all the subjects such as OS,CN,DBMS,C,C++,Data Stuctures.

Preparation

www.careercup.com
Standard books for all subjects.

General Tips

1. Be confident.
2. Do not neglect practicing aptitude problems. They look to be simple and everyone can solve it, but speed matters when you are writing your written test.
3. Try to know atleast basic info about the company before attending your interview.
4. Practice the famous puzzles/quiz problems.
5. Your role in your major project.

Overall Experience

My journey for placements started with attending my first interview at Oracle(in aug). Diff companies focus on different subject in your interviews. While some of them stress on your coding part, others might be interested only on your project. I have seen few of my friends where only project was asked in depth for 1hr, and they were also asked to write few code lines of your project.
Famous puzzles were common in many of my interviews, while few new questions were also heard. Be strong in coding, and confidence is all that matters.
"Confuse or convince", I would say!

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Robert Bosch

7.77 MECH

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Selection Procedure

Online test (apti+tech), 2 rounds of tech interview, 1 HR interview.

Preparation

Gate books, MOM, MDV and ACE.

General Tips

Check the company's website (in my case, they had sent a link), which will help you know what exactly they are looking for. You can strengthen your skills in that area for a better chance. Answer HR carefully, be careful not to say anything that will show you in poor light.

Overall Experience

It was not my first company placement procedure, so anxiety was lesser (because of familiarity), but it was largely satisfying. They will let you know where ypy stand during the interview itself.

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8.34 EEE

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Selection Procedure

There just about 45 students who wrote the initial screening test, I think 20 got through. Then, it was the interview round. They focused mainly on Control Systems, since the profile included designing embedded control for the various fuel injectors, carburetors and stuff. Easy enough, they did not go very deep into the subject and most of the interview was simple conversation.

Preparation

I did not refer any material specifically for placements, but GRE preparation helped a lot. Also, I had attended ~8 interviews prior and was filled with irrational confidence when I went for the interview. Perhaps, they noticed.

General Tips

I suppose one thing I did not do is to tell them that you really want the job. There was a question where they asked me if I was ready to guarantee that I would stay at Bosch for atleast 3 years and I had said no. This led to them asking if I intended to pursue higher studies and this is something you would like to avoid.

Overall Experience

Not really exhausting or anything , I felt the whole process (one interview) was simple and not at all exhausting.

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8.12 MECH

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Round I
Online Test   30 students
Round II
Interview   10-12 students
Round III
Group Discussion

To be honest, at the time I appeared for this company, my technical knowledge was very limited and I did not feel I was adequately prepared in the least. The tests usually have an aptitude or english sections. If your technical knowledge is limited, concentrate on these aspects. They are much easier to pick up and combined with CAT or GRE preparations, you should be able to score comfortably high on these sections.(and be assured, most people are in your state)

Once you are through the tests, the next few rounds are a breeze. In my opinion the company is not looking for the best students, rather it knows that most students can adapt to the required roles with time and training. So I feel that their only concern is that they find candidates willing to stay there for sufficient enough time till their investment in the candidate pays off. So whatever you say to the interviewers please keep this at the back of your head. . This includes them asking about your [plans for the future].

They will ask you about your resume and I feel they can tell the difference between a silly classroom project and some real work that you have done. But again its all about how you sell it. Go into the depths of it and convince them that your project is legitimate. Most questions I faced at this stage, were related to my resume. My advice keep it short, dont fill the pages.

The GD if you make it through is the real clincher. For me to dominate in my GD was cake walk. I was always a good speaker and I easily dominate. I feel thats what convinced them the most.

My placement experience from my point of view was a joke. It does not test anything nor is it a

reward for effort system. All the company sees you is a void entity they can fit into the system. They dont care about your extracurriculars, sports, quizzing ability, music, etc etc.

They will look at your pointer to gauge if you can do work. Then they will take everything you say to gauge if you will stay at their company and be a worthy investment.

Well in the beginning I felt quite apprehensive and I found the whole process daunting. I felt I couldnt survive the competition of my batchmates. I felt I was not adequately prepared for the tests. And looking at the sample questions really demotivated me.

My advice. Dont do what I did at the beginning. Just go sit for the company regardless of rhyme or reason.

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Cargill India

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Graduate Engineer Trainee

Selection Procedure

Cargill Inc.,ranks at 9th place in fortune 500 and 1st in food processing.The Brand name itself makes you different and leader in the market.Being one of the best company to visit the campus, they had NO-CUTOFFS. So here stands a chance for people having low cgpa to land into such fabulous company.

The selection process started with a power point presentation of around 45 mins in which around 50 members took part,followed by a fully technical written test of 1 hour.The number of question were less but they were difficult.Since they were here to hire around 8-9 people so they selected around 30 people (10 from each branch) for interviews. There were 2 rounds of interviews.Both technical as well as HR.In the first round they asked me some technical questions related to my internships and projects.It took place for around 25 mins.After first round they selected 3 people from EEE for 2nd round. 2nd round of interview was fully technical as well as HRof around 45 mins.All 3 of us who made into 2nd round got selected.

Preparation

Go though all the subjects you took, throughout the b-tech degree.

General Tips

Be confident while answering during the interviews.Get a brief knowledge of all the mini n major projects as well as internships and training.They asked almost all the question from them only.

Overall Experience

My 2nd round of interview held around 10pm so i would say it was rather exhausting but at the same time rewarding too.But it was worth for a such good company having the 9th rank in fortune 500 list.

All the Best !!

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Aditya Birla Chemicals

5.73 MECH

Rohit Ranjan Priyadarshi
Graduate Engineer Trainee

Selection Procedure

PPT and Resume basis shortlisting - resume was in there own format and it concentrated on your area of interests. Everyone was allowed to write the test.
Test shortlisting - Aptitude. to be precise just diagrammatic reasoning. 11 crossed this barrier. it would be good if you practice this type of questions. enough time, just be calm.
Interview - final thing. 4 selected. HR and Tech both.

Preparation

Solve some of the diagrammatic reasoning problems from any book you can grab.
sound tech knowledge of your interest field required, so you know the books.
For mechanical specifically, manufacturing knowledge would help a lot.
most preferable - pumps, pipes, welding, material science, composite materials.

General Tips

Don't boast anything ever in your resume or the company's form, will harm you during interview.
your field of interest should be a real one-know it all.
keep your mind open while solving apti-it helps.
never loose your confidence during HR-especially for low pointers like me. a low pointer isn't as harmful as a stressed mind. lie, lie and lie with confidence until they stop firing another question. prepare your story in advance. and I'm telling you this with experience- never tell them you didn't like studying or busy in games and stuff...just lie.

Overall Experience

This was my fourth interview, so by that time I knew truth and boasting is not gonna take me anywhere. so I prepared my story, ups and downs and got the job. it was challenging and hence rewarding too. can't say exhaustive because even with this low pointer I never lost confidence in me and went for companies that I liked(total 7). So go ahead, confidence is the key.
Also go through the glassdoor and youtube channels reviews and interview glossary of the companies, helps a lot.

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Daimler

Saad Hashmi
Graduate Engineer Trainee

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Selection Procedure

C Online Test
GD
Interviews

Preparation

Gate Material, Core subjects books

General Tips

Try to ace the subjects you are good at. They don't want a Jack of all trades but a master of one.

Overall Experience

A very good learning experience

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Daimler

Tejas Vishwanathan
Product Engineer

Selection Procedure

Online test - elementary stuff
GD
Personal Interview-based on your areas of interest (make sure you know that area which you choose to be your favourite)

Preparation

GATE book should do the trick

General Tips

Go through a wide variety of topics because most of the companies asses you mostly on the GD.By being prepared you will be able to deal with it easily.ry to ace the subjects you are good at. They don't want a Jack of all trades but a master of one.

Overall Experience

The PI was tricky he started off from the very basic stuff and started going into topics I was uncomfortable with but then again I was lucky so they did not go to topics which I actually did not know. Better be ready for the worst , if you prepare well you are definitely guaranteed a job.

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8.20 ECE

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1st round written paper completely technical and from the basic you learnt in ECE.
2nd Round face to face interview with 6 candidates getting selected for the interviews.
3rd Round Skype interview with the Digital team.

Preparation at-least for the digital domain is the basics of digital electronics and a good knowledge of counters, timers, flipflops, timing diagrams and parasitics. Their questions are mainly based on the kind of work they do which is specialization in high speed interconnects. i.e communication lines that operate at 1GHZ or higher so you can look up those.

