

PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS

MSC MALAYSIA JOB CAMP VERY LARGE SCALE INTEGRATION PROGRAMME (VLSI)



"I start the training with zero knowledge on Verilog and just a little bit of background knowledge on FPGA.. Through the classes and project, I have learned a lot on Verilog coding, FPGA coding techniques, and FPGA architecture. I also got the chance to play around and explore the latest technology available such as the Spartan 6 board and Xilinx 11.2 ISE during the hands-on labs. The project given has trained me on how to design, develop, debug, and implement real system from scratch such that now I'm more confident in doing my master research."

**Nur Aira Binti Abd Rahman, Uninersiti Putra Malaysia
MSC MALAYSIA JOB CAMP, BATCH 10**

"From the first day I had joined this program, I totally had zero knowledge of designing with FPGA especially how to write the verilog coding in order to do a design. Yes, I had learned it before at my 2nd year of my study at UKM, but as a student at that time I had no interest to focus in the subject. So, when a representative from Symmid called me, give an explanation about the whole program and ask about my interest in joining the program, I had decided to accept the offer in order to regain my knowledge in designing of VLSI using FPGA. After I start my classes in this program, I had improved my confidence level in VLSI day after day.

In designing the project, at first it is really difficult for me to understand the VGA timing diagram, how it is operate and how to start and do the coding. But with the help of my group partner and the trainers, I had successfully do the coding and completed the project at the given time.

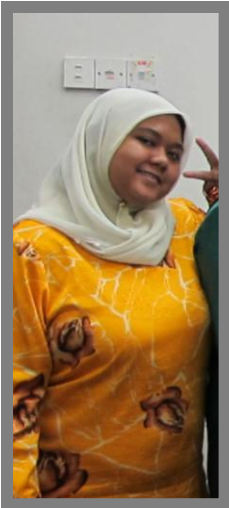
Now, I think I am no longer a person with zero knowledge in FPGA. I will used my experience at the training as an advantage for me in order to find a job and Insyallah, I hope it will help me in my career in the future."

Nur Athirah Binti Abdullah Hani, MSC MALAYSIA JOB CAMP, BATCH 10



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“When I first joined this program, I thought it will be just like the classes I had during my study days. Just teach and give quizzes without taking any consideration of the students’ development, whether they understand or not. But I was wrong. It was a great experience and I’m quite sad as it has to end. But I would like to thank Symmid Corporation and MdeC for giving me this opportunity to gain more knowledge and experience. For sure I would suggest my friends to join this Job Camp rather than just wasting time at home doing nothing. I hope I can join this kind of program again.”

**Wan Syazana Binti Zainol Abidin, UNIKL-BMI,
MSC MALAYSIA JOB CAMP, BATCH 10**

“Alhamdulillah I made the right decision by joining this programme. This is a very great opportunity to learn VLSI from the Expert. Its worth to spend 40 days since a lot in fact tons of information and knowledge on VLSI gained”.

**Khaulah Bt Ahmad Faridz, Universiti Putra Malaysia,
MSC MALAYSIA JOB CAMP, BATCH 10**



“As being honest, I admit that after going through all 40 days training here, I get some knowledge about coding technique. Before this, I never learn about FPGA and also Verilog. The first time I entered here, I don’t know anything about Verilog, Linux, ISE and so many things. But after finish this training and after doing some project about receiver and coding system, I learn something new. This experience will be useful for me to try something new and to get a job after this”.

**Izyan Nadiah Hamidi, Institut Teknologi Pertama
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“At the starting point when given the project, we were clueless what to do. But as we done the presentation of preview and review of the project, we gain a lot more understanding of what to do and what information needed to search so that the project will be completed.

Also guidance’s from the instructors are most welcome and helpful in working the project or in depth understanding of the project. The project needs a lot of commitment from each member. When one member is stuck at certain point, the outside eyes or the view from other member can seek the problem meaning that teamwork is important in working in groups.

