

[Open in app ↗](#)

Search

Write



Be part of a better internet. [Get 20% off membership for a limited time](#)

Sallie Mae: Product Management Analyst Full-time 2022



Pearl Pullan

3 min read · Jan 8, 2024



4



...



Company- Sallie Mae

Visa — F1

When did you begin applying ? First week of October'22

Strategy — I used to apply to 20 position everyday. Used the same resume for all positions.

Platform- LinkedIn



Total Rounds — 7

Round 1

Role of the Interviewer: Lead talent acquisition person

Questions asked-

1. Education, past experiences from resume
2. Why I was interested in this role and company

Questions you asked-

I inquired about the possibility of H-1B sponsorship, the hiring timeline, and for any tips for future rounds if I moved forward.

Round 2

Role of the Interviewer: Director of Product, who was also the hiring manager.

Questions asked-

1. Went through my resume
2. Asked two company-specific product questions related to-
 - Metrics
 - Small product case to solve



Questions I asked-

1. The company's experience during the pandemic
2. The most desirable qualities for the role
3. The level of involvement in new product development

Round 3

Role of interviewer: Senior Associate of Marketing

Questions asked-

1. Resume and had some cross-questions regarding my experiences.
2. Some questions were related to SEO and A/B testing.

Questions I asked-

1. Experience collaborating with the product team
2. Tips for the next rounds

Round 4

Role of the interviewer: Director of Growth Analytics

Questions asked-

1. SQL sheet with 10 questions
2. About setting growth goals
3. Their approach to using data versus intuition



Round 5

Involved an interview on HTML

Role of the interviewer: Senior Manager of Analytics

Questions asked-

It was straightforward, with about 8–10 questions on HTML and CSS.

I received feedback afterwards.

Round 6

Role of the interviewer: VP of Product

Questions asked-

1. Resume
2. Experiences

3. Why I believed I was the best candidate

4. Qualities I possess

Questions I asked-

1. Their expectations for the role
2. Which domain I should focus on if I progressed



Round 7

Role of the interviewer: SVP of the department

Questions asked-

1. I introduced myself, and we discussed everything on my resume in detail.
2. We also brainstormed various product scenarios and cases.
3. We had a casual chat about my current location
4. The best and worst aspects of studying abroad

Questions asked by me-

1. How they set a vision for the team
2. The crucial qualities for team members
3. Which areas/skills I should focus on if I got hired.

Duration

There was a three-week gap between Round 1 and Round 2. However, Rounds 2 to 7 were completed in just three days.

Final thoughts

I have done my best to recall my experience as it has been a few months since the interviews.



1. The process was quite lengthy, but it was definitely worth it. During the interview journey, it's normal to feel demotivated and have some slip-ups, but that's completely fine.
2. The key is to conduct thorough research before each interview.
3. Instead of stressing out, view the interview as a conversation rather than a strict question-and-answer session.
4. As for my preparation, I didn't follow anything specific. I reviewed my resume thoroughly and made sure I had all the details fresh in my mind.
5. Additionally, I regularly read product blogs and LinkedIn posts by Product Managers/Owners to stay updated and informed.

Experience shared by [Shashank Lohani](#)

Interview



Written by Pearl Pullan

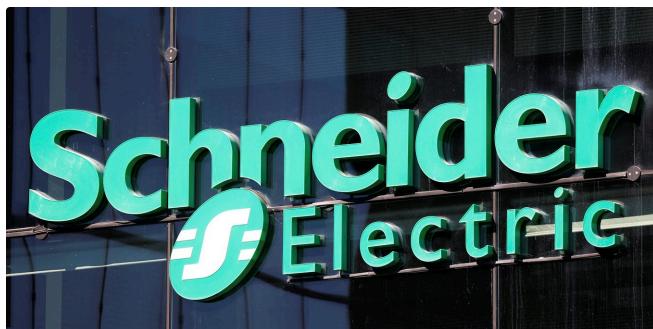
[Edit profile](#)

294 Followers

I post about interview experiences of my batchmates



More from Pearl Pullan



Pearl Pullan

Schneider Electric USA Inc: Product Technical Engineer Full-...