Well firstly its a start up by an alumnus of our college, ECE batch of 2002.
Mainly Its a pure EC startup and the guys behind it are people each with over 10 years experience in the field . Right now the company is in a purple patch and is doing well.
And in general the idea about start ups.
Startups has major up and downs which I wish some one would have told me.
PROs
1.Very open workspace and less barriers.
2.very quick growth (you grow as fast as your company). so pick one which has a good growth plan.
3.very good work experience which will help you get future jobs
4. more importance given to each individual.
CONs
1. less recognition as the company is not famous.
2. salary will not be at par with the big corporates
3. you don't get the rewards usual company people do.
4. uncertainty in the job.

To sum it up in one sentence the task of getting into a startup is a high risk and high reward strategy. If it works out you will go miles ahead of your friends Otherwise start afresh.
And from a personal experience it was a very rewarding experience. Unlike other companies where they send some random hr person, here you had the head of the company coming over and taking your interviews is a whole different experience

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L&T

Aatreyi Mitra
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Selection Procedure

Round1 : Apti. Basic quant, verbal and reasoning. 35-40 out of 200 were shortlisted thereafter
Round2: Interview Round. Just 1 interview-mixed tech and h.r questions

Preparation

Level of Dificulty 1 of Arun Sharma CAT books will let any student cakewalk through this apti round.

General Tips

Time crunch & negative marking during apti. Easy question but ridiculous time constraint... so if you don't know the answer at a glimpse simply move on, amazingly easy questions await you.

Overall Experience

I was pleasantly surprised as I am far from the core types.
1) The team that came to recruit had 3 men who were pretty nice people. No stress interview. Highly chilled out people who honestly want to know if you are interested.
2) Very basic questions in the interview. Types of losses, lightning arrestors, a great deal about earthing, why fuses are popular when there our other emerging alternatives. Kept helping here and there to push the answers out of you. Very encouraging.
3) A background check. What your family does, which places will you be comfortable staying in etc.
It was my first interview and I was at great ease. A very generously lucky experience.

My interviewer very explicitly mentioned the package is said lower than it actually is. LnT has crazy benefits like accommodation for 100 bux per month (namesake money. Its practically free), food, transportation and much more. The package is said lower because they don't want candidates come in for the money, but for a career.

Also note that LnT has a bond for 2 years. If you leave them in between you have to pay them 2 lacs. Candidates that mentioned discomfort about this bond were disqualified immediately. It is apparently yet another trap to filter out people who really want to pursue LnT seriously.

My interviewer also mentioned LnT being rich in culture and having an extremely smooth corporate ladder. If you stick for 2-3 years you will see two promotions and great jumps in salary.

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L&T

Sagar Patil
Graduate Engineer Trainee

Selection Procedure

Top 30 students (based on cgpa) of our class were selected. Aptitude test was conducted for these students.. 15 candidates were shortlisted from 1st round. Next round was personnel interview. 9 students were recruited.

Preparation

Prepare well for Aptitude. They selected students who had done well in altitude. It carried more weightage compared to personnel interview. Cat material can be referred to improve on apti.
As it was construction company most of the questions in pi was about concrete technology and some general questions about aggregate sizes used in different structures, cover in beams slabs.

General Tips

Brush your concepts on concrete technology structural design and about aggregates. Be well with mix design. They may ask you to give a ratio for a particular design strength.

Overall Experience

Overall process was easy. If you are good with the basics you can easily crack the interview.

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Tata Consulting Engineers

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Round 1: MCQs: tech + apti
Round 2: Interviews; (a) Tech (b) HR

Apti - RS Agarwal, Quantitative Aptitude
Tech - IS codes ! Don't go for books for last minute brush up. First go through the codes, (456, 800). Also, for environmental, the lab manual ! Books and shrihari notes would be too much for last hours, but the lab manuals have all the necessary and important procedures, and also limits of various pollutants/minerals as specified by the codes. Very helpful for last minute work. Sitaram sir's notes for soil mech should be sufficient. All these done, 1st round should be a cake walk then.
RCC by Devdas Menon is a bible for RCC design. Keep it handy at all times. A lot of insight is given in the book, which would help you to answer tech interview questions effectively. In the interview, they'd ask you to name your favorite subject, and more questions will be asked on that. That is really helpful. Learn to draw SFDs and BMDs qualitatively. Favorite questions for any civil core interview.

Just be cool headed when you walk in for the interview. Also, there is no harm in saying "I don't know", (not for all the questions of course.. !). Don't try to give round-about or approximate answers in tech interview. That is not appreciated. They don't expect you to know everything they ask. Just be polite and say "I don't know", but mention that you'll make it a point to learn and understand those topics before you join the company. (Limit State Design for Steel Structures is a big example. We're taught Working Stress, which is now obsolete except for bridge design. Just say that you were not taught, and that you'll read it on your own before you join !)

Good experience ! Tech questions asked were not very difficult, nor too easy, exactly how an interview should be. They were chilled out but smart people. They didn't believe in stress interview, etc etc crap, but their questions were direct and logical.

Tata Consulting Engineers

8.6 MECH

Vikas Kamath
Graduate Engineer Trainee

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Graduate Engineer Trainee

First Round was Test- Test 1 was aptitude test had english,basic math and logical reasoning. Test 2 was technical. It had questions from all areas of Mechanical. Since TCE is mainly involved in power engineering expect a lot of questions on Thermodynamics Heat transfer Fluid mechanics and Strength of Materials.

The second round was a technical round: Predominantly easy questions from thermodynamics and heat transfer. Some very basic questions on IC engines and their classifications as well as distinguishing features. The technical round tests basics and a brief revisio is more than enough to know the answers.

Third round is HR. Standard generic questions such as why do u want to join our company? and about comfort levels on working in different places in Inida Etc etc. HR round is for formality sake. They pretty much decide in the tech round whether you are going to be recruited or not. Best of Luck!

GATE Tutors for revising technical concepts
CAT books from TIME for apti practise or RS aggarwal

Keep Calm. Placement procedures are a test of patience and composure. Dont let the anxiety of wanting a job cloud your judgement or hamper your performance. Take mock interviews if given by your seniors.

Challenging. It took me a month or two to get past aptitude test because i was slow with mental calculations and had a a block against clearing apti test with negative markings and I messed up a few interviews after that also. But after a while you get used to the whole process

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VA Tech WABAG

Manish Kashyap
Executive Trainee

Selection Procedure

Cutoff-65% throughout..Open for 6 branches(4-Btech,2-Mtech)..Process 1.Online aptitude test round for 2 hours....There were technical questions ,quant,verbal in it..Around 150 students sat in it.
2.Group Discussion-around 40 people were shortlisted for it....Decent topics..
3.Technical Interview-21 students were shortlisted from GD..Core questions,,Projects and Training ...

Preparation

For apti--engineeringking.com,,rs agrawal,,glassdoor reviews...

General Tips

Sleep well,,,just be confident with basics and most importantly KNOW about the company...be solid in core concepts like AC/DC machines,Power electronics,measurements,,transformers,, your projects,,training,etc.

Overall Experience

It was definitely CHALLENGING because it was my first CORE company out of 11 companies(in which I gave interview)..and till that time(21st November) I had forgotten electrical concepts and knew only coding and analytics....
Don't get disappointed by your failures during placement days....Just give your best everytime you face the procedure...I got through in the 18th company..and am very happy to get a CORE job(as I always wanted)....

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Ashiana Housing

Shrinkal
Executive Trainee

1> Written test. 24 students (mainly questions from SA, SD, Concrete, and a few aptitude questions)
2> Group Discussion. 24 students. (language is not a barrier, they just see how good you points are, and how you explain your views)
3> Personal Interview. 5 students (again, language isnt a barrier. no tech questions asked during interview. show them that you are very interested in joining.)

Go through your notes...very easy questions asked for the test.

Smile, be confident with whatever you say. and don't hesitate to accept your mistakes if proved wrong.

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The overall process was fun, the HR was very frank, and interacted a lot.

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Finance, Consultancy & Others

WorldQuant

9.8 CSE

Chetan Dugar
Quantitative Researcher

Selection Procedure

1) Top 10 students from CSE are asked to send their resumes.
2) Company generally selects top 4 students after going through the resume.
3) Online test checking your mathematical skills mostly. Statistics, Probability, P & C is a must
4) 9 round of telephonic interview(Generally in continuous sets of 3 interviews) Mostly an hr each.
5) They revert back with results after some days.

