



3 fascinating tech pioneers who are not Steve Jobs

Sure, the Steve Jobs movie is a Hollywood darling, and there's no doubt that the man at the center of the story revolutionized technology. But, given all the hype about Jobs these days, you'd think the guy alone brought us into the 21st century. Not quite. Take Hedy Lamar.



A bona fide Hollywood star, she also invented spread spectrum technology in the 1940s, which is the backbone of wireless communication today. Not only was she ahead of her time with her design, by all accounts she came up with the idea in a bar, writing it on a cocktail napkin. Now *that* is startup ... before startup was even a word.



Now on to Radia Perlman. She hates being called "the mother of the Internet," but everyone calls her that anyways, and she's earned it: She developed the algorithm behind the Spanning Tree Protocol, which allows network traffic to scale. So, yes, Radia Perlman invented the Internet, not Al Gore.

Mitchell Baker runs Mozilla Firefox, whose Internet browser is the brainchild of a non-profit. She also played a role in legitimizing Open Source Internet applications, proving that awesome clients could come from the Open Source community, and opening up a whole new world of clients for multimedia and email.



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"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

- Harriet Tubman

Career Guide



Quick & to the point - Career Advice

Question: "I got an interview question of what would my former boss say about me. How would you answer that?"

- Lacy Thomas

Answer: Honesty is the best policy here for many reasons. The key to a great interview is to emphasize your strengths while demonstrating an ability to learn and grow from your weaknesses. Be specific and give examples. Look at previous performance reviews if you need clues or context to what he/she would say.

A day in the life Quality Assurance Tester



Quality assurance testers are technicians or engineers who check software products to see if they're up to industry standards and free of any issues. This role is common for gaming systems, mobile applications and other technology that needs further testing and maintenance when recommended.

Testers can work on different software for IT companies, which may influence what degree or specialization they pursue.

These professionals should also have excellent time management and communication skills to help document test cases.

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10 Benefits of IT certifications



Why should you earn an IT certification (or certifications)? What is the value of an IT certification to you and to your employer? An IT certification is a quick and readily recognized benchmark mapped to a specific skill set based on standardized testing. A certification demonstrates your dedication, motivation and technical knowledge on a specific platform. Once you earn an IT certification, you join a select group of individuals - a peer group with demonstrated skills. Having a certification shows that you not only possess comprehensive knowledge of that technology but you also care enough about your own career to spend the time and money to get certified. Remember: You are your own best career manager!

1. Getting Hired

Keep in mind that when two otherwise equal candidates are vying for the same job, the one who has a certification will have the edge over the candidate that does not.

2. Job Retention

Earning a certification demonstrates that you are determined to enhance your skill set and knowledge - which benefits you and your employer. The bottom line is you must invest in yourself.

3. Promotions

There is no better way for upward mobility than a new certification or progress further up the certification chain in a current area of expertise.

4. Networking Opportunities

Once you earn a certification with a specific vendor or manufacturer, then you join a unique group of certified and skilled professionals. This can prove to be an invaluable peer resource group when seeking answers to problems or sharing the solutions to your own challenging scenario.

5. Professional Credibility

Having earned one (or more) of these certifications demonstrates your dedication and motivation to professional development.

6. Certification Renewal and Retention

IT professionals may have a requirement by their respective certification bodies to recertify every two to three years. In some circumstances, customers may only want to work with companies that have certified individuals.



8. New and Current Technologies

Earning a certification on a recently released operating system, platform or application will demonstrate that you have achieved what few have done up to that point: become certified on a new product.



Learning tips for adults in the virtual world

It's the nature of the beast: There will ALWAYS be tech-glitches when learning virtually. With that said, here some tips to make sure you, the adult learner, get the most from any virtual class or training.

Make Time for Assignments: Think of the virtual class like you would a face-to-face learning experience; homework assignments usually come with the territory. If you decide to invest financially in a F2F class or training, you most likely have also decided to invest the time to get the most out of it, and that includes the time to do the homework. The same applies to virtual learning. Brain research calls this "spaced practice" – pre/post class assignments that enhance the learning experience and move content into long-term memory.



Minimize Possible Distractions:

You detract from your own learning experience (and that of the other class members, as well) if you arrive late, leave early, or drop off in the middle of class to take a phone call or attend another meeting. Ditto for environmental distractions (dogs, kids, background noises, etc.). To the best of your ability, minimize these distractions, be present, and participate.

From Stressful

to Successful: There is no way around it; you WILL feel stressed at some point while learning virtually. Your brain does not have the genetic disposition developed over millions of years to learn this way. So relax and take some deep breaths when you begin to feel frustrated.

The pandemic and your job search



As companies move to remote work to fight the coronavirus pandemic and an increasing number of workers are being laid off or furloughed, you might be wondering if you should continue to send out resumes or just assume that no one is hiring for the foreseeable future. It's true that economists are predicting a recession, but career experts say it's best to keep networking and applying, provided you change your approach a bit to acknowledge these are uncertain times. Be prepared for job openings to be put on hold - momentarily, even if they've been open for a while. That doesn't mean they won't open up again in a few months. **THINGS WILL GET BETTER.**