My Interview Experience – Zoho Corporation

Round 1: Written Test

The first stage of the Zoho recruitment process was the Written Test.
It consisted of 10 aptitude questions and 10 code snippet questions, all of which were non-MCQ based.

The aptitude questions focused on topics like logical reasoning, time and work, profit and loss, and number series.
The code snippet section included short programming-related questions covering pointers, recursion, string manipulation, arrays, and basic Java concepts.

After the evaluation, around 200 candidates were shortlisted for the next round.

Round 2: Coding Round

In this round, each candidate was given five coding problems to solve in a lab setup.
After completing each problem, we had to call the panel members to verify the output before proceeding to the next one.

Within the one-hour time frame, I successfully solved two complete problems and began working on the third.
At the end of the session, candidates who had not completed at least two full problems were asked to leave the lab.
I continued working and completed four questions successfully, with all test cases passing.
For the fifth question, I explained the logic and approach to the panel, but the time ended before implementation.

After the evaluation, 47 candidates were shortlisted for the next round, and I was one among them.

Questions Asked for me:

- **Distinct Island**

- **Spiral Matrix**

- **Zigzag Pattern**

- **Roman Numerals**

- **A problem related to Depth First Search (DFS)**

Round 3: Long Programming Round

The next stage was the Long Programming Round, where I was given two development-oriented problems.

1. **Taxi Sharing Application** – I successfully developed this project and incorporated the modifications suggested by the evaluators.

2. **File System using Tree Structure** – I designed the initial implementation by building the root node and defining the structure for the file hierarchy.

During this round, the interviewers also asked conceptual questions on Object-Oriented Programming and explored my understanding of Java fundamentals in depth.

Although I performed well in this round and gained valuable hands-on experience, I was not selected for the next stage of the interview process.

Reflection

Even though I did not progress beyond the third round, the Zoho recruitment process provided me with an incredible learning experience.
It strengthened my coding proficiency, system design thinking, and understanding of real-world application development.
The exposure I gained from these challenges has helped me grow both technically and personally.