- Company: Schneider Electric USA Inc

Apr 15 2



...



Pearl Pullan

Owens & Minor Halyard: Product Manager Full Time 2024

Company: Owens & Minor Halyard

Apr 8



...





Pearl Pullan

Applied Materials: Product Marketing (Associate) Full Time...

Company: Applied Materials

Jan 15

2



...

Feb 5

3



...



See all from Pearl Pullan

Goldman Sachs: Product Manager Full-time 2023

Goldman Sachs' Organizational Structure—Recruits start as Analysts and are then...

Recommended from Medium

Software Development Engineer

- Developed Amazon checkout and payment services to handle traffic of 10 Million daily global transactions
- Integrated Iframes for credit cards and bank accounts to secure 80% of all consumer traffic and prevent CSRF, cross-site scripting, and cookie-jacking
- Led Your Transactions implementation for JavaScript front-end framework to showcase consumer transactions and reduce call center costs by \$25 Million
- Recovered Saudi Arabia checkout failure impacting 4000+ customers due to incorrect GET form redirection

Mar. 2020 – May 2021

Projects**NinjaPrep.io (React)**

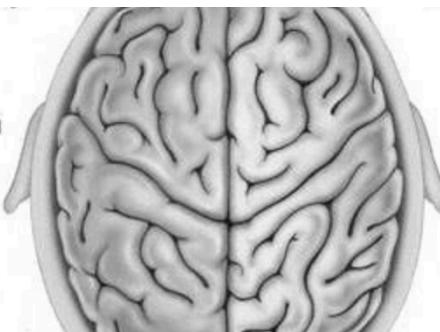
- Platform to offer coding problem practice with built in code editor and written + video solutions in React
- Utilized Nginx to reverse proxy IP address on Digital Ocean hosts
- Developed using Styled-Components for 95% CSS styling to ensure proper CSS scoping
- Implemented Docker with Seccomp to safely run user submitted code with < 2.2s runtime

HeatMap (JavaScript)

- Visualized Google Takeout location data of location history using Google Maps API and Google Maps heatmap code with React
- Included local file system storage to reliably handle SMB of location history data
- Implemented Express to include routing between pages and jQuery to parse Google Map and implement heatmap overlay

Logic

Language

Science and
math

Intuition

Creativity

Art and
music

Alexander Nguyen in Level Up Coding

The resume that got a software engineer a \$300,000 job at Google.

1-page. Well-formatted.

May 31 11.1K 150


...



Sufyan Maan, M.Eng in ILLUMINATION

What Happens When You Start Reading Every Day

Think before you speak. Read before you think.—Fran Lebowitz

Mar 11 24K 528


...

Lists



The New Chatbots: ChatGPT, Bard, and Beyond

12 stories · 421 saves



Stories to Help You Grow as a Software Developer

19 stories · 1183 saves



Icon Design

36 stories · 355 saves



Interesting Design Topics

257 stories · 629 saves


BNY MELLON


Atishay Jain



Student Welfare Group, IIT Kharagpur

BNY Mellon Interview Experience

BNY Mellon visited our campus in mid-August 2023 for recruiting. The Bank of New York...

Jan 11 67 1



...



 Julia Winn

What makes an associate product manager (APM) resume stand out?

Shopify's most recent round of APM applications saw over 12,000 applicants for ...

Feb 26 40



...

FORESIGHT (2024) | Internship at LEK Consulting | Nandini Bajaj

1) Brief introduction and description of offered role.

2d ago



...



 Anshuman Nandan

Behind the Scenes: Goldman Sachs — Engineering Campus Hiring...

Goldman Sachs ECHP · Aptitude Test · Technical Assessment · Interview Experience

Jan 26 196 1



...

[See more recommendations](#)