Characters and perception of each person is differ from one to another, and how to interact and conduct a good working environment can be learned during the project completion time. The project finished by finding the solution at every mistake that has been made”.

**Nor Asyeha Binti Abd Rahim, UITM Shah Alam,
MSC MALAYSIA JOB CAMP, BATCH 08**



“I have learned about IC design and differentiation between ASIC and FPGA design flow. Currently in IC design, the most important specification is speed. From this job camp training, I have learned methods to improve/ increase performance of the design such as by using pipelining and flops duplication. Verilog is very powerful HDL language and by using FPGA board from Xilinx it can reduce cost in design because that design can be test before it being fabricate.

Besides that, I have learned about team work, time management and creative thinking during doing the project. At the end of the training, I and my group members has successfully design and implement the LCD Controller”.

**Habibah binti Zulkefle, UITM Shah Alam
MSC MALAYSIA JOB CAMP, BATCH 08**

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"These job camps are meaningful for me. During last year of my bachelor study, one of my subjects taken is digital design where I need to design Verilog of washing machine by using Altera, Quartus II. Basically I know how to write the coding but I don't understand why that coding like that. by attend this job camp, right now i really understand all the purpose of that coding. Until today, I always thinking why my campus not provided the teaching technique like this??..If their teach like this, my digital design probability to score 'a' is highest!. I hope by having this skill of FPGA, it's easier for me for looking any placement of job in these industries".

**Atiqah Jalalludin, UNIKL-BMI,
MSC MALAYSIA JOB CAMP, BATCH 09**



"The job camp session has given me the opportunity to learn and apply Verilog in different application. This job camp also makes me adept with industrial field. The knowledge I've gained here are really useful for the future in this field".

**Mohd Fayadh Mohd Ibrahim, Universiti Putra Malaysia,
MSC MALAYSIA JOB CAMP, BATCH 09**

"My major was in Fabrication Process in Microelectronic Technologies. I joined the Job Camp at MDeC to sharpen my skills enabling me to upgrade my knowledge in Hardware Description Language through real life scenario simulation. This has allowed me to cope better with problems that crop up on the job. I think my career prospects will be much better as employers are looking for skilled personnel. In fact, I secured a job even before my training was completed. It's was really great."

**Mohd Fadzil Ismail, Uni. Malaysia Perlis,
MSC MALAYSIA JOB CAMP, BATCH 01
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Working as a team

I have a degree in finance and did some work as a sales executive, but was unhappy with the job prospect. Through the JobStreet website I decided to try this course and a new industry so to speak. It started off as something just for fun but I gained an insight into the contact centre industry. I got a job in a bank not long after I finished the course. The work is hectic, but we are a team and we are constantly helping each other. It's all about making a good impression and making sure the customer is always looked after. In some ways we are the mediator between bank and customer, and that is a very important job. I think the ICT industry is fast growing and I would admit that I am not a "technological" person, but I do realise we live in a world that can't live without it.

NATZLIN AHMAD TARB, 24

Sharpening of skills

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MOHD FADZIL ISMAIL, 25



There will always be jobs

I worked for a departmental store for 5 years where I developed a love for customer service. I participated in Job Camp after hearing about the course at a career fair in December last year. So I am pursuing my dream and can't wait to begin going for interviews. ICT is growing so fast and I see myself taking on a position of leadership and my dream is to become a trainer myself once I've gained enough job experience. I see a future for everyone as the contact centre work is evolving with so many new sectors coming up with their own customer contact centres.

HASBISHAM HASAN, 28

A stepping stone

I finished my degree in communications engineering late last year and while looking for a job begin this 6-week course. The course was designed such that we are trained to work for any multinational or deal with foreign clients for customer service. And it's not just customer service and satisfaction, there are many areas that one can work in, which include quality assurance and management positions. In general, I do feel that the ICT industry is where the future is and more importantly it is constantly growing. I think there are many opportunities here and I am confident my fellow graduates and I will do well. I have already been offered a job and am looking forward to working in the customer service industry and I feel it could be my stepping stone even into the technical side of things. I am interested in networking and am continuing to learn and better myself. There is really no limit to what can be accomplished.

