

Where did the 2008 Computer Engineering graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2008 to answer the following questions about Computer Engineering graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who pursued further studies, what programmes were they enrolled in?
- 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 2008

Of the 28 graduates from this programme, 25 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BEng(CE)				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	25	100%	29	100%	2572	100%	2450	100%
Employed	20	80%	28	97%	2060	80%	1977	81%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	4.0%	0	0%	15	0.6%	5	0%
Further Studies	4	16%	1	3%	462	18%	451	18%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.0%	3	0%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	34	1.3%	14	1%

* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

III. Further Studies

Since the number of respondents is smaller than 5, these information are withheld to protect privacy of the respondent(s).

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IV. 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	
	2008	2007
May or before	31%	64%
June	50%	84%
July	69%	96%
August	75%	96%
September	81%	96%
October	94%	100%
November	100%	100%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 4

V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Computer Engineering graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services and Educational Institutions.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	2007
Commerce & Industry	84%	86%
Community, Social & Personal Services	11%	3.6%
Educational Institutions	5.3%	3.6%
Civil Service	0.0%	7.1%

No Response = 1

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Computer Engineering graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	BEng(CE)		HKU Average*		BEng(CE)		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Mean	\$13,794	\$13,250	\$18,142	\$16,146	\$14,052	\$13,998	\$18,755	\$17,021
Median	\$13,000	\$12,750	\$14,000	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$13,375	\$14,583	\$13,000
Minimum	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$6,450	\$5,000
Maximum	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$87,000	\$78,500	\$20,000	\$18,417	\$87,000	\$102,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	8 (47%)
Two	6 (35%)
Three	1 (5.9%)
Five	2 (12%)

No Response = 3

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- King George V School	- Programmer
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Bright Minds Education Centre	- Administrative Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Analyst Programmer
- Center for E-Commerce Infrastructure Development	
Commerce and Industry -	
- Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.(The)	- Programmer
- Cathay Pacific Catering Services (H.K.) Ltd.	- Programmer
- Chinese Estates Holdings Limited	- Programmer
- Computer Sciences Corporation	- Programmer
- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	- Audit Associate
- Hang Seng Bank Ltd.	- IT Officer
- Harmonic Technologies (HK) Limited	- Software Engineer
- Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	- Analyst / Developer
- IBM China/Hong Kong Limited	- IT Specialist Trainee
- KPMG	- Accountant
- Nokia Siemens Networks	- SWS Tools Reporting Operator
- Pacific Century Cyberworks Limited (PCCW)	- Graduate Trainee
- Run Up Game Distribution Limited	- Programmer
- Organization's name not reported	- Consultant Trainee
- Organization's name not reported	- Software Developer

No Response = 2

Note: Some of the 2008 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CEDARS.

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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library. Please contact CEDARS for further details.

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