Preparation

Any book on Combinatorics. Probability is the major component of most interview questions. Financial knowledge(on shares, stocks etc.) always helps.

General Tips

You actually don't need preparation. If you are naturally good at maths, it shall reflect in your interview. Solve as many puzzles as possible to gain confidence. Take some rest before the interviews.

Overall Experience

It was challenging and exhausting too. Have the will power to go on as 37 lakhs is a huge amount. Keep trying and never give up. At least read your mind aloud so that the interviewer knows the lines on which you think.
WorldQuant even has other profiles like Software Engineer, Data Analyst etc where the salary is around 16 lakhs. So, clarify the post for which the interview is being taken.

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WorldQuant

9.45 CSE

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Data Analyst

Selection Procedure

Online test - Comp Science specific and some general aptitude. 4 rounds of telephonic interviews. Final round of interviews at WQ office in Mumbai. 7 rounds there.

Preparation

Online.

General Tips

Stay cool, stay positive. Very long process, but if you really want the job, you'll go for it.

Overall Experience

Challenging - was tested in everything.
Very exhausting.

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Rajiv Veera
Analyst

1) Written test (Cut off : 7):
The test consisted of 2 sections
Part A (60 min):
MCQ's with negatives on general aptitude, permutation & combination (P&C) and Probability.

Part B (40 min):
This was a subjective section.
One or two problems on probability/P&C and few problems on data structures and algorithms (we were asked to write code).

Interview section:
22 candidates were selected for interview which consisted of 2 or 3 rounds.
First round: They asked me to explain my summer project.
Second round: Here again, few problems on P&C/Probability and couple of questions on DSA.
Final round: An open problem. For example: estimate the population of Mangalore.

Preparation

Aptitude - RS Agarwal
P&C/probability- solve problems from the net, you could also go through IITJEE and AIEEE study material
Algorithms - CLRS, Geeksforgeeks, Careercup, cracking the coding interview

General Tips

1. Don't pretend to know something. If you don't know an answer, tell the interviewer the same. Lying would do more harm than good because they definitely know more than us and will find out very easily.
2. If they ask you to explain what you did in your summer internship, explain it in as simple a language as possible so that even a person with no background in the subject will be able to understand it. Don't use complicated terms because they are looking for people who can express themselves well.
3. Prepare for aptitude sincerely. You might neglect it thinking "It's just apti, what can they ask ?". The problem will arise when you know how to solve the question but it might take a really long time to work it out. Practice makes a man perfect :p

4. For algorithms, code every question you have tried to solve. Interviewers look for people who can write efficient and readable code. ["Use proper names for variables"]

5. When they ask you a question, they don't expect you to arrive at the exact solution. They look for the structure in your solution i.e have you considered the necessary parameters and does there exist a logical progression from one step to the next.

6. If you are asked an open problem, don't panic. Keep asking questions to get a proper understanding of the problem and try to give them multiple solutions and reason out why each solution might be right or wrong.

Challenging and a great learning experience .
They test your fundamentals, and don't ask too many difficult questions.

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DE Shaw & Co

Sheethal Kumar
Software Developer

8.33 CSE

The selection procedure consisted of 4 rounds. First round was the written round, followed by two technical interviews and one HR interview.

1. The first round had two sections. First section consisted of general aptitude and technical aptitude questions. In the second section we were given one coding question, for which we had to write the code in a language of our preference (C,C++,Java). Around 20 students were selected in the first round.

2. The second round was a technical interview. Two interviewers were present and the interview duration was 1-1.5 hours. Questions on Computer Networks, Databases, Operating Systems, Algorithms were asked. But they were more concerned about coding fundamentals especially C++ and Java. 6 students were selected in the second round.

3. Third round was again a technical interview. The interview process was same as previous second round.

4. All the 6 students who were selected for the third round had a HR interview.

For General aptitude refer CAT book by Arun Sharma. Solve the Level 1 questions in this book.
For C aptitude questions refer Let us C by Yeshwant Kanetkar, indiabix.com.
For basic coding questions related to data structures and algorithms refer Data Structures and Algorithm made easy by Narasimha Karumanchi.
Also refer geeksforgeeks.com for coding questions. This site also includes interview experiences shared by people.
freshersworld.com, careercup.com - these sites have company specific interview questions.
Make sure you go through these sites and interview experiences before you attend any company selection process.

Prepare a decent resume and have atleast 3-4 hard copies of it available with you all the times. Also do carry passport size photos with you. While going for interviews wear proper formals, carry 2-3 copies of resume and a pen.

The technical interview process was exhausting as the interview duration was 1-1.5 hours and challenging as they asked questions from all major fields of computer science(OS,Database,Computer Networks,Algorithms,coding fundamentals).

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Fidelity Investments

<div align="right">7.65 EEE</div>

Kiran Karanth
Executive Graduate Trainee

1) Written Test (7 CGPA cut off)
(quant+DI+verbal) 20 questions + 10 basic C/C++ questions
2) 2 rounds Tech interview + 1 HR

The interview is more of an interaction than an interview. Mine lasted for around an hour. The interviewers try to figure out what you are best at and ask questions in depth about it. This is not exactly the same for CS/IT students. Those interviews were more technical and questions on DMBS/OS were asked.

For students from other branches it was more relaxed. But do keep in mind that the profile you are applying for is towards the software side of things. You need to sell yourself in that direction.

Don't underestimate the Aptitude Test. It is not as difficult as CAT but definitely not too easy either. I did not enroll myself under any CAT preparation program (like Biju or TIME) so I found it very difficult to get the past the written tests of the first few companies that visited college. Borrowed some CAT material from friends later and practised hard to get better at Apti. Ultimately practising is the only workaround.

I was prepared with DSA and DBMS as I wanted to get placed in a company offering a Software Profile. But that was not useful for this interview. My knowledge of my own resume was the only real preparation I required for the interview round. In depth questions were asked about my projects and internships. For example I had to explain the algorithm of my entire project that I'd done during my internship after third year.

 The interviewer during my second Tech interview was better at software than the first. He was the guy who usually took interviews for the CS/IT people. I had to tell him everything I knew in even more detail.

Don't lie. Just don't. If you do, be 200% sure than you won't get caught. If you're not willing to take that risk just don't lie, it's easier.

For example at the end of my second Tech interview this happened.

Interviewer: "So, enough about Comps. What do you know about Finance? Stocks, Shares etc.?

Here I thought about lying. It's an investment company after all. But I didn't know anything. So after a few nervy seconds I replied,

"No Sir, I don't really know much about the Finance side of things."

Interviewer: "Don't be so tensed! I couldn't ask you any question on Finance even if I wanted to. I myself don't know much about it!"

And we both had a good laugh about it.

To be honest, this was a lucky break. I had to prepare myself for the basics of finance when applying for such a company. I didn't but got lucky. I strongly suggest that basic preparation about Stocks and shares is absolutely necessary for doing well at interviews of finance/investment type firms.

If you are someone who is not in CS/IT but looking for a software profile be ready to answer the question of why you chose the branch you are in. I mentioned that I was always interested in software but landed in a branch I didn't want in the hopes of getting something better. Obviously I had proof to back up this claim.

Overall experience was fun as it was different from the selection procedures followed by other companies. Also exhausting as my interview which was scheduled at 10AM ultimately happened at 5PM. I was at TnP all that time.

All the best for your placements!

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7.21 ECE

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Selection Procedure

7 CGPA cut off
First round : Aptitude test (quant+DI+verbal) 20 questions + 10 basic C/C+ questions
Second Stage : 2 rounds Tech interview + 1 HR
Very casual personal interview with questions based on resume only .
No core coding questions since i was from ECE but for Comps/IT they expect knowledge in DBMS .
Some finance questions like what are stocks/shares , mutual funds etc.
I was asked more detailed finance questions also since I had mentioned my finance interns .

Preparation

http://www.indiabix.com/placement-papers/fidelity/
http://placementpapers.net/helpingroot/

General Tips

Be thorough with apti tests . Past CAT papers are ideal as they cover all aspects
(quant+Data Interpretation +Logical reasoning +verbal)
For learning finance jargon use Economist A-Z list and investopedia

Overall Experience

Fidelity Investments has a very chilled out interview process with very informal questions.
They focus on your work and question you on your strengths.
So even if one is not from comp/IT and has poor knowledge of DSA/DBMS it's still possible to get placed at Fidelity.

