

Placement Interview Experience

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Batch: *2022*

Company Name: PwC

Job Role: *Technology Consultant*

Domain of Your Role(Software Development/Consulting/Core Electronics, etc): *Consulting*

Cut-off: *70% in Secondary, Higher Secondary and University exams*

Interview Process:

- *Online Test:*
- *Interview: Technical Round, Partner Round, HR Round*

Questions asked in the each stage of the process:

- *Online Test was a general aptitude based (quants, logical reasoning, etc)*
- *In the Technical Round you are supposed to face questions based on your technical background (department) and resume. But for students other than CS/IT (or, if you do not have any IT related skills/project mentioned in your resume), the interviewer might ask more HR Round-ish questions like "Why do you want to join PwC?", "What makes you not pursue companies of your technical background?", "What are your plans regarding higher studies?".*

In the Partner Round, the interviewer (who is a Partner at PwC) may ask you various kinds of questions. You may face puzzles, technical questions (rarely), HR Round-ish questions. It totally depends on the Partner and your resume. I was asked to describe my profile and questions like why my skill set might be an asset to PwC.

In the HR Round, typical questions will be asked about why do you want to join the company, what do you expect from the company and so on.

NOTE : I was asked to "introduce" myself, in all the rounds of interview. That is the first impression that you make, so try to ensure it's a good one!

Reason behind selection results: *I was asked just two simple technical questions and no puzzles. I believe my confidence and speaking skills made a strong case for my selection, aided by my luck of course.*

Preparation Strategy:

As guided by my seniors, I never really prepared much for consulting companies except for making sure that I brush up my English speech and be confident on the D-Day. Every consulting company will look for communication skills mainly. Even if you totally mess up the technical questions asked, you must never falter or lose command over your speaking skills. From my experience, I can say that if a person knows how to talk professionally, that's enough to make it through to the final offer.

Ofcourse, make sure that you have good practice of general aptitude questions. In the online test, remember to not get stuck and keep moving on to find easily solvable questions. Listen well to the Pre-placement talk and remember the key points highlighted there. Use them later in the interview.

Be very thorough with whatever you write in your resume. DO NOT write anything that you wouldn't be able to confidently speak about.

Prepare answers in advance for questions like "Tell me about yourself." and "Why PwC?".

Google to find common HR questions and best-practices.

Be confident while you speak! All the best!