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Across the US, the COVID-19 Lockdown is impacting the way employers conduct business and plan for the future

While some employers have ramped up their technology hiring, others have halted immediate hiring of nonessential roles... or rescinded initial offers. Analysis suggests that the initial impact is less severe in tech than other industries, even as COVID-19 fundamentally changes day-to-day life across the country.

As a whole, there was a significant increase in job postings in Q1 of 2020 compared to Q1 of 2019. Looking at the most recent data, job postings have softened in certain areas, though it will require additional monitoring to understand the true impact of COVID-19. Amidst the lockdown, businesses still require a stream of professionals who can keep operations running as usual, or to help pivot their strategy in order to better meet current demands.

[NOTE: Information provided by the DICE Tech Job Report, The Early Impact of COVID-19 on Tech Hiring.]

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#### GIT thought provoking corner



"It is only in our darkest hours that we may discover the true strength of the brilliant light within ourselves that can never, ever, be dimmed."

– Doe Zantamata



#### Upcoming class schedule at GIT

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## 5 Tips for midlife career change

You want to do something different but haven't got a clue. Run an alpaca farm? Join the Peace Corps? Take up sculpture? Launch an Internet venture? Midlife is also a time to realign work—paid or unpaid—with personal values, a chance to leave your mark on the world.

Midlife career change is a scary business, fraught with obstacles—a resistant spouse, financial concerns, fear of failure. Where do you start? What should you consider? Such fears have prevented many a high-achiever from reaching beyond their comfort zone, but the biggest rewards come from taking the biggest risks, says life coach Caroline Adams Miller, author of "Creating Your Best Life" (Sterling, 2009). "Otherwise, you may be filled with regret at the end of your life—and that prospect helps put steel in your spine," she says.

When it comes to midlife career change, experts say it's important not to rush a career transition. Develop a process that includes friends and advisors, and stick to it.

#### A day in the life ...... of an Ethical Hacker



Ethical hacking services are increasingly being recognized as a way for businesses to unearth security weaknesses before they can be exploited by online criminals. Organizations adopting a proactive approach to threat identification

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invariably find that this is much easier than trying to manage the fall out of a full blown cyber incident, which can cause huge financial losses and reputational damage.

#### Thinking like the adversary

The attack methods deployed vary greatly and largely depend on the organization targeted. Social engineering tends to be one of the most effective methods to gain a foothold onto a network. This usually entails tricking victims into opening a fraudulent email designed especially for the recipient. All it takes is for one unsuspecting employee to click on a malicious link or attachment to trigger the installation of a hidden computer virus or malware and while help is away!

Once one user's account has been compromised, the next step is to monitor and impersonate that user to attack other members of the network. This process of 'snowballing' is necessary to gain the privileges needed to explore other areas

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of a network and discover new assets. In some instances, we start right at the very top of the organization and compromise the account of the CEO. It's surprising what information one can learn just by talking to a receptionist.

Widespread use of weak passwords means that social engineering efforts aren't always necessary. Through the use of automated brute force tools, which enter thousands of common password variations, we are able to crack user credentials in a matter of minutes.

## eer Guide

#### Quick & to the point -Career Advice

Question: "I'm ready to leave my job and earn more money. Any tips before leaving?" - Kimberly

**Answer:** Simple: If you are still employed but want to leave, ask for a raise before you leave. This way, you might not have to leave if pay was the problem. Since you're intent on leaving, at least you'll know what the current employer will be willing to give you. That's usually a reasonable benchmark, as long as your relationship has been good.



#### GIT career workshops Learn for Free Each Day

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Global Information Technology conducts free workshops for the benefit of individuals to

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help learning new technology and latest skills. The workshops are FREE and there is absolutely no obligation to register for any course.

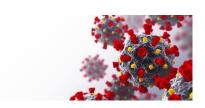
Each free workshop will be livestreamed through our Virtual classroom environment (free for the attendee). Before the workshop, we will send you a link for the meeting.

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https://www.globalitech.com/freeseminars/?jump\_date=2020-05-01&calview=monthly



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#### Global Information Technology - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

#### Are classes still running?

All classes are running Virtual live Instructor Led class room environment live until May 26, 2020 (subject to change based on guidance from local health authorities).. In any case, you can retake the class for free within a year (see below).

Our Virtual live Instructor Led class room training is interactive and hands-on, just like our in-person classes. There are no extra fees and we will work with you to ensure your setup is perfect.

