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The journey of speaker starting up his business has inspired me a lot. The reason for me to study computer science is to build my own computer games. But during working on the final year project, which is a computer game, I learn that building computer games is not as easy as I thought. There are mount of challenges when building computer game. When you are trying to overcome them with many partners, cooperating with the others may produce some other problems. High start-up cost is also needed to perfect the game in order to make profit. It is difficult to plan everything with minimum risk and maximum profit.

However, Terence Tsang said that it is not possible to plan all the things well before taking action. Tsang told us that there was no long-term plan when he quitted his job and started up the business with his brother. They put all eggs in one basket and decided to disband the team if the project was fail. Finally, the project, Tower of Saviors, becomes one of the popular mobile game in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

I had decided to give up my dream. But I would like a try after graduation after attending this seminar. Government has set up a program supporting teenagers to start up their business. Potential partners can be found in university. The things to be done at this moment are improving programming skill and searching partners but not being too worried about the challenges after the business is built. I hope to create a popular game with my partners after graduation and share my journey to the others like what Tsang has done.

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This seminar is really like what the title suggests, which is about the history of Mobile network, from 1994 to future development, and from 1G mobile network to future 5G mobile network. The talk is quite technical and for those who knows only a basics of electronic engineering like me, I found d it quite hard to understand the technologies behind and could hardly find interest in this field of studies. This could be caused by some other reasons as well, especially related to the content of the presentation. The content covered is like extracted from lecture notes, and no associations with everyday like, except it is the technology we are using.

This seminar is important to me is not because of the content, frankly speaking, but the opportunities to mingle with the staff from ASTRI, such that we could know more about this company. The existence of this company also has impact on applying technology in real business, which is what the entrepreneur center of HKUST has always emphasises.

Academic research has always been separated from real business applications especially in Hong Kong. Unlike larger firms in other big countries, they have high revenue to spend on research and development for their own development. However for Hong Kong, as the firm size is smaller in general, their extent of expenditure on research and development is largely limited. With the existence of ASTRI, those companies could directly cooperate with it and could therefore reduce the cost spent on R&D. This is called division of labour and utilisation of the talents of students and researchers in HKUST.

After attending this talk, I further recognise that for a country to development and sustain in the long term requires research and development, just like what a normal company needs. On the other hand, the researches from academic area requires the business applications in order to sustain its research expenditure. That is why applying research results in business application is important, and that's why ASTRI has its market and expands itself.

To conclude all, after attending this talk, I have not only know more about mobile network development history, but also the company ASTRI itself, as well as the demand for this kind of company to exist in any developed companies and countries, despite the talk being quite boring.

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This is a talk held by a team in IBM. IBM is a big global IT firm that work across multiple sectors in the IT industry, from software development, cloud computing, and to business analysis, as well as business consultation. The team generally talks their experience of their career in IBM (as well as their former company) and introduces us the IBM recruitment program.

The speaker, Mr. Marc, is an experienced developer that had served his old company and continued his career after IBM acquired the old company he belongs to. Although he did not illustrate a lot about the acquirement, through the history of his career, I can see that how global IT companies act in the market. Nowadays, company acquirement is so common that big global company like IBM would buy small software development firm to integrate their software product into IBM. During my internship in the summer holiday, I had an experience to do a basic research in an old IBM product that was developed by a 3rd party company that IBM had acquired in the 00's. The software was then integrated into IBM business analysis (BA) product series as part of its cloud BA software package. These acquirements strengthen IBM's position in the IT business market.

Judging from the content related to IBM business, I think the talk is quite useful. To most of us, as a student of the computer science field, IBM is a well-known IT company. However, it is likely that we do not fully know IBM's product and its position in the business market. The talk gave a brief but useful picture of which field is IBM working at and how does it act in the business market.

In the end, members that have joined IBM's program introduces us the "Consulting by Degrees" program offered by IBM. IT consulting industry is one of the largest profit earning sectors of IBM. It would be a not-bad opportunity to join IBM's program and to start the consultant career. However, I think before my graduation, or at least in this remaining year, there might be some more opportunity to seek. I should explore more opportunity in the IT field before making my decision.

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On Oct 28th, I attended the seminar 'Up against the challenge: one platform for all'. The seminar was given by directors from Microsoft. As a student studying computer science, I am interested in topics relevant to computer companies, and I registered for this seminar the moment I saw the information of it. After attending the seminar, I felt that being a participant of it was a fruitful experience and I really had some reflections upon it.

The seminar could be divided into two parts. As is known to all, Microsoft have released Windows 10, the newest update of the operating system. In the first part, the speakers introduced some new features and applications of Windows 10 to us. For example, the new version of universal app platform, which can be used for designing applications and games. Seeing the novel features of the platform, I felt that the pace of technology development is so fast that we have to continue studying to keep up with the information era.

The rest of the seminar was about practice. We were asked to use Universal Windows Platform to modify an App about UST. The original App had a menu and could show information of our university, however, a limit was that when we try to change the size of the window, the images and texts would not change their scale accordingly. So it was our task to adjust the application program. A solution provided was setting different visual state groups and matched them with relative panels. Though I was a green hand in using Universal Windows Platform and I didn't perform the App perfectly, I felt glad to have this designing experience.

To sum up, this seminar has greatly broadened my horizon and inspired my interest in designing applications. Most of the time, we use the Windows system only to write doc files or surf the Internet, but we have ignored that there are so many possibilities provided by the system. I realized that Windows is a powerful system and there are many functions worth making use of. It is said that a good CS student should be proficient in using different operating systems, so I decide to try to master more functions of Windows in the future. Besides, I find designing applications is an interesting and meaningful work after using the Universal Windows Platform. To design a software, we have to be skilful at writing program, and we also have to design applications that are user-friendly. The process of designing a software may be tough, but through it we can greatly improve our skills and gain relevant knowledge. Despite that I haven't taken any courses about software engineering, I am really looking forward to them.

In the end, I feel very grateful that I can be provided this precious chance to attend this seminar. I will make efforts to study hard and gain knowledge in order to make contributions to the information era and have achievements in my future area, just like what I saw in the seminar. Thank you.

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This talk make a great insight for me to plan my career path as it introduce IS Audit to me very well.

First of all, auditor likes a life guard, identify the high risk area in the system, and then assign weighting to each risk. Then, give out identify test and controls. Report the finding to management department and give advisement or remedy. Finally, follow up the task.

More precisely, IT audit is a business of internal audit, which is focus on internal control. For internal control, the most elementary theory is “3 lines of defence”. The first line of defence is “Operating management” which means the department itself. Second line is “Operation risk”, which means measurement and monitor. The final line, which is the core, is about the risk framework, which is to check if risk management framework is effective.

He also mentioned the work of IS audit, such as “Operational Control work”, “Conduct audit work”, which is to ensure the guideline followed properly, “Financial Control work” and “Project risk audits”, which is for defining audit scope and advise them so as to help customer follow their schedule on time.

He also suggested us to take some competence after graduate:

- CISA: (it auditor basic, can know what auditor want or ask)
- CISM: internet security, information risk profession (duel with security manager)
- CRISC: second line of deference, enterprise risk, general control process, risk management concept.
- CGIT

I will join ISACA and consider IT audit as one of my working choice after this talk, as I believe IT Audit will let me learn a lot of things in few years. My personal development can also be well developed. Not only programming, business process and objective can also be learnt.