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[TopTalent.in] Exclusive Interview with Vivek Ruparel who got into Amazon

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Vivek was quite happy when he cracked his first ever interview on campus. The thought of enjoying the college life in last year without the pain of campus interviews seemed quite pleasant. \xc2\xa0He could crack this amazing company by being dedicated and disciplined in his interview preparation. As he recalls \xe2\x80\x98I used to practice atleast 6 problems a day for two months before my interviews.\xe2\x80\x98\xc2\xa0We at\xc2\xa0TopTalent.in\xc2\xa0spoke to Vivek \xc2\xa0from Jadavpur University about his experience of giving an Amazon interview and what advise he had to offer for others looking to achieve something similar.

You can also download his resume to see how you can do it too.

TopTalent: What companies did you get offer from apart from Amazon?

As Amazon was the first company in our campus, I didn\xe2\x80\x99t get a chance to sit for other companies. So its only Amazon interview that I can share with you.

TopTalent:\xc2\xa0How do you feel on achieving this feat?

It feels great. No better feeling than hearing your name in the final bunch of shortlisted students. If one puts his effort with full dedication, it does pay off.

TopTalent:\xc2\xa0Can you give us a brief account of what you felt was the toughest interview?

Since I have only gone through the Amazon interview process, so its Amazon by default. I can definitely share the toughest round I came across during my interviews. It was a question based on arrays. It was pretty tough. I was able to solve \xc2\xa0this question and I think this question sealed my place in Amazon.

TopTalent:\xc2\xa0What was your preparation strategy?

Not just going through the codes but finding the solution and implementing them on my own, no matter how long it took. That is the most important thing according to me that helped me crack this interview. Second thing was regular coding \xc2\xa0to crack the online coding rounds. I used to practice atleast 6 problems a day for two months before my interviews. Third was the getting familiar with all data structures and algorithms.

TopTalent:\xc2\xa0What resources did you consult? Where did you practice problems from?

1. Geeksforgeeks is a must for Data structures and algorithms.
2. I used to do problems regularly in\xc2\xa0leetcode.com
3.\xc2\xa0careercup.com\xc2\xa0helped to go through the interview experiences.
4. Book : Programming Interviews Exposed

TopTalent:\xc2\xa0What kind of skills do you think helped you getting this job?

CS fundamentals is very important . My 3rd round was completely on CS fundamentals. It lasted around for 1hr and 15 minutes. One should not ignore CS fundamentals when preparing for interviews . Data structures and algorithms is must as all know. Choosing one site and practice coding regularly is also very important.

TopTalent:\xc2\xa0What\xe2\x80\x99s your advice to students who are aiming for similar placement offers as yours?

1. Don\xe2\x80\x99t just go through the codes. First try it on your own, that\xe2\x80\x99s very important. Once you have cracked a problem, write it in a paper and check for the corner cases.

2. For the coding part, once you have cracked a problem, always try to run the program at one go.

3. OS, DBMS and Networking. If you get a good hold on these subjects, it will make you stand apart from other candidates.

TopTalent:\xc2\xa0What should one keep in mind while preparing a resume?

My resume had only one page in it. I would suggest to keep only relevant information in the resume. Most important thing, one should be ready to answer any query on everything in his or her resume.

In case you missed, you can\xc2\xa0also\xc2\xa0**download his resume**\xc2\xa0by logging in.

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