



Survey: Metro Detroit could be the next US tech hub

Local business leaders overwhelmingly agree that Metro Detroit could be the

next technology hub in the United States, according to the first survey of its kind from global management firm Accenture plc.

As Southeast Michigan attracts Silicon Valley businesses looking to strengthen ties in the automotive industry and automakers work to reinvent themselves into tech companies, the future for opportunities in technology-related fields in the region is bright with 80 percent of responses from 100 Metro Detroit businesses saying Detroit could become a technology leader nationally.

"I think automotive is going to be critical to Detroit; that's our foundation, our heritage," said Dan Garrison, Accenture's office managing director in Detroit. "But they are transforming their businesses and looking at their industries and what's happening to Detroit at large. It's not just an automotive city, because we're going to see it evolve into other industries."

Of the 100 local clients from the Dublin-based company, 86 percent said they plan to hire new tech talent in 2019. One-in-five said they would increase their tech workforce by more than 50 percent this year.

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- Amy Morin



Jobs are plentiful and wages are booming in Michigan. No ... really.

Perhaps there's no better sign the Michigan economy is back than this: The number of headhunters has more than tripled since 2009.

Nearly 10,000 more people are employed whose sole job is to help companies find workers, an eye-opening barometer for state that for years suffered huge job losses and a dire economy.

"Recruiters do well when there's a need for talent," said Amy Cell of Ann Arbor, whose firm, Amy Cell Talent, has helped with 400 searches in the last three years alone.

The numbers don't lie: Michigan is working again. Its economy exceeds pre-recession levels. The number of jobs has roared back. Tens of thousands more jobs are unfilled. And average weekly wages, adjusted for inflation, are up nearly 6 percent from 2009 to \$975.



Quick & to the point - Career Advice



Question: *I was fired from my last job. Who can I use as a reference?*

Answer: Ask colleagues. So, technically, this might be considered a personal reference, but it's still better than nothing, especially if you've built up some

good relationships within the company. Just remember that the reference should still be about your work performance, not your personal character. Choose someone who is in a good position to talk about your work, not your bestie from another department. If you end up in an interview for a new job with no other references, this could go some way to helping you. You're probably going to have to be at least partly honest about what happened, so saying that there is an old colleague willing to provide a reference is better than nothing. And again, don't let time pass in case your old boss asks others not to give you a reference.

Dressing for the job interview

The first impression you make on a potential employer is the most important one. The first judgment an interviewer makes is going to be based on how you look and what you are wearing. That's why it's always important to dress appropriately for a job interview.



Generally, you want to wear professional, or business, attire. For men, this might mean a suit jacket and slacks with a shirt and tie, or a sweater and button down. For women, this might mean a blouse and dress pants or a statement dress. You can also incorporate some modern style trends into your outfit.

Whether you are a man or woman, you also want to think about the colors you wear for an interview. Avoid anything too bright or flashy that will distract the hiring manager.

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Upcoming event for women in IT, hosted by the Michigan Council of Women in Technology

Mark your calendars. On Wednesday, May 28, 2019, The Michigan Council of Women in Technology has a special event for GIT students. The Executive Connection Summit will bring together more than 800 IT leaders, professionals, students, and technologists from a wide range of industries to learn and network. The summit will include keynote speakers, distinguished panelists, moderated commentary from event sponsors, lunch and networking opportunities.

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The benefits of an IT consulting career

If you're looking for professional challenges that offer both variety and flexibility, you might consider becoming a consultant. Consulting careers in IT provide a range of benefits. And data shows that, increasingly, companies are looking for accounting and finance professionals with specialized skills to lend their expertise to a wide range of projects. The 21st century just may be a "golden age" for consulting careers.

In a Robert Half Management Resources survey of chief financial officers (CFOs), 55 percent said they will require consultants for general finance and accounting services in the coming year. Some plan to outsource more specialized work, such as taxation (45 percent) and risk, governance and compliance (50 percent). More than half of CFOs surveyed — 61 percent — said they plan to bring in outside help to improve overall performance and business systems, reflecting the increasing demand in particular for business system analysts.

Two job search tips that are so basic people forget them!



1. Don't Limit Yourself to Online Applications During Your Job Search

You want that job search to last and last? Well, then continue to rely solely on submitting online applications. You want to accelerate this bad boy? Don't stop once you apply online for that position. Start finding and then endearing yourself to people working at that company of interest. Schedule informational interviews with would-be peers. Approach an internal recruiter and ask a few questions. Get on the radar of the very people who might influence you getting an interview.

2. Thank You Matters

Consider crafting, original, genuine thank you notes (one for each interviewer) the moment you get back to a computer, following the interview. The speed with which you send the notes, and the quality, will make an impact.

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