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Schneider Electric USA, Inc: Product Technical Engineer Full Time 2024



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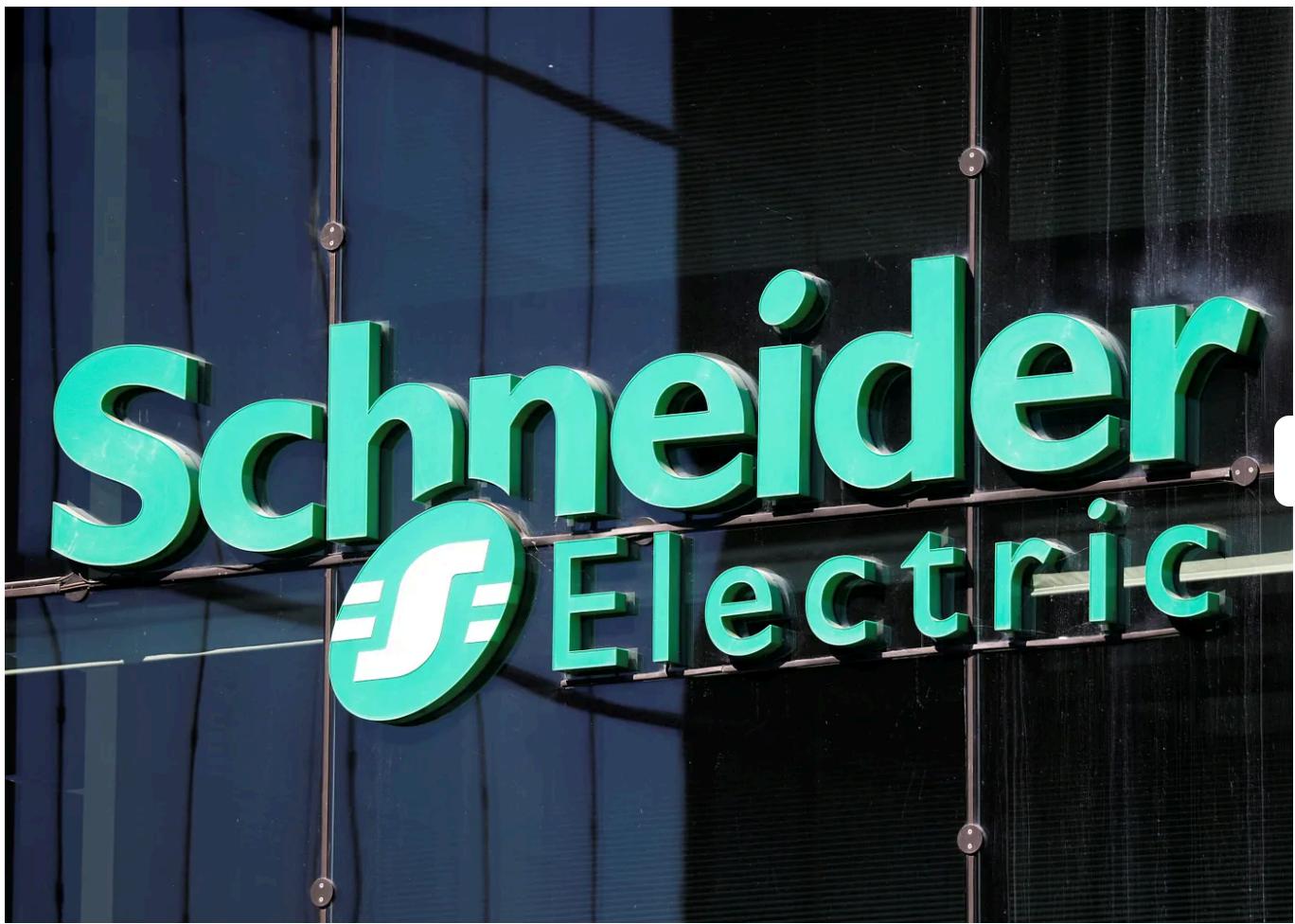
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Company: Schneider Electric USA, Inc

Role: Product Technical Engineer

Are you an international student? — Yes

If yes, What is your visa type? — F1 Visa, Currently on OPT

When did you begin applying? — Mid-Sept 2023 Onwards (December 2023 Graduate)

Strategy used when applying:

My Strategy is divided into 4 different phases-

Phase 1: Sept Start to Mid September

Transform: Build/ update Dream Resume (Creating Single Resume for all Applications by covering & focusing all Job Areas (Product/Project Management & Manufacturing) rather than spending time on creating multiple resumes!



