

## **Smriti Singh: Teradata/Unisys**

**Q: Are you satisfied with the company you are placed in or you expected a better company?**

**A:** I got a dream offer from Unisys and a super dream offer from Teradata, on 8th Aug. I am satisfied with both the companies that I am placed in. I would personally prefer Teradata because of better research environment there, the job entry level and pay package.

**Q: Were there any challenges that you faced in the beginning of the placement season?**

**A:** For a CSE student, there is no dearth of opportunities and companies coming up, but the major challenge is the amount of pressure that builds up subsequently. Initially I missed out on a few major companies like MS, Dell and Novell. Also, being a PC, I was missing out on a lot of preparation time.

**Q: Were you rejected by any other company? If yes, what could be the possible reasons?**

**A:** Microsoft, Dell and Novell. Reason: Couldn't clear all the rounds to reach interview.

**Q: How many levels were there in the selections procedure of this company?**

**A:** Teradata: 1 written round, 3 technical rounds and 1 HR round.

Unisys: 1 technical test (online), 1 grammar test (online), 1 written test, 1 HR round and 1 technical round

**Q: What preparations did you make to get through the written rounds?**

**A:** I had a hard time taking out time to prepare because of the TnP work so I concentrated solely on campus preparations throughout the summers

apart from PC work and left out my project work. I worked out a little from the GATE practice book, programming questions from "Exploring C", and rest from "Coding Interview Questions" book by Karumanchi. These 3 books were all that I read or prepared to some extent and found them sufficient for covering up all the points in detail.

**Q: What preparations did you make to get through the Interview rounds?**

**A:** For technical rounds, I practiced my subjects from the books mentioned above, though I didn't practice aptitude questions much due to lack of time and interest. I also brushed up on my internship projects for the interview rounds since we tend to not remember them in details. For the HR round, I just tried to be as genuine as possible.

**Q: Any tips or suggestions for the juniors?**

**A:** A combination of strong basics in your subjects, good projects and club activities can help you bag possibly any good job. My only suggestion would be to not restrict yourself to grade studies. Also, spend time productively in the campus, be it coding, sports, clubs, etc..

**Q: Can you briefly explain your overall experience of the placement season?**

**A:** My placement season was short which is a bit relieving as now I can concentrate on my project work and placement coordinator work. Every written test and interview were a great experience. There were a lot of frustrating times when a program didn't work out or I missed some round by a small margin, but then I tried keeping faith in my abilities and tried to move on. My parents and friends helped me out a lot to get back up every time things weren't working out. At the end of the day, if you have worked hard to achieve something, you will definitely get it at the most opportune moment.