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Czech universities are not able to fulfill the demand for IT graduates

In spite of the fact that Czech universities accept more and more students of IT specializations, the companies' demand for IT graduates will exceed the supply over the next three years. Another problem is that graduates of the particular universities have very different knowledge, which results in companies having high costs related to education and training. These findings result from the actual research of organizations ČSSI, SPIS, CACIO and the University of Economics, Prague.

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There are about 233 thousand IT specialists in the Czech Republic. In 2006, companies demanded four thousand new employees with IT qualifications and a university degree. This high level of demand was partly caused by emerging projects of multinational companies, such as IBM, DHL or CA. Because of the insufficient number of IT graduates from Czech universities, fifty percent of the time companies had to employ students educated in different specializations. Those students needed significant retraining.

Based on the research, companies search for graduates with a broad spectrum of knowledge in IT, but also with communication skills, team work abilities, presentation skills and an orientation in economics and business. Current graduates of IT bachelors' programs often do not fulfill the companies' requirements. 84 % of those graduates must undergo 100 or more days of training to obtain the minimal level of knowledge demanded. Students with a master degree are doing better – about 50 % of those graduates need less than 60 days of further education.

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