CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE INDUSTRY KIND

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CONTEXT

- research-led Russell Group university in Scotland.
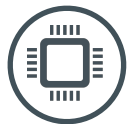- 94.9% of graduates are either in employment or further study.
- top 10 university in the Russell Group for teaching.
- School of Computing Science is top in Scotland for research impact.
- School of Computing Science ranked first or joint first in NSS four times.
- first university in Scotland to have an electronic computer.

WHAT IS IT?

- two-day workshop to develop an IT architecture as part of a Masters course.
- workshop is designed to afford students an intimate interaction with industry.
- students segment into teams of six and tackle an unseen case study.
- workshop comprises of various activities with feedback and peer-review.
- workshop is led by six representatives from IBM for 36 of the strongest students.
- workshop culminates in teams pitching solution to panel and receiving feedback.
- teams have one week to refine solution inline with feedback and pitch again.

BENEFITS

- students are exposed to unfamiliar industry activities.
- students interact with an authentic case study and industry staff.
- considerable peer-review of artefacts produced during workshop.
- refinement of soft skills in terms of communicating with peers and panel.
- authentic assessment with feedback delivered from industry.
- strong performance recognised by industry with separate certificate.

CHARACTERISTICS

- support of academics to consume two full days of timetable.
- university support in terms of space for workshop as well as catering.
- industry support to provide senior staff for two full days.
- genuine case study with prior approval of client.

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