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PREREQUISITE FOR EXCEL

COMP FAIR '20

ACTIVITY REPORT

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Activities Information

Date: 10 December 2020 to 11 December 2020

Venue: PERSAKA Facebook Live

Organizer: Persatuan Mahasiswa Sains Komputer (PERSAKA)

Graduate Attributes

- Thinking Skills
- Enterprising Skills
- Adaptability

Role in the Activity

Position: Participant

Mini Report

Comp Fair '20 was held by Persatuan Mahasiswa Sains Komputer (PERSAKA) at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) from the 10th to the 11th of December 2020. It was the largest yearly IT event organised by School of Computing students, with a focus on academic and IT expertise. The major goal of Comp Fair '20 was to encourage an active learning culture among School of Computing students, as well as to provide a forum for students to improve their IT expertise and awareness of recent advances in the computer science sector.

Being in the computer science field and currently pursuing Data Engineering course, I thought that joining Comp Fair '20 would be beneficial for me. Through events such as a prep talks, academic workshop, forum, and programming combat, Comp Fair '20 aspired to impact the society. I have joined several prep talks and discussions during the events, namely "Mental Skills is Important as Other Skills", "Challenges During Start-up and How to Survive", and "Journey from Engineering to Entrepreneurship".

The prep talks were very good indeed with very experienced panels invited to each talk and various topics were discussed. Besides prep talks, Comp Fair '20 also held Code on Weekend academy course, Programming Battle events for students to improve their programming abilities.

To cap off the event, Prof. Ts. Dr. Wan Mohd Nasir Wan Kadir, Chair of the School of Computing, was asked to make a closing statement and officiate the Comp Fair '20 Closing Ceremony. Comp Fair '20 went off without a hitch, with over 700 participants and viewers taking part in the activities throughout the two-day fair.

Self-Reflection

It is important that we gain knowledge and experience no matter what field we are in. I am very happy that PERSAKA organised an event like Comp Fair '20 as it has really served as a platform to enhance students' IT knowledge. The prep talks, workshops and forums were very crucial for our development in the computer science field and has further helped us develop graduate attributes.

Through the workshops and Programming Battle, Comp Fair '20 has certainly developed students' **thinking skills**. Participants gained programming skills and also problem-solving skills when encountering with difficulties in programming, which is critical as programming is a big part of computer science.

Besides, I have also gained **enterprising skills** from the talk "Journey from Engineering to Entrepreneurship". The speakers for the talk are CEO and COO of RunCloud company, their courage to venture into entrepreneurship has really enlightened me as I understand that transitioning to a sector that we are not familiar with is so challenging, not only we need to have good decision-making skills but being innovative, strategic thinking and commercial awareness are all key factors for success.

Through the prep talk "Mental Skills is Important as Other Skills", I have developed and learned more on **adaptability**. The industry will always look for flexible and adaptable employees, while it is tough and stressful to deliver the perfect outcome and meet demands from our employer, it is important that we handle stress and emotions, adapt to changes, respond to uncertain situations to be successful.

In conclusion, Comp Fair '20 has benefitted me a lot. Of all the prep talks and forums, the knowledge inputs are promising and have motivated me to move forward and challenge myself in the computer science field. I hope that there will be Comp Fairs more often as it is a blessing that we get to share knowledge on various topics.

Photos and Certificate



Figure 1: Comp Fair '20 Event Poster



Figure 2: Prep Talk "Mental Skills is Important as Other Skills"



Figure 3: Prep Talk “Mental Skills is Important as Other Skills” Certificate as Participant

MEMULAKAN STARTUP

APA MASALAH YANG INGIN ANDA SELESAIKAN?

- Belajar Lean Business Canvas dan Business Model Canvas
- Dapatkan mentor
- Tengok penyelesaian semasa

Idea → **Planning** → **Teamwork** → **Resources** → **Strategy** → **Product** → **Idea**

Figure 4: Prep Talk “Challenges During Start-up and How to Survive”



Figure 5: Prep Talk "Challenges During Start-up and How to Survive" Certificate as Participant



Figure 6: Prep Talk "Journey from Engineering to Entrepreneurship"



Figure 7: Prep Talk "Journey from Engineering to Entrepreneurship" Certificate as Participant