Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 27 Jan 2009 00:01:02 GMT

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Id like to make sure from experience from people on here what jobs can you get with a BS in computer science and quesiton on a different computer field

See I want to become a computer programmer but not sure if I can get to that from a degree in computer science or do I do the computer engineering, so since most people here are in collage and know about this stuff if they can tell me which of those majors can help me be able get many choices in jobs (by that i mean someone said if i get a BS in CS I can get a few different type of jobs, which I can also use to fall back on) but be able to do computer programming which is what I want the most

1)So which is it computer science or computer engineering to become a programmer? http://www.csusb.edu/majorsDegrees/undergraduate/bsComputerScience/ http://www.csusb.edu/majorsDegrees/undergraduate/bsComputerEngineering/ 2) what jobs can i get with a bs from each of those degrees? 3)the community collage im go to in a year and half to do my general ed has this as a program on there program list

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But if you read the that you see it says Quote:

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Now I dont want AS degree (Or should I?) But what are these

Certificate Programs? do they also come with the computer science and computer engineering from the university?

4) And whats a computer systems B.A?

http://www.csusb.edu/majorsDegrees/undergraduate/baComputerSystems/

I must say please please no flaming shit talk ot off topic subjects this is something I really want to check up on and make sure I know what am doing

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Genesis 2001 on Tue, 27 Jan 2009 04:07:38 GMT

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The job I'm wanting to get requires me to have a CIS degree which is, I think, a step down from a full-blown CS degree. With a CS/CIS degree, you can get jobs like what I want to become; a developer. The job I'm looking at is an entry-level .NET programmer (/me prepares to be flamed by other coders here..) but it requires me to have a B.S. in either CIS or CS (I can't remember which off the top of my head.)

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 27 Jan 2009 04:09:24 GMT

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So which of what do I have to do along with my questions above? I plan on doing VB C++ and such

Posted by dr3w2 on Tue, 27 Jan 2009 04:18:19 GMT

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I don't wanna sound like an asshole but the best people to ask about these things are the campus recruitment department or the faculty department administrator.

But anyways to give you a rough idea of the way i see it and what i'm currently doing:

My degree im studying in is Information Technology - Networking stream. It's not a computer science degree, and yet bares the same resemblence in a lot of aspects. Our focus is networking and yet we get a strong background in programming and software also. We cover cisco CCNA and CCNP as well which is kind of awesome since its a recognized valuable certification. Also the "BIT" program runs parrallel and allows me to still apply for jobs that require a "computer science" degree (it acts as an equivalent)

To give you a rough idea of what that degree gives me in terms of careers are:

List

Network Administrator

Network Designer

Network Planner

Network Manager

Network Consultant

Network Architect

Network Analyst

Network Professional

Network Support Specialist

Network System Designer

Network Devolper

VoIP Network Designer

VoIP Network Specialist

IPTV Network Designer

IPTV Network Specialist

Network Operations Manager

Network Management Specialist

Network Test Specialist

Network Security Administrator

Network Security Specialist

Network Security Manager

IT Manager

IT Security Specialist

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Network Storage Administrator

Video Network Manager

Data Center Manager

Network Programmer

Software Programmer Software Designer Software Developer Software Tester Firmware Designer Firmware Developer Firmware Tester System Integrator QA Manager Project Manager Tools Programmer Web Developer

From what I understand computer science is more of a general aspect as apposed to a specific. Same goes for computer engineering. They try to give you abstract theory so you can apply it to all different kinds of fields.

From what i see from the descriptions and my experiences computer engineering is more technical in terms of specifications and low-level stuff such as hardware and the how software connects with hardware.

Computer science will give you a more rounded background in math, physics and software algorithms. Basically allow you to actually get the educational background in coding UI programs.

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Genesis 2001 on Tue, 27 Jan 2009 04:22:06 GMT

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The only reason I would ever take VB classes is because it's a degree requirement. Funny thing this topic came up right when I decided on getting a CIS degree also, lol..

My Course RequirementsCIS-131 - Database(MSAccess)

CIS-180 - Programming Logic

CIS-260 - Operating Systems: Intro

CIS-200 - VB.NET

CIS-220 - C#

CIS-295 - Structure Systems Analyst and Design

ACC-211 - Financial Accounting

CIS-120 - Intro to Computers (lols...)

MAT-172 - Finite Math

BUA-100(Survey of Business) OR ECN-250(Pr of Microeconomics) BUA-110(Business Applications Concepts) OR CIS-121(Spreadsheet) Because I'm going for a Bachelor's I need CIS-170 and CIS-270. There's more, but that'd make the spoiler too big

[/rant]

Anyway, if you want to do programming do Computer Engineering.

Toggle SpoilerIt is concerned with the study of a variety of topics including circuit design, programmable logic, computer design, computer programming, software engineering, data communication, machine intelligence, robotics, the algorithmic solutions of problems, and the various representations of information including numeric, alphabetic, visual, audio and sensory.

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 27 Jan 2009 04:27:14 GMT

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After reading both your replys Im still trying to look it up but I need more replys can yopu guys give me an idea of jobs I can get for each degree then try to explain more about the difffrence and if it can help me with being a programmer?

