Who am I? ~ Undergraduate Computer Science Student

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Background

The Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) is one of Ireland’s largest third-level institutions. Kevin Street College, the home of the DIT School of Computing (SC) was started in 1887 to provide technical education and training in specialist fields. This continues to be the goal of the SC with an emphasis on research and industry links. The DIT college of Science and Health has been offering courses in computing since 1971.

Materials and methods

The survey was delivered to the students through their college email account and was administered through the use of surveymonkey.com. The survey was voluntary. To increase response rates it was introduced by the head of school who noted the significance of the survey. The survey was open for three weeks.

Response Rates

Response rates were high for all groups but the FT fourth years this was due to the timing of the survey alongside the final two weeks of the Final Year Projects.

Results

UG are predominantly males (92%) from Dublin. 74% of UG students are Irish, 7% Polish and 5% Chinese other 14% are constituted by 14 countries majority of which are European.

Irish students are predominantly from Leinster.

13% of undergraduate students are commuting >20Km a day to study Computer Science in the DIT.

Conclusions

• Online survey by college email was ideal
• Response rates were very good with the exception of final year FT UG (13%).
• UG are predominantly males from Dublin.
• 74% of UG students are Irish, 7% Polish and 5% Chinese other 14% are constituted by 14 countries majority of which are European.
• Irish students are predominantly from Leinster.
• 13% of undergraduate students are commuting >20Kms to study Computer Science in the DIT.

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For further information

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