DHARSHINI DEVI SITHRASENAN, 24



Loving customer interactions

I had registered in the Human Resource Ministry's labour exchange website while still in university and got a phone call offering me a spot at Job Camp straight after graduation. I think it's a great point to start my career. I think my degree in psychology helps as it's about human behaviour and customer service is all about dealing with people. I think this is an ideal job for me. I knew nothing about contact centres. But now I am convinced it's a great path for me - I see myself as a manager one day! I love this industry and I want to be the best contact centre personnel there ever was.

NURUL AIN ABDUL MALEK, 24



MSC Malaysia Job Camp (JC) is one of five KDI programmes that MDeC runs. JC is open to available k-workers who want to improve on or add to their current ICT skills and knowledge. We caught up with the trainees who were graduating from their various JC courses and they had this to share.



Demand for skilled employees

Being part of Job Camp has helped me hone my skills after graduating with a degree in Electronic Engineering, majoring in Multimedia. By being a part of this program me I am hoping to secure a career with a MSC Malaysia status company as many ICT-related companies are looking for employees with such skills. Currently, I am looking to get a job as a global support executive, but in ICT there's no limit to what one can explore.

NUR AZMIRA AMIR, 24

Solving problems everyday

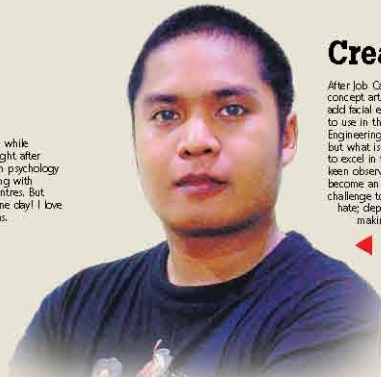
I've always been interested in customer service and so I grabbed the opportunity to do this course. I like solving customer's problems and now I have learnt how to handle different types of customers. This career path has a long career progression and I look forward to promotions and new job positions. I've always loved Mathematics and after leaving school I took an accounting course. But I later realised that it wasn't the thing for me. I am glad by participating in JC, I have the opportunity for a different start.

KWAN SOK WAH, 22

Creating characters

After Job Camp, I worked as a modeller. I convert 2D character concept art to 3D models, afterwards I insert a skeleton rig and add facial expressions before assigning controllers for animators to use in the animation process. I have a BSc. in Electrical Engineering (Computers) from University of Southern California but what is more important is the mastery of tools and software to excel in this job, as well as basic anatomy knowledge and keen observation. From a modeller a good worker can eventually become an Art Director. I enjoy the creative process and the challenge to create a character that the audience will like (or hate depending on the character's part in the story) and making the 3D model "animation friendly".

AKMAL HISYAM ABDOL KARIM, 27



There is always more to do

I have a degree in legal studies but was unemployed for almost a year. I read about this course online while looking for a job. This Call Cert Certification helped me secure a job. I was offered a job almost immediately after the course ended. And I think there is still more for me to do with the communications industry, even though it is new to me. I believe I have built my confidence and communication skills, and I feel I can do anything. I think ICT has a great future in the country and once our schools get in on it in a bigger way, it's going to have a bigger positive impact on the country.

FARAH AIDA DZULKEFLI, 24



Customer service lessons are applicable anywhere

Not only have I learned about the customer service industry but I have also improved my English and boosted my confidence. My future really is looking up now that I have completed the course. In fact I have been offered two jobs, which is a vast difference from being unemployed for two months. I've now come to understand that marketing and customer service lessons are applicable to any industry. I don't regret doing environmental science as my major and economics as my minor in university for that's my knowledge base. But it's important to see that your future could be anywhere and it's worth going after. My siblings are currently pursuing ICT-related subjects in university and the future has never looked brighter for them, for us. And I don't see a limit in this field.

MOHD NAUFAL MD KHAMBARI, 22