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Nomura Structured Finances

8.72 EEE

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Selection Procedure

The company shortlisted based on resume and GPA. Around 20 were shortlisted. After that they held a technical round wherein they asked mainly probability and logical puzzles. The interview was 10 to 15 mins long. The next round, for which five or so were shortlisted, was one in which they asked about your drive, your good and your bad, why finance, why this job, and other such questions. All the interviewers were present and this lasted for 15 minutes. Finally only 3 were given the offer.

Preparation

Prepare your resume tailored to the company.
Study up probability and tricky questions on it. They asked me a question on Russian roulette.
Prepare for puzzles online.

General Tips

Look formal and energetic.
Look them in the eye while answering.
Be courteous.
Practice Thinking loudly.
Think about what you would say when they ask you why you want to move to finance, and why they should take you and not the others.

Overall Experience

It is not a tough one to crack. All you need is to be confident, polite and frank.

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Students were shortlisted based on resume. Around twenty students were selected for the first round of interview in which they asked puzzles/probability questions and tough HR questions. Four students were selected for the final round of interview out of which three landed the job. Final round was a very general HR round.

No preparation is required but you could solve some common puzzles.

Make a very professional resume. Also for the interview, they do not expect you to know any finance so please do not claim to know finance and fumble when they question you (some guys got screwed because of this). I was upfront and told them that I lack any sort of knowledge in finance so I was asked only a few puzzles and some challenging HR questions.

It was very relaxed and the interviewers were very supportive. The main challenge was giving convincing answers to the HR questions.
It's the best management job on campus!! Give your best! I'll be glad to help if any of you have queries. :)

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Credit Suisse

8.6 EEE

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Selection Procedure

It was open for IT, CS, EEE and EC.. For IT and CS cut off was 7. For EC and EEE it was 8.4.Then we were given written test. They do not have any definite number in mind to select for interview... Our year 20 were selected... Previous year 60 were selected (apparently).
In the written round we were given 8 C programming questions and 8 apti questions(All theory type questions).For the coding part, just the algorithm or even the logic was accepted..
Then was interview round.4 rounds of interview. It varies from person to person. As I was from non-CS background I got 3 HR rounds.

Preparation

Apti you can use www.mytechinterviews.com. Best website to study Apti questions .Finish the whole website and that will help u crack most of the written rounds

General Tips

Go through your resume very well and be ready for questions like "What is the biggest mistake you have done being a leader" , "What is the greatest achievement in your life" , "Why credit Suisse?? " etc

Overall Experience

I had not attended the ppt of the company.That is the biggest mistake anybody can commit. Please attend the ppt and note down "who the ceo is", "what the company does", "what is your role in the company " etc
If you are blasted in the interview, that doesn't mean you are screwed. Be calm in the interview. For all you know, it might be a stress test!

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8.3 EEE

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Business Analyst

Selection Procedure

1. Online test
2. Group Discussion
3. Interview

Preparation

R S Agarwal is good enough.

General Tips

Understand the GD topic well. In my group every single one got it wrong and completed the GD without realizing that they have got the topic wrong
Interviews are quite easy. Nothing much will be asked apart from what you write in the resume. So be prepared to answer any question regarding the project that you mention in your resume

Overall Experience

GD was a good experience.
Easiest company/interview to crack. All the best.

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Thorogood

8.66 MINING

Madhura Prabhu
Business Analyst

Selection Procedure

First round, 2 tests + 2 essays, both tests on logical reasoning and data analysis, essays on general topics like what is the biggest problem faced by you in college, did u solve it? if yes, how? if no, why?(same question was again asked in the interview). Time, First test 15mins, 2nd test 1 hour, 2 essays 20 mins. CGPA cutoff was 7 to write first round.
Second round, interview in campus. 30mins to an hour. Nothing technical. Just casual conversation. About 35 people were shortlisted based on the test.
Third round, personality assessment in company office, Bangalore. From 8:30AM till 6PM. Four rounds, but they all will be going on simultaneously. (1) a case study was given, we had to find optimum solution for it and prepare slides, then present it. time was 90mins+10mins for presentation, individual round. (2) a case was given for which one of the interviewer has the clues with him. we got 10mins to think about the case and prepare Q's, then 20mins to ask him those Q's and get answers, and based on those answers, give an optimum solution in 5mins, then justify your decision and answer their questions. 3 interviewers. individual round (3) we were given miniature airplanes, cars, trucks, trees, runways etc., and a case study about an island where we needed to build an airport. This was group activity. At the end we had to tell what our contribution was. 6 interviewers just sat there and took down points. (4) Personal interview, for about 45mins. 10 of us were shortlisted for this round (8 B.Tech., 2 MCA)

Preparation

Be prepared to answer logical reasoning questions, and the essay.

General Tips

Sound genuine and confident. And be prepared for some general questions like your extra curricular activities, hobbies and stuff. Be thorough with your resume, the trainings/internships you have done, what you learnt from it, etcl. Do not try to boost too much though. Be calm and friendly. Try not to freak out when they cross question. its better to have mock-interviews with friends beforehand. Prepare a good answer for 'Tell me about yourself', as it will be the first question in any interview, and first impression is the best.

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Thorogood

8.6 EEE

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Selection Procedure

1. Written test - a. 15 min logic puzzle b. 45 min maths + logic puzzles (8+ CGPA)
2. Interview - nothing technical, about leadership and other experiences - look at standard HR questions.
3. 6 candidates were called to Bangalore for a day-long selection process. Included more presentations, fact finding and group discussion activities, case study and another HR interview

Preparation

CAT like preparation will help

General Tips

It is an easy enough selection process- hardest part is getting selected for interview 1 because it is open to all branches.

Overall Experience

Pleasant enough - the people at Thorogood are very friendly- and they fly you down to Bangalore for the interview

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Thorogood

7.6 EEE

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1. Selection Procedure Divided into 2 phases-
1. On-campus phase involved an apti test (no coding), essay and personal interview
2.The second phase was at their office (travel and accom managed by them) and it involved 4 parts - case study presentation (math based), team activity (need to be a good team player and have good communication skills plus some common sense), a round where you ask them questions regarding an everyday problem given by them and they give you a set of prepared replies and you have to come to a logical decision, and a final PI which is a bit more professional than the one in college.
Notes. 1. They like people who are social and not introverts. Hence don't forget to keep interacting with them regarding various college and career related stuff, they are really friendly.
2. There is a bit of coding involved in the job so if you really want the job don't show any aversion to coding if asked during the PI.

General apti papers (TIME's cat material helped me)

Nothing specific just be good at data interpretation, quant and solving a 5x5 Einstein's logic puzzle for the apti test. Have a good understanding of the stuff on your CV and communicate it properly to the people taking your interview.

It was really long (the 2nd phase in their office went from 0830 to 1730 hrs) but not that tough. The people at the firm were very friendly so it eases out some pressure.

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Selection Procedure

Preparation

General Tips

Overall Experience

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8.56 ECE

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Selection Procedure

There was a written test. I don't remember what exactly it was. I think it was apti.
Followed my shortlisting of few candidates for 2nd round which was case interview. In this round they asked questions like give two produts their prices, losses and profits, duration of use and many other things and asked which product you would use. Something similar for 3rd round also, which was again a case interview. In the final round- behavioral interview they asked for situations in your life and asked questions on it. Situations like which was the most hardest project for you?, Example where you learnt things yourself, Example of some trouble in a project and how did you overcome that? and questions like that. And for every situation these were the common questions
Why is it so?
Was the situation resolved?
How did the event end?
What did you accomplish?
What did you learn from the experience?

Preparation

I don't remember about the written test. But it might have some apti which you generally study for all placements. Other than that just go through all the economics they teach in 3rd year. That's more than enough. Try to be quick at calculations. If required practise some tricks to make yourself fast enough.

General Tips

For the case studies try to avoid silly mistakes. Its very common that in such pressure some small mistakes will happen in calculations. Also during behavioral interview try to think for some logical explanation for all the situations you provide. Try to keep the situations related to academics as much as possible. And sound confident.

Overall Experience

It was a nice experience. People were friendly. I think being quick in calculations and rembering a bit of economics is good enough.

