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The Best IT Employment Resources on the Internet

Information Technology is one of world's most rapidly growing fields. As the global economy becomes more digitized, the demand for skilled IT professionals continues to grow. With so many opportunities available for IT professionals, finding a career and a company that's right for you can be difficult. Additionally, having access to IT-specific networking platforms and other job-related resources is crucial in today's increasingly competitive tech labor market.

Whether you're a beginner in IT or a seasoned professional, being on the lookout for new opportunities and staying informed about new trends in the labor market is never a bad idea. In this article, we will take a look at some of the Internet's best online resources for IT job seekers.

Job Boards & Staffing Firms

Dice — Dice is one of the leading IT job boards in the United States and Canada, boasting monthly traffic of roughly 4.4 million visitors and listing some 87,000 IT jobs. Dice allows users to filter job listings by company, job type, location, and employment type as well. Dice is considered the leading job board for IT professionals who specialize in software development, security, network administration, and biotech.

Additionally, Dice's blog contains regularly-updated information on news and trends in IT and the tech labor market, making the site an excellent allpurpose resource for jobseekers in IT.

Robert Half Technology — With over 120 locations worldwide, Robert Half Technology is a leading IT job board and specialized IT staffing firm. They offer critically acclaimed staffing services for IT professionals in virtually every field, ranging from web development to database management to network administration. While their speciality lies in staffing, Robert Half also hosts a great job board that lists a wide variety of IT positions across the United States and Canada.

iCrunchData — iCrunchData is a popular job board for IT professionals looking for careers in Big Data and analytics in the US. The website allows job seekers to specify their particular sub-disciplines within these fields as well. While iCrunchData's focus is on Big Data and analytics related jobs, the website also features postings in application and web development.

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Global I.T.'s Monthly Thought Provocation

<u>Failure will never</u> <u>overtake me if my</u> <u>determination to succeed</u> <u>is strong enough.</u>

Special Points of Interest In This Issue of 'JobPrep'

- Best IT Resources on the Internet
- Automation Alley Report 2016
- GIT Wellness Corner
- Stay Inspired for 2016



iCrunchData's job board is useful for IT professionals of all experience levels, featuring everything from internships for recent graduates to senior level positions for candidates with 10 or more years of experience.

Tech Careers — TechCareers features thousands of IT jobs across Canada and the United States in virtually every field imaginable. In addition to providing a free job board, Tech Careers also allows job seekers to purchase a premium membership plan that highlights candidates' resumes and grants access to upto-date and complete company profiles so that they can tailor their applications to specific IT firms.

CrunchBoard — Crunchboard is the highly popular job board of TechCrunch, the widely-read online magazine for tech news and startups. Crunchboard features a comprehensive job board with thousands of listings in every discipline of IT at virtually any skill level.

While Crunchboard lists many jobs from large and medium sized IT firms, the website is particularly useful if you're keen on finding IT employment with a start-up or other entrepreneurial ventures.

Additional Resources

Given how competitive the IT labor market has become, it's increasingly important to craft resumes and cover letters that will make your applications stand out. Additionally, before you select a particular IT field or company to work at, you need to have the proper information so that you can select what's right for you.

Let's take a look at some online resources to help you build stellar job applications, network with other IT professionals, and provide loads of useful information as you search for your dream job in IT.

Networking Platforms

Techist — With 83,000 members and more than two million posts, Techist is one of the largest online IT communities. IT professionals from across the globe regularly meet on Techist to discuss all things IT, from news and trends to advice on specific fields.

Techist provides IT professionals with a highly-trafficked platform to meet with other IT professionals and create relationships that will give them a serious advantage in finding employment in IT.

Bleeping Computer — Bleeping Computer Forums are an incredibly useful resource for meeting and discussing with other IT professionals around the globe. Their forums have over 700,000 members who have collectively written almost four million posts, making Bleeping Computer a great place for IT job seekers. Whether you need advice on certifications and career paths or if you'd just like to chat with like-minded professionals from your field, Bleeping Computer is an exceptional IT forum.





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Automation Alley 2016 Report: Southeast Michigan Tech Companies To Outperform Silicon Valley

DETROIT – Automation Alley forecasts economic growth for Southeast Michigan technology companies in 2016 will outperform even Silicon Valley in many key areas, including revenue, research and development, investment and hiring. Automation Alley's 2016 Technology Industry Report key findings include: Southeast Michigan technology leaders are optimistic about 2016 growth 99 percent in Southeast Michigan project revenue growth in 2016 83 percent in Southeast Michigan expect an increase in their company's R&D

spending

82 percent in Southeast Michigan plan to hire more talent in 2016

Southeast Michigan is a better place for technology professionals to build their careers than Silicon Valley.