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by genetix on Tue, 27 Jan 2009 06:46:36 GMT

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My advice would be to not waste your time going for a specific area. Unless you are set on being someone that sits infront of a desk all day and writes programs just get a general computer sciences degree.

When a company wants something computer related done they hire a computer sciences graduate. That computer sciences graduate is given a problem. If he personally can't solve the problem he hires someone who can. Whats the difference between the two? The original CS guy gets paid more money and doesn't sit infront of a desk all day. He gets to talk with people and is given a chance to move up.

This is what I'm leaning towards right now. Its basically what I do already through my own company. I'm a first year student thinking about majoring in computer science.

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by luv2pb on Tue, 27 Jan 2009 07:21:38 GMT

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These days it is more about the piece of paper than what that piece of paper is in. Do what you enjoy and can get though 2/4/5 years of college. If you have a chance to get a co-op or something

similar via a program TAKE IT. Even if it is kinda crappy with crappy pay ... you get your foot in the door and it is priceless to you in the long run.

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Goztow on Tue, 27 Jan 2009 07:31:08 GMT

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Didn't you already ask this question before?

I think more important than what you can do with your diploma is the fact you like what you're studying / will be doing at work for the rest of your life.

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 27 Jan 2009 15:01:11 GMT

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Most people here already know what they wanna do, I wanna get the facts so when i do finish high school I can be sure if I will choose it, Im good with computer, maybe not the best like most of you but im not stupid at them. there all im good at out of anything else so a job with computers is something I would like and want which is why im asking these questions where some really have not gotten answered yet

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by _SSnipe_ on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 05:00:32 GMT

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Anyone? this my future here ;(

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by luv2pb on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 06:59:06 GMT

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SSnipe wrote on Wed, 28 January 2009 00:00Anyone? this my future here ;(

First off read what people have said to this point. Second if you are placing the fate of your future in this group you are in for a VERY long, VERY sad life.

Posted by SSnipe on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 14:31:34 GMT

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Shut up, I have and still keep reading it but few things still escape me

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by SSnipe on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 20:04:53 GMT

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does that sound about right

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Xylaquin on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 20:58:35 GMT

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it's best you start at a younger age.

If I were in your shoes and I didn't know how to code right now at your age, then I would be wary to go into programming. It is possible to learn, but you'd probably be way better at it had you started earlier.

Yes I know I am being negative, but I'm being realistic to an extent. That's just my opinion, if you think you can learn to code well then by all means.

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Posted by SSnipe on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 21:33:12 GMT

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I know what you mean and I am going to try my best even if I cant become a programmer im still going to go to school for either computer science or engineering since computers are all im good at

On a side note anyone have some good books I can buy to teach me about c++ and programming?

google came up with c++ for dummies

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by dr3w2 on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 05:33:38 GMT

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Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by SSnipe on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 05:40:39 GMT

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Posted by dr3w2 on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 06:04:13 GMT

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Posted by SSnipe on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 07:05:28 GMT

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imn buy some c++ learning books and see if I like it, I mean when i did simple chat hooks for renegade it made me happy even tho it was simple and easy like 2 year old shit I liked making something out of nothing but if not I still have either CE or CS to back up on

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Goztow on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 07:26:39 GMT

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That would actually be my advice as well: start some self study on a rather easy programming language. Example: PHP.

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Posted by _SSnipe_ on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 07:30:40 GMT

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Download visual studio and try reading up on visual basic.

People may knock visual basic but it will allow you to expirement with the basics of things (you know.. loops if statements sorting etc..) without having to worry about the syntax and a lot of background work.

You can even start it as a console and just write things to the console, or a new windows form project and make a visual application (like notepad for example .. altho there is so much more that can be done with it)

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Doitle on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 16:56:19 GMT

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Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Snipe on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 20:15:39 GMT

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Thank you so much this my best answer yet

Hell lets say I do go for CS and lets say I do end up getting my degree, I might just do what my family does and go for another degree as in CE or maybe a master in CS but im thinking way to far ahead

when I get money Im buy some books on c++ is there any other books I should buy with that? maybe java?pearl? or what you think i'll need

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by cnc95fan on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 21:59:06 GMT

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I've always been a fan of learning assembley because of some wise words from SEye

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by danpaul88 on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 22:02:41 GMT

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Doitle wrote on Thu, 29 January 2009 16:56I also really enjoy Java and it's a much easier platform to learn concepts like multithreading, sockets, the like prior to learning them in a C language.

I completely agree with you there!

Java was the first real programming language I learnt and the strict structure it imposes on your code is, in my opinion, a great starting point for object oriented coding in other languages such as C++.

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Carrierll on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 22:24:12 GMT

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If you want to start with a language designed for teaching, there's always Pascal, which is what I learnt first. Can't give any advice on books for C++ though.