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6.4 EEE

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Selection Procedure

There was a test (purely aptitude based) followed by GDs (for Marketing people) and personal interviews. Initial test had a few additional general questions at the end. Overall, the test was okay and a few correct answers should do the trick (there was negative marking, I think).

Preparation

A firm grip on the fundamentals should be fine. If you have time (or rather you do not get bored :P), a little practice on quant questions is cool.

General Tips

NOTE: This is for people with low pointers.
Preparing a good CV is very important. Your CV represents you, so make sure the interviewer gets to see the better part of you.
During the interview, stay calm and confident. Try to showcase your negatives into positives by exposing them before the interviewer could find them out for you. Prepare yourself well before the interview.
A good knowledge about the company is a powerful tool. At the end of the interview, ask questions about anything - about the role you are being offered, the company competition etc. Brings a feel you are interested in their company.

Overall Experience

My experience was fun, I may even have got lucky :)
The interviewer was very cool through out the process.
Be positive, don't get disheartened at any point of time :)

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7.1 IT

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Selection Procedure

Written test (all cs, it stds above 7 cgpa)
Technical interview(12 shortlisted)
Hr interview(4 shortlisted)
Telephonic interview(2 selected)

Preparation

For tech
DBMS by Ali Barami

For apti
book by Arun Sharma

General Tips

Just relax and read carefull.

Overall Experience

Yeah it was challenging.

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HSBC

8.47 CIVIL

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Associate Analyst

1st round(Aptitude test):- It was an aptitude test including basic quantitative aptitude, logical reasoning data interpretation, reading comprehension and finance section(this section was there only in HSBC it included few concepts which we learn in Engineering Economics and some basic idea of bond and stocks can be useful) but even if you don't do that well in this section you can still clear the test as I did rather most of us did.

2nd round(Group Discussion):- 50 students were shortlisted after round 1 for GD.
 Topics were:-
1) Rupee devaluation pro's and con's
2) FDI
3) Investment Plan:- suppose you have 10 million$ were you will invest and why (gold, oil....)?

3rd round (Personal interview):- It can revolve around banking stuff if you know it or else it can be simple H.R round also in which they might ask you about your internship even if you have done it in core or they can give you some case study and be prepared with all puzzles.

4th round (Personal interview):- It was more or less the same as 3rd round it was taken because the panel was bit confused about whom they should reject?

Preparation

Just read "THE HINDU" daily.
Aptitude can be practiced from TIME material.
Read properly about recent reforms which can effect corporate world.(e.g land acquisition bill was reformed just before my interview so I used it in my case study so anything can be useful)

General Tips

Try to be unique in your answers for questions like
why you want this company?
why we should recruit you?

Overall Experience

The overall experience was very good the panel was quite friendly it became tiring because I finished my 3rd round at 2:30 am and had my 4th round 8:00 am in morning so be prepared for such hectic schedule and do not let it effect your performance.

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HSBC

8.76 CHEM

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Selection Procedure

PPT : Attend the PPT if you aim to get into HSBC. The team tends to notice your presence and absence, and the questions you ask. It makes a good first impression. If your pointer is on the lower end, be sure to do this - it shows interest, an they really do appreciate you taking the effort.

Written Aptitude test : Consisted of 3 sections - Quantitative Aptitude & Data Interpretation (important), Verbal & Logical Reasoning (important), and lastly, Economics and Finance Questions. There was negative marking, and as far as we were told - sectional cut-offs as well! The finance and economic section is not that important - but it does have some questions from the PPT.

Group Discussion : Standard current affairs topics. Super simple. Format is 10 people in a GD, starting with a round robin introduction, a 20 minute discussion, and then round robin conclusion. Selections were based on the points people made, and how they interacted with others.

Interview : Entirely based on your resume - they go quite in depth.

Some questions you will be asked for sure : about your internships, projects, and academics, your motivation to join analytics, motivation to join HSBC, location preferences, your career objectives, your interests. They also randomly stopped me mid-sentence an asked me my GRE score. I hadn't written GRE, but I hear some people who did fell for the ploy. Be careful I guess.

Preparation

Standard apti questions. Pretty simple, but with tricky options.

General Tips

Have a well-formatted one page resume. Make sure everything on your resume is 100% true. Especially your interests.
Be genuine.

Overall Experience

The interview process was informal - the team is really nice! I think that helped me be a lot calmer and represent myself better.

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HSBC

7.73 EEE

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Selection Procedure

3 rounds. 1st was basic Apti test through which they shortlisted around 40-50 students. The next round was Group Discussion. The topic my group got was - 'If you were given a million dollars and 3 choices of investments - oil, gold and stock market, how would you use your money?' So, be prepared with current affairs, slightly on the financial side, for this company, as they also expect you to reason out your decision. The next round was Personal Interview. It was a very casual interaction where I told them about my projects and enquired about the job profile and growth.

Preparation

Byju's test papers helped me the most. Apart from these, I tried solving quant from previous CAT papers. Since these are a little higher level, I found the placement apti papers easier.

General Tips

As far as the Apti is concerned, speed and accuracy is very important and only regular practice can get you there. And take Apti very seriously because it is an elimination process and you have to fight your way in.
GDs require a sound knowledge of current affairs and most importantly you should have an opinion about most of the issues. Newspapers, most importantly the editorial section which has experts offering their views on issues will help you develop your opinion.
Personal interview is a round where you can steer the whole conversation to your advantage by taking them only through your positives and strengths. Be confident, show that you are genuinely flexible and speak with conviction.

Overall Experience

It was rewarding. The process is not only about getting a job, but learning about certain life skills which help you through the process. Patience and determination are the key.

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ZS Associates

8.1 EEE

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 Business Operations Associate

Selection Procedure

The company provides 3 profiles to choose namely Business Analytic Associate (BAA), Business Operations Associate (BOA) and Business Technology Associate (BTA) while applying.

Around 110 students were shortlisted for the online test (CGPA>=7) from all branches of B.Tech. Online test had 4 sections namely Simple Quantitative, Logical Reasoning, Verbal and attention to detail.

30 students were shortlisted for interviews based on the online test and interviews were taken according to the profile opted.

There were 3 rounds of interviews viz., Case interview, Technical and HR, each round was an elimination round.

In case interview, a case study would be given and one is supposed to analyze it within the time limit. Technical interview varies for each profile, for BOA and BAA it would be mostly puzzles, case analysis and a brief on ones projects and internships. HR would be a bit tough, try to be confident.

11 students were offered placement. The whole interview process goes for a day long.

Preparation

Use your summer effectively, though you are busy with internships and projects, a little beforehand preparation for placements would be really helpful. Do know about the company and job profile before going to an interview and pay attention to the company pre-placement talk. Knowing about the placement process helps too. If, you are applying for a core company, know your basic concepts thoroughly, be clear about your academic projects and internships.

General Tips

Use your summer effectively, though you are busy with internships and projects, a little beforehand preparation for placements would be really helpful. Do know about the company and job profile before going to an interview and pay attention to the company pre-placement talk. Knowing about the placement process helps too. If, you are applying for a core company, know your basic concepts thoroughly, be clear about your academic projects and internships.

Overall Experience

Its challenging to crack the tests, interviews and get placed but at the same time don't get exhausted or dejected ever. From all that we have experienced, patience and wait always rewards you. Don't just sit for a company unless you the profile suits you. Once you are placed in a dream company you cannot sit for others. So choose wisely before you act.

ZS Associates

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Selection Procedure

Its selection process is quite simple.
1)Written test-There is a written test for everyone above CGPA 7.This test includes general aptitude questions.
There were in total of 30 students who were selected for the Interview Rounds.
2) There was a case study round in which everyone was given a case study told to read it for 30 mins.Then questions were asked based on case study.
3)Next was a Technical Round which was kind of a test of your management and analytic skills.
4)Last round was the HR interview.

Preparation

Books never helped.Internet did.Search for case studies and estimations.There is a lot of material on the web.

General Tips

Just be simple and confident in what you say. And put more focus on the needs of the company and prepare accordingly for it.

Overall Experience

Placement season is just another race for all the students where everyone is trying their best to be the best.It was quite exhausting as a lot of things needed to be managed like classes,assignments interviews and tests.

