InfoEdge Interview Experience

Round 1: Online Assessment

20min: 15 aptitude questions (time and distance, syllogism, Logical reasoning)

20min: 20 output question, DSA

This round is doable if you have fast calculation skills.

Round 2: Technical Interview 1 (1 hr)

She asked for my introduction. Brief about my projects.

Then she asked DSA questions:

1. Given an array of integers, arrange it such as all negative numbers are on left and positives are on the right side.

Ex: Input: [1,2,-10,3,-6]

Output: [-10,-6,1,2,3], order does not matter

I gave 2-pointers approach - TC: O(n), SC: O(1)

- 2. 2 sum problem, she asked me to write a code and execute it somewhere, I opened an online editor and solved the problem using hashmap(hint: array is not sorted- I asked this specifically).
 - a. I was unable to run the code as I forgot one of the method names. I tried till the end but couldn't execute it.
 - b. The algo was correct so I explained the dry run well.
- 3. How to do indexing efficiently in dbms.

Learning: Having a positive attitude and trying your best matters more than giving all the answers.

Round 3: Technical Interview 2 (1 hr)

- 1. I explained my projects in detail.
- 2. DSA questions on online IDE
 - a. Find duplicate numbers in a given array: I explained all the approaches from naive to optimal
 - b. 2-sum problem: this time I was able to run the code correctly.
 - c. LRU cache: discussed its implementation in detail. I explained the basic issues and solutions to that: random access, O(1) searching.
- 3. DBMS: about 10 different sql queries, including top(), subquery, groupby, order by. What is normalization, given a table normalize it.
- 4. OS: Multithreading: I explained this with reference to my project i.e. with example.
- 5. OOPs: Encapsulation vs. Abstraction, is-a vs. has-a relationship, static keyword, Multiple Inheritance wrt. Java, problems related to it and its solution, singleton class.
- 6. Try-catch block, what is an exception.

Learning: Revise the basics well, try to give crisp definitions, give simple examples. Smile throughout.

Round 4: Technical Interview 3 (30 min)

- What is hashing then a simple Hashing problem, to replace a key with value in a string. Catch is that we needed to use StringBuilder. She shared a link, I had to write the complete method with correct syntax.
- 2. Puzzle: There are 3 switches outside a room and a bulb in the room, I can go inside the room just once, and I have to find which switch belongs to that bulb, I tried solving it reduced the problem, it took me 5 min after that I asked that there must be some external condition, she told me that the bulb gets heated when switched on. After the hint I was able to reach the solution.

Solution:

- a. We will turn on the first switch and wait for 2 min then turn it off
- b. Turn on the second switch and go inside the room
- c. If the bulb is lit: 2nd switch
- d. If the bulb is off and cool: 3rd switch
- e. If the bulb is off and hot: 1st switch
- 3. Concurrent hashmap: I told her I haven't worked with these and will surely see to it.
- 4. OOPs: static keyword with example and why to use them.

Learning: Don't panic if you can't solve a problem, ask for hints and keep telling them the approach you are thinking of.

Round 4: HR Interview (20 min)

- 1. Brief introduction.
- 2. How is life these days (related to pandemic situation).
- 3. How were the previous rounds? She asked me to rate myself in all the three rounds.
- 4. From where did I get to know about InfoEdge and why I want to work with them?
- 5. How do I keep up with the latest tech news?
- 6. Any internships I have done?
- 7. After that I asked her questions regarding work culture, training, and how is technology assigned to a fresher?

Learning: Keep it interactive, participate fully, show activeness, ask relevant questions, be honest and practice the mostly asked questions before the round, it will help a lot.

Note: Try to look calm, never stop trying, ask as many questions you think you need to ask while solving the problems, keep a smile on your face.

PS: My interviewers were too sweet.

Result: Selected