Exploring options in...

COMPUTER SCIENCE

There is a shortage of IT skills in the UK, and so there are lots of opportunities for graduates of any degree discipline to learn on the job in some of the best paid roles in the graduate market. While there will always be some roles which require prior coding knowledge or other technical skills, there are many others that are open to newcomers, from IT Consultancy (e.g. IBM), to software development roles which look for potential rather than prior skill (e.g. Softwire), including those that don’t specify a degree grade (e.g. FDM), to large organisations with both technical, sales and business streams (e.g. Microsoft).

Reading is well-located for all things technical. There are lots of IT firms with bases in the Thames Valley, including (just in Reading) Fujitsu, Microsoft, Oracle, Sage, Cisco and Virgin, all of which have graduate schemes. We’re also just a train journey away from London, which boasts ‘Silicon Roundabout’ – the tech start-up hub around Old Street.

Key resources

- **Target Jobs** - HR and recruitment sector overview, a great place to start
- **Gradcracker** - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths grad roles and placements
- **Code Academy** - Free learn to code site
- **Stack overflow** - Jobs for developers on one of the biggest forum sites for the community
- **Bubble** - Job board for all things digital, particularly focussed on advertising and marketing
- **BSC Recruit** - Job site from the IT professional association
- **Technojobs** - Huge IT job site
- **IT Graduate Jobs** - Linked to Techno jobs, but focussed on graduate opportunities
- **Gamesindustry.biz** - News and jobs for the computer gaming industry
- **Gamasutra** - News and jobs for the computer gaming industry
- **Silicon Milkroundabout** - Recruitment fair for the tech sector in London, focussed on start ups

You may also be interested in...

- Accountancy and Financial Services
- Advertising, Marketing and PR
- Biotechnology and Biology
- Creative Arts
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Legal Services and IP
- Leisure, Sport and Entertainment
- Media and Publishing
- Tourism, Travel, Transport and Logistics