74 percent in Southeast Michigan believe the area has a comparatively lower cost of living, compared to 48 percent in Silicon Valley

81 percent in Southeast Michigan agree this region provides more networking opportunities than other metro areas, compared to 77 percent in Silicon Valley 85 percent in Southeast Michigan believe this region has leading academic



institutions for self-advancement, compared to only 68 percent in Silicon Valley Southeast Michigan is a better place for technology companies to do business than Silicon Valley.

74 percent in Southeast Michigan believe it is easier for technology companies to retain talent in this region, compared to only 67 percent in Silicon Valley

83 percent in Southeast Michigan agree that technology companies can have greater return on investment in the metro area, compared to only 69 percent in Silicon Valley 68 percent in Southeast Michigan agreed that technology companies can benefit from the lower cost of capital in the metro area, compared to 60 percent in Silicon Valley Automation Alley is Michigan's leading technology business association, connecting businesses with talent, resources and funding to accelerate innovation and fuel Southeast Michigan's economy. Since its founding in 1999, the nonprofit has grown to include nearly 1,000 tech-focused members in businesses, education and govern-

ment. Automation Alley focuses its efforts in five areas: advanced manufacturing, defense, entrepreneurship, international business and talent development.

GIT Wellness Corner



In today's fast-paced world, eating properly and maintaining an exercise regimen can seem like luxuries rather than necessities. However, in the long run, taking the time to eat well-balanced meals and working out increases productivity and can help your company's bottom line. Since health care costs eventually come back to the employer — it's estimated that about \$130 billion a year in health care costs are related to overweight and inactivity — it really makes good business sense to embrace healthy habits.

Career Guidance Column



"Andrei - I think I just bombed an interview! They asked me a few questions about THEIR company and I was clueless. I should have read up on them first."

Yes, you learned the hard way. Always research the company before the interview: Not knowing much about their enterprise is showing a lack of respect and will likely destroy the applicant's chances of getting the job. If you know about the company and find a way to mention how your skills fit their current and five-year plans, you will stand out from the others receiving interviews. I trust you will do a lot better next time.

FREE Career Workshops

Global Information Technology conducts free workshops and events for the benefit of individuals to help learning new technology and latest skills. The workshops are FREE and there is absolutely no obligation to register for any course. If you are interested in attending any of the upcoming seminars,

Wednesday, March 16-4:00pm

LinkedIN Basics

Monday, March 21-6:00pm

Java At The Cutting Edge - Learn To Earn a Lifetime Career Opportunity

Thursday, March 24-4:00pm

Resume Workshop

Friday, April 22-4:30pm

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Stay Inspired: Here's your 2016 job search checklist

List What You're Thankful For: Attitude impacts everything in your job search. Give yourself an attitude boost by listing five things that you're thankful for in your life. Even when times are tough, you can likely find a few things to be grateful for.

Create a Daily Goal List: A simple checklist of no more than three goals can help you stay on track, give you a sense of productivity and allow you to feel a sense of accomplishment as you check off the items. Even better, an organized, consistent approach to your search is also more likely to result in a job. Revisit Your Finances: Exercise some control over the money you're currently spending. If you don't know where your money goes each month, make it a priority to figure it out now. Once you know how much money you require to live, you can look at tradeoffs in terms of your job search.

Determine Your Minimum Standards: If you have been looking for a job for a long time, you may have fallen prey to well-meaning friends and relatives who suggest that you take any job, even one outside of your field or below your desired salary. Depending on your situation, this might be good advice. But proactively thinking about the timetable and plan that works for you will help you to manage your job search as well as respond to your friends in a deliberate way.





Technical Advice



"Marcial, how do you think scientific and technological breakthroughs can be accelerated to improve the human condition?

The continued acceleration of S&T is fundamentally changing what is possible, and access to the S&T knowledge that is changing the prospects for the future is becoming universal. Free online university courses proliferate; open source hardware and software are sharing the means of production. And the ability to learn this knowledge is also improving with. We need a global collective intelligence system to track S&T advances, forecast consequences, and document a range of views so that everyone can understand the potential benefits, and even some consequences, of new S&T.

9 hottest IT skills for 2016



The pace of job growth in IT may be slowing down, but it's still moving at a strong clip. A healthy 24% of the respondents to Computerworld's 2015 Forecast survey said that their companies plan to add more IT employees in the year ahead. While down from 32% and 33% in the previous two years, the fact that a number of employers still anticipate growth indicates that the prospects for expansion in the IT ranks are good. Moreover, the kinds of technical skills in high demand are those needed for enterprises in expansion mode, suggesting that organizations are continuing to invest in their IT infra-

structures. Here's a look at the 9 IT skills that the 194 IT executives who responded to a survey said will be most in demand heading into 2015.

- 1. Programming/application development 48% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months.
- 2. Project management 35% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months
- 3. Help desk/technical support 30% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months
- 4. Security/compliance governance 28% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months
- 5. Web development 28% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months

6. Business intelligence/analytics • 24% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months.

7. Mobile applications and device management • 24% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months.

8. Networking • 22% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months

9. Big data • 20% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months

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