

Where did the 2001 Master of Science in Computer Science graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2001 to answer the following questions about Master of Science in Computer Science graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to get their first job offer?
- In which sectors were they employed?
- How much salary did they receive?
- How many job offers did they receive?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles?

II. Employment Situations in 2001

Of the 11 graduates from this programme, 11 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSc(CompSc)				HKU Overall*			
	2001		2000		2001		2000	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	11	100%	14	100%	570	100%	596	100%
Employed	11	100%	13	93%	508	89%	542	91%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	13	2.3%	12	2.0%
Further Studies	0	0%	1	7.1%	37	6.5%	25	4.2%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	5	0.9%	8	1.3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	7	1.2%	9	1.5%

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III Time Taken to Secure Employment

The time taken for graduates to secure employment is shown below.

By the end of	% of new graduates who have secured employment	
	2001	2000
May or before	9.1%	62%
June	27%	69%
July	36%	92%
August	55%	92%
September	64%	100%
October	82%	100%
November	82%	100%
December	100%	100%

IV Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Science in Computer Science graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Educational Institutions.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2001	2000
Commerce & Industry	73%	69%
Educational Institutions	27%	23%
Community, Social and Personal Service	-	7.7%

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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Science in Computer Science graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MSc(CompSc)		HKU Average*		MSc(CompSc)		HKU Average*	
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000
Mean	\$16,282	\$14,930	\$20,283	\$19,910	\$16,930	\$15,608	\$20,663	\$20,963
Median	\$16,000	\$15,350	\$17,100	\$17,100	\$16,000	\$1,597	\$17,333	\$17,145
Minimum	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$9,750	\$13,000	\$8,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$28,000	\$17,100	\$77,500	\$73,000	\$30,333	\$18,200	\$97,500	\$92,000

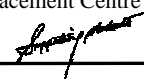
* HKU Average refers to the figure for the HKU Taught Postgraduate Programme graduates.

VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Master of Science in Computer Science graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	5 (45%)
Two	4 (36%)
Three	1 (9.1%)
Eight or more	1 (9.1%)

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VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Science in Computer Science graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Computer Science and Information Systems	- Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong - Faculty of Education	- Assistant Computer Officer
- Vocational Training Council	- Analyst Programmer
Commerce and Industry -	
- Axa China Region Insurance Co Ltd	- Programmer
- HKB2B Limited	- Web Developer
- Hong Kong Monetary Authority	- Analyst Programmer
- Infotalk	- IT Software Engineer
- Protel	- System Engineer
- The Elec & Eltek Group	- Analyst Programmer
- Unisys China/Hongkong Limited	- IS Consultant
- Organization's name not reported	- System Engineer

Note: Some of the 2001 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CePc.

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VIII. Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.
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