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ZS Associates

7.25 EEE

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Day-1
1. Online Aptitude test-AMCAT (verbal, quantitative, qualitative, logical) -Time is a crucial factor here than difficulty. Test is quite average.
Day-2
2. Case study of Real life problem statement.(Math Skills & ideas needed to qualify here)
Most imp. Round according to me. Majority eliminated here. Those remaining usually make it through final interview. First a Case study is given to solve in around 30-35 mins.(4 questions with subparts also).
Next "Case study discussion" takes place. 1 to 1 discussion where you have to explain you approach/ideas/answers. This rounds takes up 40-50 mins atleast.
3. Tech./Guesstimation Round- Internships/Projects(asked to explain the project and what your role was in it). Guesstimation questions are always asked here and are quite important to the process. Practice a few questions online beforehand to get a grasp of it. Approach here is more imp than the actual answer.(Elimination round)
4. HR interview/Behavioral interview- Casual round of HR questions(Hobbies, interests etc are discussed). Qualities are asked to justify with real life examples. A quant question(avg. difficulty) was also asked at last to solve.Almost everyone made through this round.
Final RESULTS!!

Online materials are enough. Practice Apti. questions in summer for atlst a week to build up the speed. (Indiabix.com, R.S. Agrawal).
Materials from seniors also helped. Trick questions/Puzzles are integral part for some companies so knowing it beforehand helps. Almost all puzzles are available online.(just Google INTERVIEW puzzles).
Try and read about the company you are planning to apply for, might come handy in HR rounds.

Stay CALM and confident. Keep the basics right and be very sure with the companies you want to sit for. Dress smartly and always answer to the point. If confident about yourself, can skip companies for your dream offer.

Apart from Online test , it was quite exhausting indeed. Started at 8 am to final results at 8 pm without any breaks(can't leave TNP untill the very end). Company people were quite chilled out and friendly. Lunch was provided(Dominos). Option b/w 2 cities were given- PUNE/Gurgaon. Be confident and a little preparation always HELP!! Eventually everyone gets placed so no point in thinking over past failures. A lower C.G.P.A. doesn't affect final results.(Pointer only matters for clearing the minimum eligibility criteria, after that its all about the INTERVIEW.)

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7.71 EEE

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Aptitude test - You have to select the track you want to apply for.
Interview rounds - 30 people selected
1- Case study
2- Behavioral Interview
3- HR Interview
Eliminations in each round.
Though 17 out of 30 selected for interviews had applied for BAA and two were finally selected.
In total 11 were recruited from the college.

Guesstimation cases.
Some other case studies.Google.
Search for a few general HR and behavioral questions for interviews which you have to do for

Just be confident and justification for your answers is important. They look for your thought process so be clear with your answers and try to convert your reasons supporting them.

It was fun actually.. We all were fed cheese bursts from domino's.(everyone selected for the interviews) :)

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EXL Services

7.45 MECH

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First was an online aptitude round of 40 questions to be solved in an hour. Most questions were of average CAT level with few easy ones slipped in between them. After the written test, second and third rounds were interviews. The second round of interview was one-on-one with a panel member and my third interview was with all the panel members converging into my room as mine was the last slot and all their other interviews were over.

In the second round, questions asked were based on what I had written in my resume. Since, I said I had interest in finance and economics, I was asked about the reasons for rupee depreciation against dollar (hot topic at that time) and possible repercussions from it. Besides, few regular puzzles were asked.

The third round started off with regular HR questions. After that, I was asked a guesstimation cum case study question about the price of an English newspaper in Mangalore given its targeted profit and also info was provided on costs of various logistics. Various costs had to be considered and English-reading population of Mangalore had to be guesstimated. After this, I was asked another puzzle, difficult compared to previous ones, solving which seems to have sealed the deal.

For quant-apti practice, it is important to solve questions from standard CAT textbooks or coaching class materials or few "quant-only" mock tests to keep track of time.

For the HR questions there are readily available blogs and sites which will give you the general framework of avoiding blunders and by-passing tricky questions along with a general answer. Its better to follow these and also add a tinge of your own individuality to it.

For, analytical type, again various sites and blogs are present which have puzzles. However, here's one site that helped me : http://www.cseblog.com/search/label/Puzzles , from an IITB alumnus. Also has coding questions. The level of questions here range from regular to difficult. Solutions are provided and thus, after solving these questions, interview questions may appear to be a tad bit easy. Also, going through puzzles during leisure is fun.

For case study, a book like "Case in Point", "Ace the Case" etc. are good but detailed ones. Lucky if u can scam their e-books for free. Don't go too deep into them but know the basic guidelines, tools and jargons to impress your interviewer. Besides, all consulting giants like McKinsey, BCG, Bain etc. and loads of others have few mock case studies on their website which are worth going through.

Besides, it is worth seeing videos of process of the consulting companies in general and the visiting companies in particular from the horse's mouth. Gives you precise details without spineless bunkum. Here : https://www.youtube.com/user/PlacementGrid

The prep, according to me, should be four-pronged for such companies :
1) Apti solving,
2) HR questions e.g. why low CGPA (for those like me who indeed have that problem !) ? where do u see yourself 5 yrs. down the line ? etc.,
3) Analytical questions (Probability, Puzzles, Guesstimations, Case Study etc.)
4) Knowing ur resume from top to bottom. if u are not sure about something especially, in say, your knowledge or project in a management-related field, then better not mention or subdue its mention. You may be allowed to inflate ur balloons in tech projects but mostly, they may not be given their due.
For interviews, "Pilaana" as they call it in Hindi, also works except not for the entire interview but only a few questions. If you keep on indulging in rhetoric or "gas-ing" without dealing with specifics, chances are you would have pulled a "Rahul Gandhi" and they might call your bluff.

The preparation stage was exhausting as one had to go through company profile, brush up Apti skills the night before etc. etc. depending on individual way of preparation. The first and foremost challenge is to go through Apti rounds coz that is where maximum elimination happens and generally, lot of people in NITK are pretty good at solving Apti questions accurately and quickly. Once, done with Apti, it all depends on how you express yourself at the interview and prove your knowledge and depth at things that you say you are good at. Thus, for the Business Analyst roles, there is not much revising one can do before interview (unlike in core companies). So its challenging and interesting once you get into the interview rounds !!
P.S. I haven't mentioned G.D. coz I didn't go through one !

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Selection Procedure

The recruitment procedure is three fold. In the first stage, a written test having three sections (logic, math and English) was conducted. From this test, thirty six students made it to the interview stage. Both the second and the third stage were personal interviews. The first round of interview was to evaluate the resume and to test the logical and mathematical abilities of the student. Three-four basic mathematical puzzles were given. Twelve students made it to the last round. The last stage was an evaluation of the interviewee's interest in pursuing consultancy. All who made it to this round were recruited into the company. a test regarding basic aptitude and English. A few people were selected based on the test.

Preparation

Solving few mathematical puzzles as well as general aptitude questions from various sources.

General Tips

In my opinion, the only two things that this company looks for is the students ability to solve mathematical puzzles and to evaluate his or her communication and PR skills. Brush up on problem solving. Moreover, on a lighter note, it is very helpful if you just keep talking about your interests and how this has helped you shape the person that you are, as this would leave them with lesser questions to ask and check the students communication skills etc. simultaneously (I just kept talking for twenty minutes on one basic question- tell me about your interests. LOL)

Overall Experience

It was not a very exhausting procedure. It was fair and simple. Clearing the first interview round was the main hurdle.

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7.5 EEE

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1.There was a test regarding basic aptitude and English. A few people were selected based on the test.
2. An interview the next morning based on your resume, co-curricular activities and quite a few interesting puzzles.
3. A 2nd interview regarding your guessing skills and a few more puzzles and some HR.

Preparation

Any books that have puzzles for interview. I didn't prepare much for apti.

General Tips

Sleep after giving exam hoping you will get an interview. Go attend the interview only if you are interested in math.

Overall Experience

Rewarding, definitely.

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Mu Sigma

6.5 EEE

Karthik N Bhat
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Half an hour test which had 5 C questions, 10 math and 10 on simple english.

It will be of great help if you can solve simple mathematics problems with speed.
CAT type.

2 Rounds of interview:
Preliminary Round: One Puzzle and a question on probability. I Couldn't answer that puzzle so i started talking about my internship in a great detail and this helped me to get to the next round.

Make Sure you do all the common puzzles before you go to interview.
E.g 100 gold coin/pirate one which keep repeating.

