Amazon Interview Experience (On-Campus for Internship 2019)

Difficulty Level :\nEasy

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Amazon visited our campus for internship and full time. I took part in the internship drive and I am sharing my experience here.

Round 1 (Online):

Everyone who satisfied the required cgpa (probably 7) criteria was allowed to sit for this round . It was mixture of aptitude and coding questions . The main parts were :

- 1. Logical Reasoning \xe2\x80\x93 Questions based on basic mathematics , relations , paragraph based questions were asked .
- 2. Debugging \xe2\x80\x93 We were asked to correct the given code / write the output of the given code in preferred language (c++, java etc).
- 3. Coding \xe2\x80\x93
 - 1. Graph based question (BFS): https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/shortest-distance-two-cells-matrix-grid/
 - 2. Matrix based question :\xc2\xa0 https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/search-in-row-wise-and-column-wise-sorted-matrix/

I could solve both the coding questions in minimum time and space complexity.

Round 2 (Pen and Paper Round):

We were given two DSA questions and we had to write production ready code from scratch in 30 mins. The questions were:

- 1. https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/lowest-common-ancestor-binary-tree-set-1/
- 2. https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/print-a-given-matrix-in-spiral-form/

The code had to be syntactically correct and also all edge cases should have been covered. Additionally if you are confident enough do mention the time and space complexities. Small things like **proper variable names**, **edge cases consideration**, **neat code** makes a huge difference.

Round 3 (PI):

This was the first face to face interview round . The interviewer was friendly and made me feel at ease before starting the interview . First he had a quick look at my cv . I didn\xe2\x80\x99t have any personal project / previous internships / extra technical skills .So I was asked mostly conceptual questions . \xc2\xa0\xc2\xa0

He asked me my preferred programming language . (I said C++). He asked me some questions on object oriented programming aspect like what are the main features of object oriented programming , difference between the access specifiers , where to use what , what are the benefits of oop , inheritance & polymorphism in depth etc .\xc2\xa0

He asked me some dbms questions . I was asked to write one or two sql queries mainly based on joins.

Then he shifted to DSA . I was asked about hashing \xe2\x80\x93 how it is implemented , types etc . I was also asked to design a hash function of my own . I couldn\xe2\x80\x99t answer this question perfectly . Then I was asked two DSA questions \xe2\x80\x93

1. LCA: https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/lowest-common-ancestor-binary-tree-set-1/\xc2\xa0

At first I couldn\xe2\x80\x99t give the space optimized solution . He gave me some hints and ultimately I could give the space optimized solution . \xspace \xxc2\xa0

2. https://leetcode.com/problems/k-th-symbol-in-grammar/

I could give the recursive solution for this but it was not space optimized, so he gave me several hints. I followed them ,even went in the right direction but couldn\xe2\x80\x99t come up with the correct solution. However I shared my thought process throughout the discussion.

This round took about 1 hour . Some of my friends were called for a second PI round .

NOTE \xc2\xa0: \xc2\xa0!t\xe2\x80\x99s better to be fluent in java as most interviewers prefer that . Also it\xe2\x80\x99s not always important to give the correct code. The way we are approaching the question , our thought process matters as well . Therefore **think loud**.

Verdict: Selected\xc2\xa0\xc2\xa0

I practiced from geeksforgeeks for about 5-6 months. Initially I practiced topic wise, later when I was confident enough I started practicing company wise (mainly for those companies which visited our campus). Also I made it a habit to read atleast one interview experience from gfg daily.

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