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by _SSnipe_ on Sun, 01 Feb 2009 08:07:53 GMT

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Thanks for the info guys

heres a question since the transcript for high school says we only need 2 years of math to graduate Do i need 3 or 4 years of high school math classes to be able to work on a CS degree? (not inc collage)

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Doitle on Sun, 01 Feb 2009 21:02:31 GMT

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It would certainly help. Let me do a degree Audit to see what Bradley requires as far as math for CS majors. It might even be as much as us EEs are required to take.

Yep, you will likely need to go all the way through Calculus 3. Looks like you probably wont have to take Differential Equations though. The better your foundation in math is the better time you will have in a technical degree. In my case I took something called AP Calculus in high school which allowed me to take a specialized test at the end of the year and receive college credit. This allowed me to enter as a freshman in Calculus 2. That might be something to look into if you really want to go this route. If you only take two years of math in high school you will likely still be able to get into the CS major but you will have a lot of work ahead of you trying not only to pass all the math classes you need to catch up but staying "on sequence" in your major without requisite math skills. It really hurt me last semester because I took Differential Equations "off sequence" and so in my Signals and Systems Analysis course I had to just teach myself how to do the required differential equations used in certain cases since the course assumes you have already taken it. It is much easier to have taken the courses already than have to teach yourself them for use in other courses!

Posted by SSnipe on Sun, 01 Feb 2009 21:10:27 GMT

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Well math is hard to me its something Im really have trouble with and work harder to understanding it

far as I know I past aglerbra 1 and not on second semester of geometry (about to start) which means I have 2 years left after I finish this lats semester which class should it be?

I know the have algebra 2 but see in my school I can choose which one to take and Im thinking after this take algebra 2 then Calculus senior year

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Doitle on Sun. 01 Feb 2009 21:32:41 GMT

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You need to take something like a "Precalculus and Trigonometry" course before you take Calculus. I'm not sure what your school offers but as an example this is what I took in high school.

Geometry > Advanced Algebra and Trig > Precalculus and Trig > AP Calculus

Math IS hard so that's not a reason to think you can't do it or that you shouldn't try. Math is quite literally the language of existence. Everything is math: Art, Science, Business, Engineering...

The way I see it is, in some games you have stats that you can increase to become better at a specific thing. Sometimes there is a talent or a perk or something that makes you a little better at everything. That perk is math.

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by _SSnipe_ on Sun, 01 Feb 2009 21:34:43 GMT

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Well Im get a list of classes of math my school offers and put them here tomorrow after I get out

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Doitle on Sun, 01 Feb 2009 21:46:09 GMT

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I dont know if this is your school or not but I thought I might be able to find the course list for your high school online. I know you live in Riverdale so I figured Riverdale High School was a good bet. The student handbook is pretty funny.

http://www.riverdale.k12.ca.us/schools/riverdalehs/fil_files/56.pdf

No beards, no dyed hair, and you can't wear many teams athletic apparel due to gang affiliation? They seem like such random choices too. I didn't know there was a gang affiliated with University of Michigan or the Cleveland Browns.

Also I am suprised to see that holding hands is acceptable as that was totally not Ok at my highschool despite all the other things above being ok.

Also they have to buy a card to be able to participate in after school activities or athletics? Insanity.

Anyhow I'm guessing that isn't your high school SSnipe since that handbook states a required 3 years of math and you said you only need 2. Still a funny read though.

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by _SSnipe_ on Sun, 01 Feb 2009 22:19:44 GMT

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Sorry to say your wrong

I live in riverside california

Right now my school is called E.O.C. which means educational oppiosn center...veyr easy school we choose what classes and choose how fast and when we wanna do...the students control there classes and work we turn it in its gets checked and do a test every uni

my school is part of a campus with 5 schools 3 of which are E.O.C./raincross cont/summitview heres the link to the one in part of

http://www.rusd.k12.ca.us/ourschools/alt/eoc/Default.htm

yes, my schools is a continuation school which even tho we are are part of that school we are housed on a local school campus

here

http://www.jwnorth.org/

so to say it easier my school is a continuation school called E.O.C./raincross which im part fo that school but im on a diff school campus at north high school which we are not part of that school we dont tlak to them we dont get included into the school there classes grades ANYTHING at all have nothing to do with use we just are there since its closer but we not part of that school so (its like spending the night at someones house)

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Posted by Doitle on Mon, 02 Feb 2009 03:07:58 GMT

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Ah riverside, I knew it was something similar to that. Did you find anywhere on that site that says what math classes are offered?

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by SSnipe on Mon, 02 Feb 2009 03:09:02 GMT

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Doitle wrote on Sun, 01 February 2009 19:07Ah riverside, I knew it was something similar to that. Did you find anywhere on that site that says what math classes are offered? I think this is it

http://www.rusd.k12.ca.us/standards/math/

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by Doitle on Mon, 02 Feb 2009 03:20:14 GMT

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looks like they are split up more than my high school. Ideally you would get through Calculus before graduation but even getting through trigonometry would be helpful.

Subject: Re: Computer Science

Posted by _SSnipe_ on Mon, 02 Feb 2009 03:45:57 GMT

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Im not sure if I can skip past it but after my geometry is done there NO MORE room left fro my transcript which means i only need 2 years of math so after that im guessing I can choose the next math class on my own?