







# A Report on Alumni Guest Lecture titled "Mastering Technical Interviews: Tips and Tricks"

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A Guest Lecture on "Mastering Technical Interviews: Tips and Tricks" was organized by the Department of Computer Science & Engineering for III B. Tech students.

The inauguration of the Guest Lecture started at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. The dignitaries were Dr. M. Sreedevi, HOD—CSE; Mr. J. Paul Joseph, Working as AI/ML engineer, Accenture, Bangalore; Dr. R. Kiran Kumar, Alumni Relationship Officer; and Mrs. V. Geetha, Department Alumni Coordinator.

The lecture was started with opening remarks by, Dr. M. Sreedevi who thanked Management for this great initiation of creating an opportunity to invite the Alumni members of the institute and enabling them to interact with the students and enlightening them with the current developments in the corporate world. Dr. R. Kiran Kumar has shown pleasure and promised to conduct many more lectures in future for the benefit of the students.

Mrs. V. Geetha introduced the speaker and invited him to share his valuable experiences to the students. The number of students participated in the lecture were around 210.



#### **Introduction:**

Technical interviews are a crucial part of the hiring process in the tech industry. These interviews assess a candidate's problem-solving skills, coding ability, and understanding of computer science fundamentals. Mastering technical interviews requires a blend of theoretical knowledge, practical experience, and strategic preparation. This report provides an overview of essential tips and tricks to excel in technical interviews.

#### **Understanding the Interview Format:**

- **Types of Questions**: Technical interviews typically include coding problems, system design questions, and sometimes algorithmic puzzles. Some companies may also test domain-specific knowledge.
- **Interview Stages**: The process often starts with an online coding assessment, followed by phone interviews, and culminates in on-site interviews or virtual panels.

## **Core Concepts to Master:**

- **Data Structures**: Proficiency in arrays, linked lists, stacks, queues, hash tables, trees (especially binary trees and binary search trees), graphs, and heaps is essential.
- **Algorithms**: Focus on sorting and searching algorithms, dynamic programming, recursion, backtracking, and greedy algorithms. Understanding the time and space complexity of algorithms is critical.
- **System Design**: For senior positions, knowledge of system design, including scalability, load balancing, database design, and networking, is crucial.

## **Preparation Strategies:**

- **Practice Coding Problems**: Use platforms like LeetCode, HackerRank, and Codeforces to solve a wide range of problems. Start with easy problems, gradually moving to medium and hard ones.
- **Mock Interviews**: Participate in mock interviews to simulate the actual interview environment. Websites like Pramp, Interviewing.io, or practicing with peers can be valuable.
- **Study Previous Interviews**: Reviewing interview experiences shared by others on platforms like Glassdoor or Geeks for Geeks can provide insights into the types of questions asked by specific companies.
- Understand Problem Patterns: Identify and practice common patterns in coding problems, such as sliding windows, two pointers, and divide and conquer.

# **During the Interview:**

- Clarify the Problem: Before diving into coding, ensure you fully understand the problem. Ask clarifying questions and discuss edge cases with the interviewer.
- Plan Before Coding: Outline your approach on paper or a whiteboard. Discuss your plan with the interviewer before you start coding to ensure you're on the right track.
- **Think Aloud**: Verbalize your thought process while coding. This helps the interviewer understand your problem-solving approach and gives you an opportunity to correct mistakes early.
- Handle Mistakes Gracefully: If you realize an error in your code, acknowledge it, and fix it. Demonstrating the ability to debug and improve your solution is viewed positively.

# **Post-Interview Considerations:**

- **Follow-Up**: Sending a thank-you note after the interview can leave a positive impression. If you believe you made a mistake during the interview, briefly address it in your follow-up.
- **Reflect and Learn**: Analyze your performance after each interview. Identify areas of improvement and adjust your preparation strategy accordingly.

#### **Long-Term Success:**

- Continuous Learning: Stay updated with the latest technologies, programming languages, and best practices in the industry. Regularly practice coding to maintain and improve your skills.
- **Build a Strong Portfolio**: Contribute to open-source projects, build your own projects, and maintain a portfolio that showcases your skills and achievements.

## **Conclusion:**

Mastering technical interviews is a journey that requires dedication, consistent practice, and a strategic approach. By understanding the interview format, mastering core concepts, and adopting effective preparation and interview techniques, candidates can significantly increase their chances of success. Continuous learning and reflection are key to long-term success in the ever-evolving tech industry.

#### The outcome of the programme:

The program outcomes for students attending a guest lecture on " Mastering Technical Interviews: Tips and Tricks " could include several educational and skill-based benefits.

- Increased Confidence in Problem-Solving
- Higher Success Rate in Technical Interviews
- **Enhanced Career Opportunities**
- Personal and Professional Growth
- **Building a Professional Network**

The session is completed at 12:10 P.M, and he clarified the queries of enthusiastic young minds with a great zeal during the interaction time.

The resource person was honoured by a token of respectable appreciation by Dr. M. Sreedevi CSE – HOD, Dr. R. Kiran Kumar, Alumni Relation Officer and all department faculty members.

#### **Vote of Thanks:**

Mrs. V. Geetha proposed a vote of thanks to the Resource person, HOD and Alumni Relations Officer for attending the function. She extended her thanks to the Principal and the Management for their support in conducting the training.

# **Newspaper Clips:**



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