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The company profile was sales and marketing.Its a core company so they were open for Mech & EEE, Mechatronics(M-tech)only.They selection process started with a power point presentation of around 30 mins in which approx 50-60 students took part.It was followed by the written test of around 45 mins.Paper consisted of approx 50 questions,both technical(Mech + EEE) as well as general aptitude.After the test ,they shortlisted only 6 students out of 60 for interviews.(Cut-off was high). There were one round of interviews both technical and HR. My interviews took place for around 1 hour.In interviews they asked me some finance and marketing questions,a case study ,puzzles, projects and internships. At last they selected just 2 students.

Financial management - Khan and Jain
Quantitative aptitude - Arun Sharma
An Integrated course in Electrical Engineering-JB Gupta

Before the interviews go though some online papers of the company and also some HR questions.Since the company came for marketing profile , they really wanted a leader to lead the market. So be smart ,specific & confident during the interviews.

It was challenging for me because ,I was not having a good cgpa like my competitors. Still I was confident throughout the selection process.

Indian Army

Nirdesh Kumar
Officer, Indian Army

There was a written test first for CDS and then after qualifying the written exam there is an interview session at Allahabad for me called SSB (Service Selection Board) for 5 days.
First day Screening : Two Intelligence test followed by a PPDT (Picture Perception and Discussion test) in which story narration and Group discussion and then the result follows the same day. Those who qualify go through the real SSB Interview procedure the rest are asked to leave the same day.

Day 2: Psychological Tests. On this day 4 tests will be conducted starting with TAT (Thematic Apperception Test) in which you will be shown 12 slides or pictures one by one and you are asked to write a story within 5 minutes for a picture. Likewise you have to write 12 stories back to back. This is followed by WAT (Word Association Test) in which you will be shown 60 words back to back and you have to write a sentence on the word. Time given for each word is 15 seconds. This test is followed by a break of 5 minutes and then the SRT (Situation reaction test) is conducted. In this you will be given 60 daily life related situations and you are asked to write your reaction to those situation. Time given is 30 minutes. This is followed by last test called SD (Self-Description) in this you need to describe yourself in 5 paragraphs. It is a kind of test in which you need to appraise yourself. Time given 15 minutes

Day 3 & 4: Group Task.
This day you will be divided into a group of 6 to 14 people depending upon the size of your batch.
There are 9 group tasks to be conducted and they can be conducted in any order suitable to the GTO (Group Task Officer). These are

1. Group Discussion
2. Group Planning Exercise
3. Progressive Group Task
4. Group Obstacle Race
5. Half Group Task
6. Lecturette
7. Individual Obstacle
8. Command Task
9. Final Group Task
Within all these days any day after the test you can be called for a Personal interview taken by either President or the Deputy President of the Board. So be ready for interview any day.

Day 5 : Conference on this day you will be called to for a closing address and there you'll be told about what they were looking for in a person to be in ARMY called OLQ's (Officer Like Qualities) and they will tell you about all 15 OLQ's and then you'll be taken to Conference. here all the assessors will be sitting together and decide about your selection and submit their report about

your performance to the President of the Board and then you'll be called in and will be asked a question or two and then will be asked to leave the hall.

As soon as conference for all the candidates is done. Within one hour your result will be announced. Those qualify have to stay for the Medical Examination and rest have to leave the board the same day after Lunch.

I prepared from various sources. Like to get an idea about SSB I joined a coaching institute in Delhi called Baalnoi Academy. Many such institutes are available in various parts of the country, and then the online portal ssbcrack.com and ssbinterviewtips.com and ssbguru.com helped me a lot. I consulted some officers of Indian army as well and took guidance from them. Lt. Col. Pankajashan OC NCC unit of our College helped me a lot. And many other sources of friends who cleared SSB.

Be confident and while in interview never fake around otherwise you will be trapped.

Smile and Confidence in yourself can lead you to Success.

It was a great experience as my Childhood dream come true.
There are many entries for the person who wants to be here... NEVER Lose Hope. Keep Working for your dreams. If not selected in something you must be destined for something better at some other place. So Never Give Up.

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" Why do we fall ?
So we can learn to pick ourselves back up again. "

Rejections

Bajaj Auto

8.8 MECH

Nishant Prakash
R&D Tech

Written test followed by an interview

I was well prepared for the rejection because I was not prepared at all.
I did not know anything about my industrial training because I had not done it seriously and since I was not prepared; they sent me out of interview room in just 5 minutes because I was unable to answer the question they asked.
Bajaj comes in the very beginning of the final year. So revise your core subjects during the vacation. Read about your industrial training and internships; it is very important.

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Futures First

7.14 EEE

HARSH SINHA
Trader – Stock Markets

This company had the lowest pointer cutoff among those that came in the first two months. It was 5 last time. So almost 400 sat for first round and in first round they gave 30 basic mathematics calculations which one has to do in only 5 minutes. 70 got shortlisted for next round which gad cat LEVEL APTI questions. It had 30 questions. Then another shortlist came of 18 people who have to face interviews. After first round 7 got through the final round and at last 4 got placed.

If you are seriously interested in stock markets then this is the place worth trying for. Well I will advise all the students to go through some standard aptitude book. (I found Arun Sharma cat book was the best).Brush up your basic calculation skills. Watch placement grid. (An initiative by NIT Jaipur students where they will upload videos about their experience)
First round of interview will be some basic stuff like multiplication of 3 by 3 digits no, big divisions. One should be confident enough to answer the question. And according to me CONFIDENCE is the biggest factor in any interview. Second round was a stress interview. Basically they want to see your reaction in challenging time. Always read about companies few days before sitting in it. There is an event TRADE MOGUL which is conducted by future first. Do participate in it.
I had no clue about trade mogul and I became a bit tensed in second round, which is why I think I didn't get placed.

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D E Shaw

9.04 CSE

Sumit Bansal
Software Engineer

The selection procedure started with a really tough written test. Though technical questions were not that difficult but the quant section was way too hard and almost impossible to solve completely in given time limit. It's better if you attempt less questions (in quant) but do them right (I attempted less than 40% quant and still got through).

Next they would have 2-3 technical rounds where they cover most of the areas of CS. Some of the areas where they concentrated more would be Algorithms, OOPS Concepts and Logical Puzzles.

Brush up important concepts from various areas such as Operating System, OOPS, Software Engineering. Be ready for some really challenging questions in Algorithms. Also they do ask quite a few logical puzzles so it's important you practice a lot of them online before the interview.

Most importantly, do not try to fool the interviewer. If you say you know Java, make sure you say that only when you know a LOT MORE than normal programming in Java and OOPS concepts. D E Shaw focuses more on your ability to solve logical problems, so make sure you are in best state of your mind and speak while solving any problem because what they are looking for is not the right answer (well of course they are) but how are you approaching the problem.

D E Shaw selects very few candidates + comes in starting weeks of placement season, so competition is immense. Multiple companies come on same day, so it becomes a little tedious. Surely I wasn't the better candidate that day.

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Thorogood Associates

6.55 EEE

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Business Analyst

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Selection Procedure

Test Followed by a HR interview and if you get through in the HR round then a Case study round in Bangalore

What went wrong!

15 or some similar number on Quant. Same number of DI(Data Interpretation).One Puzzle(Einstein/zebra puzzle) which not many cracked.
HR Interview is where I stumbled. You have to speak for nearly an hour on ''what is your goal''? Etc. One+ hour where you need to convince them you are really looking forward to it.
My HR interview - I blurted out my true intentions.

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Qualcomm

8.9 ECE

Manasij Venkatesh
Not clearly specified.

Online test (Either VLSI or DSP along with math) followed by 2 rounds of interviews.

The EC GATE book is very helpful to brush up your concepts. I didn't use any online content. The curriculum covered by the EC dept. is sufficient.

It is very important to make a great first impression. Make the interviewer ask you questions based on your strengths. They only try to assess how well you can understand something you actually like. Remain calm and don't get disheartened.

The overall experience is a pain in the a** for people who have specific interests. Do not rely on information available on the placement website and wait for companies especially if placements are not your top priority.

My suggestion is to prepare well for the first few companies and get placed soon. You can sit off campus for companies you really like if all else fail.

The placement website mentioned that you can choose either the VLSI stream or the DSP stream and the online test was held accordingly. I wrote the DSP test and I was prepared only for a DSP interview and I was feeling pretty confident. However during the interview I was told that the Bangalore plant hires only VLSI Design engineers. So I decided to give it a go anyway but my lack of preparation led to my doom.

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Finisar Malaysia

6.55 EEE

Karthik N Bhat
GET

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GET

One test followed by an interview.

