

## Where did you come from?

We're interested in what makes people successful in computing. We're particularly interested in differences between women and men, and in how the school experience can affect later preferences and choices. So we're asking you, students who are amongst the best in the country, following a degree or postgraduate degree in a computing discipline, to tell us about your experiences.

### About you:

Gender: [Male / Female] Age:.....

What are you studying for now? BSc /BA/MSc/MA/PhD Other (please specify) .....

In what area? (e.g. Software engineering, or AI).....

Why did you choose this course?.....

### About your school experience:

Where did you go to school? UK / Other (please specify): .....

Was this school...(delete as applicable) [Single sex / Mixed] [State / Independent] [Selective / Non Selective]

Was IT/ICT compulsory in your school? If so up to what age? .....

Was your school experience of **computing** generally ...

Positive	1	2	3	4	5	Negative
Interesting	1	2	3	4	5	Boring
Easy	1	2	3	4	5	Hard

How about **mathematics**?

Positive	1	2	3	4	5	Negative
Interesting	1	2	3	4	5	Boring
Easy	1	2	3	4	5	Hard

How about **science**?

Positive	1	2	3	4	5	Negative
Interesting	1	2	3	4	5	Boring
Easy	1	2	3	4	5	Hard

What was your favourite subject at school?.....

What were your general impressions about computing when you were at school?

What A-levels did you do?.....

What did you learn at school that best prepared you for university?.....

### About your first experiences

When did you first do computer programming?.....What language?.....

What did you think of it?.....

What was the first thing that made you think you might want to study computing?.....

**About your computer usage outside of school**

When you were at school (14-16 years of age) did you have a computer at home? Yes/No

What did you use this for? (1= didn't do this, 5 = did this ALL THE TIME)

Social networking (e.g. MSN)	1	2	3	4	5
Graphic design	1	2	3	4	5
Writing stories	1	2	3	4	5
Website design	1	2	3	4	5
Homework	1	2	3	4	5
Email	1	2	3	4	5
Programming	1	2	3	4	5
Surfing on the internet	1	2	3	4	5
Playing games	1	2	3	4	5

Did you use computers in any clubs outside school (e.g. scouts/guides)? .....

**About your part time work**

Did you have a job when you were at school? Yes/No

Did this involve computers? Lots/A bit/None

What was it? .....

Do you/did you have a job as an undergrad? (holiday work counts!) Yes/No

Involving computers? Lots/A bit/None

What was it? .....

**About the future**

Are you interested in further study? (e.g. a PhD or masters degree) Yes/No

If so, what in? .....

Do you eventually want to get a job in...

(please tick all that apply)

...A "hard" technical computing field (programmer, computing researcher, systems...)

...A "soft" technical computing field (human computer interaction, testing, web design...)

...A computing *related* field

...Something to do with computing education (trainer, teacher, lecturer...)

...Nothing to do with computing

...Something we haven't thought of putting on the questionnaire (!) .....

Why do you want to do this? .....

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**And finally**

What's the best bit about computing?.....

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And what's the worst?.....

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**If you want, this questionnaire can be anonymous. But if you'd be willing to be interviewed (by email/msn/skype/whatever) please write your email address here.....**

Thanks for filling in our questionnaire. Sorry about the tiny font size!