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Terry Given wrote:

Eeyore wrote:

Michael wrote:

John Larkin wrote

Michael <nleah...@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi – I started working for a company about a year ago immediately after I graduated from my university with a BSEE. I'm trying to evaluate if I am being paid a reasonable salary, and if I am getting reasonable benefits. Can anybody suggest a means of doing this? I googled and found salary.com, but I have no idea as to the accuracy of that website.

Thanks!

–Michael

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Where do you work, what do you do, and what are the salary and benefits?

John

Boston, design embedded electronics for a small R&D firm, and none of your damned business!

No seriously though – I'd rather not have that in public in case my company (or other employees of my company) caught wind of it. Salary.com says that the median "electrical engineer I" in my zip code should be getting ~\$63K. I have no idea if that is accurate or not though. I'm assuming that I am an "electrical engineer I" as that seems to be the lowest EE according to salary.com.

That sounds more like the rate for an experienced engineer rather than a graduate just starting. You've typically got five to ten years of learning before you'll be a credible designer.

Deduct say 35%.

Graham

Graham, there aren't enough digits for an experienced engineer. Try renting an apartment in Boston, and you'll see why.

I only wish that were true here. Engineering seems to be dying out in the UK as far as I can see. I certainly can't imagine why anyone would want to enter engineering with the current attitude here to manufacturing which is what needs those engineers. Commentators sometimes refer to the UK as being 'post-industrial'. Thatcher was largely responsible with her promotion of the service economy over all else. She didn't like unions you see and since most union members were in manufacturing it suffered her wrath. Possibly the most insane policy in modern times in the UK.

How much is an apartment in Boston ? \$2k pcm ? You'd have to pay almost that for a nice apartment in much of the UK's more prosperous South East.

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