

Questions & Decisions

1. What is the age range of the target audience? Current spec. shows grades 9 to 12
Bruce: Grades 9 to 12. So far we have emphasized 11 and 12 but we could decide that 9 through 12 are equally important.

2. What about CS as a minor to another profession?
- A student majoring in biology with a CS minor for data analysis
 - A student majoring in geography with a CS minor for GIS analysis
 - A student majoring in robotics

Bruce: All useful for both Oregon and the students but ETIC is focused on engineering, computer science, and material science degrees so the ETIC CSTF is focused on CS degrees.

Ken: U of W videos show CS graduates with jobs analyzing data from forest fires to cell biology and interacting with people, not simply sitting in a cube writing code. So casting a wider net to show potential CS students the diversity of a CS degree is behind the "CS as a minor" question. Perhaps there are other solutions.

3. Do OUS campuses have data on recent CS grads, where do they work and what are they doing? It would be nice to feature a few recent grads in the Real People section.

Bruce: We have limited statistical data but it looks like you're looking for names and contact information. The department chairs definitely have that, especially for some of the favorite students. In fact, someone like Michal Young suggested that the interview we did 18 months ago of a current student might be followed up by interviewing the same student who may have since graduated and taken their first career job. But we certainly not restricted to that scenario we can ask department chairs what they know about where their favorite students have gone to work.

4. Does anyone have contacts at companies where we could profile recent CS grads?
- We would like to profile using video & audio to show interesting CS work.

Bruce: Yes, Steve Aho at Mentor has offered. This should also be possible at other places like Intel, Tek, HP, IBM, etc

Ken: Becky Meier of PCC Workforce Center (Capital Center) has an HR contact at Google in The Dalles. Plan is to find any Oregon CS grads working at Google and see if we can interview them.