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A Taste of Oxford Education

The Software Engineering Programme at Oxford University is holding a free one-day 'taster' for their part-time professional Masters Degree in Software Engineering. The event, which will feature a selection of seminars illustrating the Programme, will be held in Oxford on Saturday 3rd March 2007.

Software engineering is the application of scientific and engineering principles to the development of software systems—principles of design, analysis, and management—with the aim of:

- developing software that meets its requirements, even when these change;
- completing the development on time, and within budget;
- producing something of lasting value—easy to maintain, re-use, and re-deploy.

The Software Engineering Programme teaches the principles of modern software engineering, together with the tools, methods, and techniques that support their application. It offers working professionals the opportunity to learn more about the technological advances that are changing their lives, through a course of part-time study at one of the world's leading universities.

"We want to give people a chance to see what we do," said **Professor Jim Davies, Director of the Software Engineering Programme**. *"Some might be surprised at how accessible, and practical, our courses can be."*

During the event, there will be seminars illustrating each of the five themes of the Programme: **formal techniques, object technology, software architecture, computer security, and development processes**. It will be possible to book a formal **application interview** for the day. There will also be the opportunity for informal discussions with lecturers, and the chance to talk with **past and present students** and to explore the Programme's **research projects**.

Professor Davies added: *"These seminars will be engaging and thought provoking. People can attend without any further obligation, but everyone should find something of lasting interest."*

Further details of the event, and information on how to apply for entry, are available from the Programme's web site at: <http://www.softeng.ox.ac.uk/programme/openday/>

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