#### Free Retake Period Extension

We have extended the free retake period to up to one and half year for any signups or class dates between March 31, 2020 and May 30, 2020. This allows you to attend live Virtual live Instructor Led class room now and come back inperson anytime within one and half year of the class date.

#### **Re-scheduling**

We are allowing attendees to re-schedule at no charge or keep class credit for up to 1 ½ years. Email us at info@globalitech.com.

#### Student and Staff Protections

We are monitoring all developments and following CDC and local health authority guidelines. We have also committed ourselves to the following:

- Providing hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and washing stations
- Cleaning each room before and after each class
- Requiring all students and instructors to follow hygiene guidelines before entering a classroom
- Limiting in-person attendees per class to keep spacing between students
- Not allowing any students or staff to enter the facilities who exhibit symptoms

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#### **Protect Yourself & Others**

See the World Health Organization's advice for best practices: https://www.who.int /emergencies/diseases/novelcoronavirus-2019/advice-forpublic

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## Zoom interview tips for job seekers



#### What is a Zoom Interview?

Zoom is a video conferencing software that lets you connect remotely for video or voice-call meetings with one or more people. You can turn video on or off, similar to Skype, but if an employer is setting up a Zoom interview for a job, then they likely want to see you on video.

#### How to Prepare for a Zoom

#### <u>1. Get familiar with the</u> technology

Download the app ahead of time (it's available for mobile phones as well as computers at the Zoom website). Make sure you have your meeting link and access code from the employer, too. They should set everything up and provide this info. If not, ask them for it.

2. Set up a distraction-free area We talked about setting up and testing your technology above, but it's also important to find a room or area of your home that's best for your Zoom interview. Pick a spot that's quiet and distraction-free. Eliminate visual distractions like items on the floor, distracting items on the wall behind you, etc. You want the interviewer to be able to focus on your answers and what you're saying, and distractions in the room will hurt their ability to do this. Shut your windows in the room, too, to eliminate unnecessary noise like lawnmowers, cars, etc.

#### 3. Be on-time but not early

Many employers are new to using Zoom for their interviews, and they may use the same "meeting room" or link for multiple job seekers. So you may be entering a "room" that was being used to talk to another job seeker before you. So I recommend entering your Zoom meeting or interview 2-3 minutes before the scheduled time, but no sooner

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4. Prepare answers to the most common questions Don't get so sidetracked by setting up the technology that you forget to prepare for the interview itself – mainly, how you plan to answer the top interview questions employers ask. Anticipate the questions they're likely to ask, practice your answers, and you'll feel more relaxed in the interview. You can also record yourself delivering your answers in the environment that you've set up. Look at the video recording, see how you look and sound, and then make adjustments before going live on Zoom with the employer.

## 5. Write down questions to ask them

Employers want to hire people who ask good questions in the job interview. This shows them that you're excited to work for them and that you're curious about their job.

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## The 10 most in-demand tech jobs for 2020

Information technology is a major part of the tech industry and it continues to grow. Here are Ten in-demand IT jobs.

- ✓ AI architect
- ✓ Business intelligence analyst
- Cloud architect
- ✓ Data specialists
- Developer (web, software, mobile)
- ✓ DevOps engineer
- Help desk and desktop support professionals
- Network or cloud administrator
- ✓ Security professional (data, information, network, systems, cloud)
- System administrator

#### VETERNS, GET READY TO POWER YOUR TECH FUTURE AT GLOBAL IT



#### What is VET TEC Program?

VET TEC is a new tuition and housing assistance program to fund veteran job training in the technology field. It's an alternative to the Post-9/11 GI Bill, with a focus to get veterans into high-tech skills that are in demand in today's workplace.

#### Does Global Information Technology (Global IT) accept the VET TEC benefits?

Yes, Global Information Technology (Global IT) is approved by Department of Veteran Affairs to receive benefits under VET TEC Program. Service members interested in enrolling in one of our VET TEC programs should begin by filling out the contact form below. Afterwards, one of our career advisor/ certifying officials will contact you to

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schedule a tour and/or answer any questions you may have.

#### How do I use my Post 9/11 G.I Bill?

Global Information Technology is approved by the State of Michigan Proprietary School Education and the US Department of Veterans Affairs, to accept Veteran education benefits. These benefits may cover up to 100% of tuition and fees, and can provide a percentage stipend for your courseware, lodging, testing and other training-related costs as well.

For more information about your specific benefits in regards to your service, call 248-557-2480 to set up an appointment with one of our career advisor or visit <u>https://www.global-</u> <u>itech.com/va-program.</u>