# Becoming a Preferred Graduate in Computing



Preferred Graduate Checklist + Reflective Note = Your Story of Becoming a Preferred Graduate

#### Your Story of Becoming a Preferred Graduate

Monitoring your development and reflecting on your experience help you become better. The checklists and templates in this document are specially designed to help you monitor and reflect on your status as a preferred graduate.

#### How?

- 1. Use the *preferred graduate checklist* to check your status as a preferred graduate at regular intervals (e.g. every year / semester)
- 2. *Reflect* the guidelines in the reflection templates will help you and write down your reflections, thoughts, ideas, plans...

Write your story,

Live your story!



#### **Preferred Graduate Checklist**



#### *What is a Preferred Graduate in Computing?* See table below. *Why are the qualities of a Preferred Graduate important?* Read the first column carefully.

Nature of the Computing Studies discipline	Qualities of the Preferred Graduates in the discipline	How far am I from being a Preferred Graduate?	
		'How much water would there be in your bucket?' A B C D E Circle one.	
Computing is about creatively applying computers and related technology to different information processing areas such as business, industry and public sectors.	Understand mathematical and computing system concepts in general	АВСДЕ	1
Because the computing field contains many areas, a software professional cannot specialize in all of them. Instead, he or she must know about the whole field and specialise only in a few areas.	Have specialised knowledge in chosen areas of computing	АВСДЕ	2
Factors such as cost-effectiveness, reliability, ethical, ergonomics and management concerns, etc. are as important as the technical (技術上) issues in software design and analysis.	Have general knowledge of economics, social, human and environmental sciences, etc.	АВСДЕ	3
Technical knowledge and skills in the area of computing are very important. Especially the principles governing the computing environment	Able to critically apply practical skills in the information engineering life cycle.	АВСДЕ	4

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When doing a job, software professionals often work as a team. Therefore, they must have strong communication and teamwork skills.	Have strong communication and interpersonal skills	АВСDЕ	5	
		Able to be a team player	ABCDE	6
	Since a team must have leaders, software professionals have strong leadership skills.	Able to be a leader	АВСDЕ	7
In Computing, for every problem there are usually several possible solutions. To get the	Open-minded	ABCDE	8	
	best result, it is necessary to first consider (考 慮到) all possible solutions before deciding on the best one.	Have critical thinking (思考) and analytical (分析) skills	АВСDЕ	9
		Have problem solving skills	ABCDE	10
	Computing often involves creatively applying an old technology to a new situation to produce new results.	Creative	АВСDЕ	11
	Since the Computing field changes everyday, software professionals must learn through a lifetime. They are committed in continuous professional development (CPD).	Have independent and life-long learning skills	АВСDЕ	12
	A software professional understands the direction the world is going towards and tries to lead that direction.	Have a global view (掌 握 國 際 趨 勢)	АВСDЕ	13
	Software professional must observe the ethical standards of the profession. They also weigh (衡 量) fairly the limitations (極 限) of the products and technologies that are developed.	Be responsible for the actions taken	АВСDЕ	14
		Able to see both the positive and negative sides of everything	АВСDЕ	15

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### Your first time ... with the preferred graduate checklist

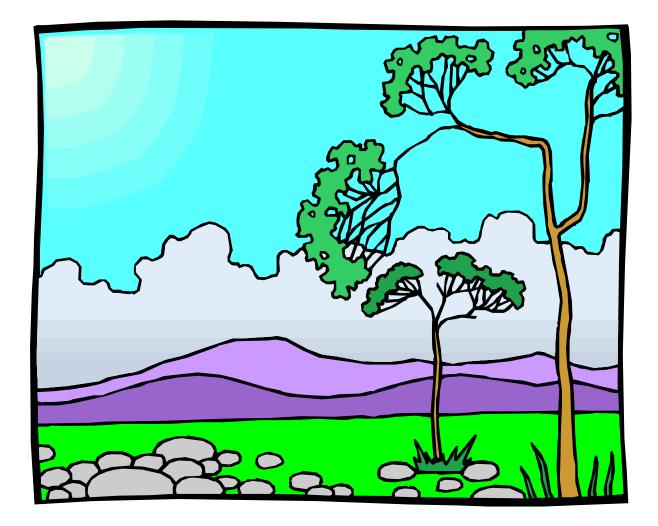
Now that you have completed the preferred graduate checklist for the first time, what have you learnt about your discipline? What have you learnt about *yourself* as a future professional in that discipline? How prepared are you? What do you need to work on? How...

- 1) Assess your status as a preferred graduate by completing the preferred graduate checklist.
- 2) Write on next page your reflections and plans regarding your development as a preferred graduate.



Today is \_\_\_\_\_

Q Is being a professional in your field like what you have expected?
Q What qualities do you need? What qualities do you have?
Q How do you plan to develop the qualities you need?



# One year has gone ... How far have you gone?

It has been some times since you last completed a preferred graduate checklist, how far have you progressed since then? What qualities have you developed or need to develop? What new goals will you set for the coming year?

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Today is \_\_\_\_\_

- @ Have you achieved the goals that you set last time?
  @ Are the strategies that you have used to develop relevant qualities effective?
  @ What do you need to work further on?



### The time is coming closer... Let's give it the finishing touch

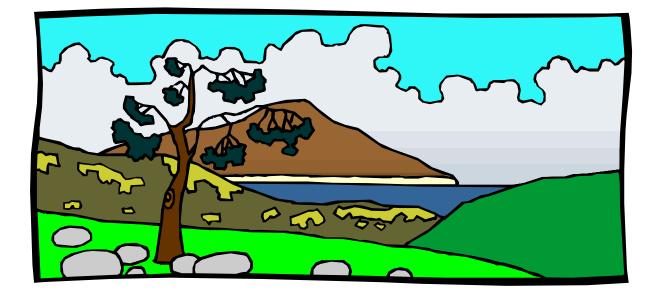
You are now only one year from your becoming a professional, how far left do you have to go? What steps do you need to take to get there (in terms of competence rather than qualification)? What would be your focuses this year?

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- What qualities remained to be developed?
  What learning difficulties have you encountered? How could they be overcome?
  How would you plan this year in relation to your career development?



#### Finale ... Are you ready?

At last, you are here, up on a hill looking at the prospect that lies in front of you, seeing all the challenges and opportunities. After all these years, what have you learnt about yourself? Are you ready?

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Today is \_\_\_\_\_

- What do you know about your strengths and weaknesses?
  How well do you know yourself as a learner, a professional, and a person?
  What will you bring with you from your university life into your working life?