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EXETER IT CONSULTANCY AWARDS PRIZE

Exeter-based IT consultancy Revell Research Systems has awarded its annual undergraduate prize for the top final-year student on the BSc(Hons) Computing programme at the University of Plymouth to Darren Rees. Chartered IT Professional, Alastair Revell, presented the prize to Darren Rees at a ceremony held at St Olave's Hotel in Exeter on Wednesday, 3rd October 2007.
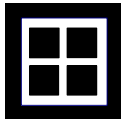
The practice's managing consultant, Alastair Revell, said: "I am delighted that Darren Rees has been awarded the 2007 prize. I understand from his tutor Dr Nigel Barlow that he is a very talented student and I would like to wish him the very best as he starts his career in computing."

Darren Rees, who is from South Wales, was also cited on the Dean of Technology's List of Academic Excellence in 2007 at the University, which lists students whose academic record is exemplary.

Revell Research Systems established the prize at the university to mark its 21st year in business last year. The consultancy's Business Development Manager, Fiona Burgess explained that "the prize helps the top student to stand out from the crowd in such a way that it makes their first steps into the professional world easier."

Professor Pat Pearce, Associate Dean of Technology at the university, said: "At Plymouth, we pride ourselves in ensuring that our computing degrees are relevant to the current and future needs of the IT industry and we are delighted to see this recognised in the form of industry-sponsored student prizes."

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More details about the prize are available on its own web site at http://prize.rrs.co.uk.

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