Executing 3R's Strategy:

- Revise — Revising complete work experience by noting down all previous experiences, achievements and projects & certifications by making a Master Resume, aligning & relating it to my domain/aspired roles which I wanted to work for!
- Review: Was Proactively in touch with industry related network on LinkedIn, Connected with other fulltime working professionals of my aspired & few targeted manufacturing companies Seniors, NEU Alumni's, other universities known Alumni's and also with them who have been in job search hustle for few months as they also do provide valuable feedbacks, mistakes to not to do and detailed insights.
- Rework — Reworking Resume from feedbacks, Insights and suggestions

Phase 2: Mid Sept to Early October: Organizing Course of Action

- Initially beginning my job search journey by researching companies of different domains who sponsor H1-B visa sponsorship with the help of official USCIS H1-B visa sponsored companies list website, shortlisting companies of different domains relevant and suiting to my profile.

- Shortlisted Hardware Products/Manufacturing Companies more compared to other domains due to my background in product manufacturing.

Phase 3: Exploring opportunities, Growing Network & Applying through Referrals! (Early October to End Feb)

- Very streamlined phase, Only shortlisting job roles from my prepared list by going through every company's career and job portal, gathering all relevant job opportunities, connecting people on LinkedIn of same or higher role and forwarding them the positions for referrals! If lucky in getting referral quickly then applying through primary mail id straight away(Gmail. ID), but also make sure if few connections take time is providing referral, so do apply to the position through secondary mail id (University mail ID) for not wasting time which already spent in looking for the application & going in consideration (P.S: still might can get a chance of getting resume picked up without referral)
- Along with applying and connecting people only from my own targeted company list, I was also making sure to give timeslot of atleast 1-2 hours a day to apply directly without referrals in random relevant job applications on LinkedIn & Glassdoor!

Phase 4: Interviews in Pipeline & Achieving Success! (Mid Nov to Feb End)

- Strategy executed in Phase 2-3 gave excellent results in Phase 4, Almost gave overall 26 Interviews to 10 different companies.
- From Jan start to till getting job in Feb End, Every week was scheduled with atleast 1-2 interviews!

Received offer in Feb End!

Platforms used for applying to full time roles: Companies Career/Job Portal, LinkedIn & Glassdoor

Platform through which you applied for this role: Schneider Electric Career website



Number of Rounds: 4

Round 1

(30 Minutes)

Role of interviewer in the company: Senior Technical Acquisition Consultant

Questions asked by interviewer:

1. Gives her personal Introduction & briefing about job role, location!
2. Tell me about yourself, experiences, career aspirations?
3. Questions related to my previous Internship experience as a Product Manufacturing Engineer Intern/ my team and location & overall experience!
4. What did you learn forward from your Internship opportunity to seek career growth for the next 5 years?
5. General work visa questions like what is your EAD start date?
6. Role is based in Ohio, Are you open to relocate?

7. What earliest you can start?

Questions you asked:

- General questions like job start date/timeline
- Relocation assistance provided or not
- Sponsorship related questions



Follow-up: Received an invitation for the next round within 3–4 days.

Round 2:

(45 Minutes)

Role of interviewer in the company: Sr Product Technical Manager

Questions asked by interviewer-

1. Tell me about yourself?
2. You have worked in SE's Foxboro Hub!, Can i know under whom you have worked and what were your responsibilities?
3. You have described your SE's work experience in 4 different domains? Can you elaborate all of them from your resume & also was it under the same manager?
4. Tell me what things do you like the most about SE? (Pros)

5. Tell me the things which you dislike about SE? (Cons)

6. What fundamental knowledge do you have about the tools & manufacturing methodologies you have mentioned in your resume & what makes you the best fit for this position? (specifically explain in detail about Six Sigma, 8D Problem Solving Approach, PFMEA, RCA — fishbone & Ishikawa method)



7. 3 things which define your strengths?

8. 3 things that are your weaknesses & how do you make sure to cop up and improvise on that?