Test will be simple 12th Physics, Math and electronics

None required if you are good at above mentioned topics
Interview will be very simple. Please note they take your pointer very seriously. So if you have low CGPA make sure you have really high number of technical projects which you can talk about.
The questions which they ask are all simple Op-amp, Transistor characteristics, diode etc.
My lack of technical knowledge/projects.

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Deloitte

8.3 EEE

Akshay Shenoy
Business Technology Analyst

Initial online aptitude and coding test
Case study/Brain storming
Personal Interview

Apti is really easy so don't sweat it.

Get a good grip of customer relations management systems and supply chain management systems.

Don't breathe a word about higher education even if they support it. Say you want to work for a while and then go for it.

The initial Apti round was kindergarten level. There wasn't any level of difficulty.

The case study findmucked everyone in the room. No matter what we talked about the moderator said we weren't talking relevant. Finally some of us focused on familiar ground of technology aspects and were able to somehow satisfy her with our answer.(our topic was to look for a company to outsource a customer relation management center)

The final interview is just to find out whether you will ditch the company or not. Just show them some talents, speak well and say you will not go for higher education and you will be in.

I told the main HR guy that i wanted to use the company to do a sponsored MBA. That pissed him off. He didn't say anything but i know it did.

I told him I was an artist but ended up drawing a shitty picture of the mahatma so he thought I was a liar. Go through what Deloitte does and its competitors.

Do NOT join the company if you think the compensation is less than you deserve. There will be better companies

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9.02 EEE

Arpit Jain
Management Trainee

Selection Procedure

Group Discussion and one round of interview. In each branch, 30-40 people were shortlisted for GD on the basis of their resumes (basically according to pointer and reservation). Around 10-12 people got through to the interview in each branch (No. of interviewers 3-4). No. of students placed: EEE-2, Civil-4.

What went wrong!

No need to prepare for the GD. Electrical students would have to prepare a lot for any PSU that visits. You need to study the following topics: Switchgear, Protection devices, Relays and some basic electrical. Books I would advise: Principles of Power Systems- V.K. Mehta, Power System Engineering- Nagrath and Kothari.

It is assumed that PSUs generally look for the highest pointers and take fixed no. of students based on categories (Gen/OBC/SC/ST). But the results were disappointing for EEE students. Please concentrate and study core electrical subjects.

My overall experience was disappointing. There are high hopes whenever a PSU visits the campus. The complete process was simple. I feared the GD and was hoping the interview would be easy, but the reverse happened. Anyways, this company really showed us what to really expect from a core company interview.

I wasn't expecting a lot of technical questions. But not only did they ask technical questions, they were from topics that are not included in our curriculum. So, according to me, lack of preparation was the major reason I got rejected by BPCL.

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7.8 CSE

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Selection Procedure

Combined C and Apti test. Only a few students will get shortlisted who do all the questions correctly. This will be followed by off-campus interviews in Bangalore. First 4 rounds on day 1 and this are just to shortlist for more rounds on some other day.

What went wrong!

They will focus on almost all the concepts of computer science. Practice a lot on algorithms. They will also test your designing skills.

For algorithms go through websites like CodeChef. You need to practice a lot and start it right now. Should be easy if you have prepared well enough. Like mentioned before, use your holidays to start preparing for placements. Sooner you start, better your placement will be.

Lack of practice. Last day study works only for exams but never for interviews. You'll get enough time to prepare for interviews once you get shortlisted. Focus on it even if you are placed already.

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ARM

8.3 EEE

Akshay Shenoy
Design Engineer

Selection Procedure

1. Initial written MCQ for everyone

2. One HR and one tech interview for the 10 people shortlisted for the VLSI profile

What went wrong!

Be thorough with everything concerned with digital design. Also make a list of your projects and write down the ups and down of the designs you implemented in them. Go with an open mind and aim for optimal solutions if presented with a case study.

I basically enjoyed the written test as all the questions fell right under my understanding of semiconductors and it was a good day for Apti too. The tech round was also basic nothing anyone can't handle once shortlisted.

1. I messed up a Nand gate full adder circuit to which the interviewer said 'caught you!' That really shook me.

2. He asked me the flaws with my project and when I finished, he started listing additional flaws. It's ok if your design isn't perfect but you should know why it isn't.

Just be cool and think with a rational mind. Be critical of your own work and you will get through. Brush up your digital properly.

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Goldman Sachs(Technology)

7 CSE

Yogesh Agarwal
Analyst

Selection Procedure

1. General Aptitude Test comprises of basic questions related to quant. Very similar to other companies. Catch here is cut off which is 8 for all circuital branches.

2. Interviews - two or three interviews. One tech one HR at least. Tech they ask mostly puzzles and concepts. HR interviews are pretty chilled. You just need to gel up with the HR and say no to further studies.

What went wrong!

Please refer my entry for Qualcomm.
In this interview (my first interview) I learnt how an interview works and tricks to crack it. You should appear sharp and prepared. As if you have done your homework. It impresses them a lot.

First question always is "tell me about yourself". If you can answer that in a way that it generates interest in any topic, half your job is done.
I didn't do my homework. Wasn't prepared enough. Stumbled in first question itself, never took off from there.

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Samsung(Bangalore)

7.7 CSE

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Software Engineer

It started written test based on C. It has some 25 questions on C. It was a subjective test where you had to write output of given code.

Then it has one more written round which was Samsung's global aptitude test. It was a 60 min test and it has three sections- general Apti, data interpretation and logic based questions. Questions were simple but time was a constraint. So have to be done fast.

And after that there were 3 interviews - two technical and one HR. In first round of technical I was asked mostly about my projects. The guy taking my interview was from OS background and my project was on networks, he didn't understand much. In next round I was asked my favorite subject, I told data structure and networks. He asked about networks which I explained well. Lastly there was a HR interview, I was asked about myself and my hobbies.

1. Prepare C questions really good as many companies will have a written test based completely on C.

2. Keep your preparations of general Apti good. Practice a test paper (online/books) day before to make to focused and accurate.
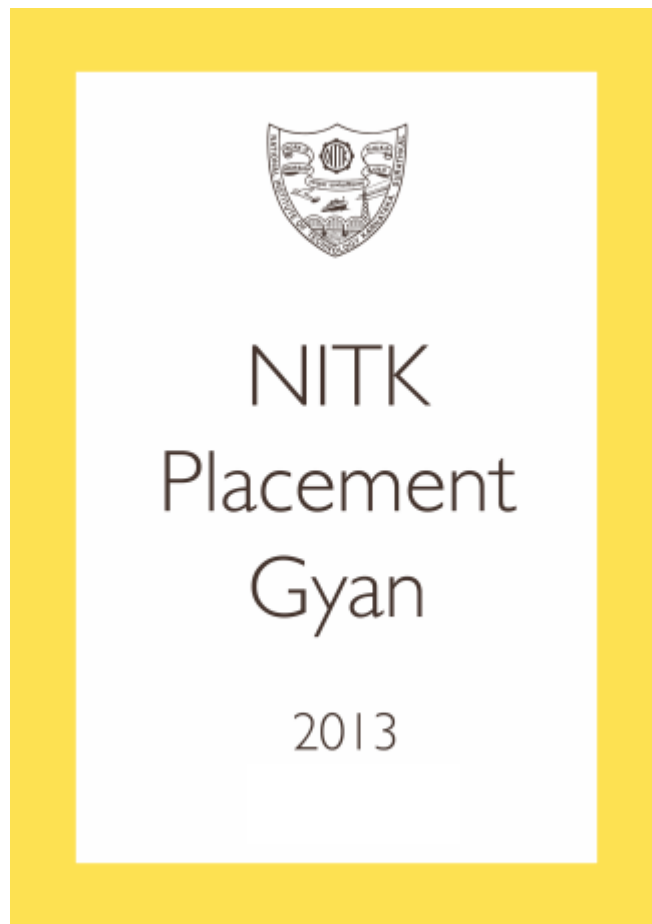
3. Revise basics of OS, DBMS and networks.

As it was my first interview I was somewhat nervous. It seemed challenging after first round of interview where I feel I didn't do well. But it was a great experience and helped me getting placed in Samsung Noida.

In my first technical interview the guy was not from networking background. My project was on networks which I think was not able to explain to him that good. I got less marks there I think. For Samsung work on APTI, data interpretation question. Try to make it fast. Also focus on C basics. Once you got in interview they will take you mostly.

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