

## **D Yogendra Rao: PwC**

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

**A:** Yes. PwC is part of the Big Four and is one of the top Fortune 500 companies. I am pretty much satisfied with this offer. I will be trying for more of Investment Banks but as for now I am satisfied with PwC.

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

**A:** Some that I faced were the lack of preparation as I was doing my internship and hardly got any time to prepare. Other challenges can be the lack of awareness and the lack of experience of facing interviews. I would suggest the placement season to start from August 1<sup>st</sup> week instead of hustling and starting with the season right from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the institute re-opening.

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

**A:** Yes got rejected in some about 4-5 companies. Reason for some was I was unable to clear the online test. For one I was just unable to figure out as in what went wrong with the process.

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

**A:** There were in total 2 on campus rounds followed by 3 rounds in Mumbai followed by a final telephonic interview.

- 1) CV Based shortlisting (on-campus)
- 2) Telephonic Interview with Associates (on-campus)

- 3) Technical Interview with Director
- 4) Technical Round 2 with Senior Associates
- 5) Interview with Partners
- 6) Telephonic Round with HRs.

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

**A:** There was no written round. Selection to 2<sup>nd</sup> round was purely on the basis of CV. I worked on my CV and presented only the points that I wanted the interviewer to know. I had to cut off 2 of my projects from the CV as those were not relevant to the Job Position they were offering.

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

**A: No GD Rounds**

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

**A:** For technical rounds, I didn't do much preparations. They were looking for people having knowledge of data analysis. So I just went through the various concepts of Data mining and DBMS. Though these were never asked in the interviews. The questions were all from Data Structures.

For case study I prepared from a book called "Case in Point".

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

**A:** Clear your concepts from the beginning. Keep practicing a lot. I won't suggest you to spend most of the time in summer in preparing for the interviews. I think internships are more important than preparing for the company as you gain a lot from the internships.

Some books I would suggest:

- 1) Data Structures – Karumanchi
- 2) Cracking the coding Interview - Gayle Laakmann

Some online sites which I found useful:

- 1) [www.geeksforgeeks.com](http://www.geeksforgeeks.com)
- 2) [www.geeksquiz.com](http://www.geeksquiz.com)
- 3) [www.tutorialspoint.com](http://www.tutorialspoint.com)
- 4) <http://indiabix.com/> (for apti and quant practice)

### **5) Case in Point 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (for Case Study)**

You can follow online blogs for data mining and DBMS lectures.

Also do not ignore Aptitude and Quantitative questions as they do contribute to the total score and often they are the key factor in deciding candidates for the next round.

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

**A:** It was frustrating especially with all the rejections. Some rejections with the pretty lame excuses were hard to buy. However **all well that ends well.** I am pretty relieved with this offer now.