Questions you asked-

- What other product efficiency related projects this role will be actively involved in?
- What inspires you the most for working with SE?

Duration before the mail for the next round: 1 week

Round 3:

(30 Minutes)

Role of interviewer in the company: Plant HR Manager

Questions asked by interviewer-

1. Tell me about yourself?

2. Why Schneider Electric? & what did you like the most of it?

3. Can you tell me what core values of our company are and which of them are most relatable to this opportunity & why?

4. What things do you like to do the most personally & in daily routine?
(apart from your professional career)



5. Tell me what responsibilities of this role are important for the job & How adaptive you are with all the tools & responsibilities?

6. Are you open & ready to move to Cincinnati, do you know about cincy city & ohio?

7. Are you open & is your visa valid to travel Internationally in another countries & working in cross-collaboration?

Questions you asked-

- Ask regarding which countries/continents I will be traveling if got the opportunity and told her about my visa validity and status!

Duration before the mail for the next round: 1 week

Round 4:

(45 Minutes)

Role of interviewer in the company: ETO/ECC Plant Manager

Questions asked by interviewer-

1. Personal Introduction about my education, experience & aspirations related to product management domain!
2. What inspires & aligns the most for this opportunity & why do you want to work for this role?
3. How was your previous Internship experience with Schneider Electric? Where it was & what did you like the most of it?
4. Tell me about a time when you have to make product changes & how did you approach & what were its impact in real-time?
5. Tell me about a time when you had implemented change, but not been followed appropriately? What actions did you initiated to streamline the change & how it benefited the org's Line of business?
6. What difficulties you might face or see as a challenge while working on this role & how you will adapt and improvise that?
7. Pitch me in a minute by Telling me why should we hire you and what makes you the best fit compared to other candidates?

Questions you asked-

- How does Fairfield plant implements change management strategies in day-to-day activities?

- what tools you want me to add in my profile suitable to excel in executing product change management strategy!

Duration before the mail for the next round: On same day of Plant HR Manager Round!

Final thoughts

Job search in Product Management was a test of my patience, passion, grit, determination, discipline, perseverance & hardwork towards achieving my dream role in Product domain. But all in this hustle, ups & downs in my life, I've learned the most valuable 5 P's of life – 1. Patience, 2. Persistence, 3. Passion 4. Perseverance & 5. Positivity, because life is all about learning from personal experiences & from valubles lessons learned in day to day struggle.



How did you prepare for interviews?

Initially researched questions on glassdoor/Indeed website & Chat GPT for specific roles for whom i was going to interviewed, then continued my preparation through my own Interview questionnaire created after giving interviews to 3-4 companies including all real-time interview questions!

Resources that helped:

- Collected questions through Indeed Frequently Industry related Interview questions, LinkedIn Connections from whom I took referral or connected from same company, Glassdoor interview questions, ChatGPT, Few websites on Google.

- Strategy changed After giving Interviews to 3–4 companies, Prepared my own Interview Questionnaire & keep on updating it with questions which benefited me a lot for the upcoming interviews in pipeline and for the job role which I got the offer at SE!

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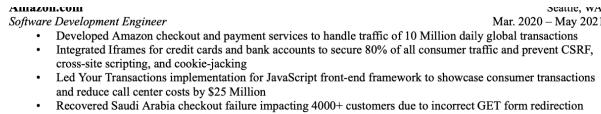


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- HeatMap (JavaScript)**
- Visualized Google Takeout location data of location history using Google Maps API and Google Maps heatmap code with React
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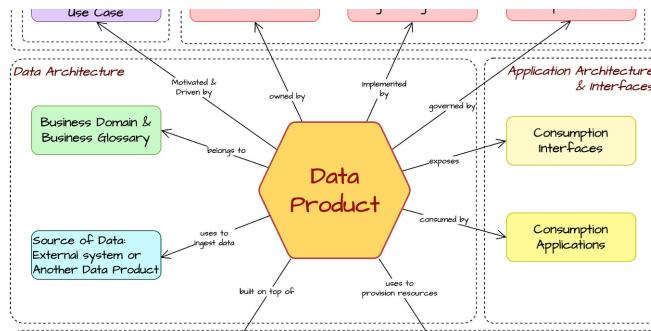
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