



Mark Cuban, Wyclef Jean to headline Global Citizen's first Detroit summit on the future of cities

Billionaire entrepreneur Mark Cuban, Grammy-winning musician Wyclef Jean of the Fugees and James Beard Award-winning chef Marcus Samuelsson will headline Global Citizen's summer conference on urban revitalization in Detroit, the international anti-poverty nonprofit announced in early June.

Global Citizen is bringing its conference series to a U.S. location outside New York for the first time — and, with Detroit as its host, to a place not-so-long-ago considered the poster child for urban blight as the auto industry's decline pushed the midwestern city toward bankruptcy. The July 10 summit promises to drive commitments to sustainable development amid population shifts and technological advancements that are disrupting cities worldwide.



"That's such an important priority for me and for the organization because that's a place that's analyzing the future of cities. And what do cities mean and how do we invest in cities?" Global Citizen CEO Hugh Evans told the Associated Press last month. "So, Global Citizen NOW: Detroit is going to be a huge part of our strategy."

The nonprofit aims to spotlight Detroit as an example of how investments in young adults spur economic prosperity, accessible infrastructure and food security. Presenting the

conference is Bedrock, a real estate firm at the forefront of Detroit's redevelopment that's been buying up properties downtown and renovating many of them for years.

With its blend of media personalities, athletes and artists, this edition resembles previous lineups that sought to rally audiences against poverty through recognizable cultural figures. It's also key to Evans' goal of growing the movement to 50 million "global citizens" taking the platform's recommended actions by 2029.



Global Citizen is expanding its footprint this year with additional sessions scheduled in Brazil, Spain and South Africa.

Before the conference, Global Citizen plans a July 8 community service event around food access and youth empowerment as well as a free block party promoting Detroit nonprofits.

The week's programming will end with live music at Jack White's Third Man Records, intended to celebrate what Global Citizen called "Detroit's rich musical legacy and the power of culture to drive social change." The city's contributions include the mainstream success of Motown Records, techno music, rap artists such as Eminem and a garage rock scene that birthed the White Stripes. Jean noted the city's pulse is "unmatched when it comes to music."

"This ain't just about shining a light, it's about walking hand in hand with each other to get out the dark times," Jean said in a statement. "Real issues, real voices, real change."

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Answer: Great career choice! Here’s some insight for you: Systems Administrators are responsible for managing an organization’s complex systems hardware and software, with the size and scope dependent on the size of the organization. But no matter the organization’s size, systems administrators are charged with installing, patching, and upgrading operating systems, identifying hardware and software issues, and configuring operating systems software.

As far as requirements are concerned, typically, employers may look for a bachelor’s degree in computer science or a related field, while many only require an associate’s degree or



technical training certificate.

The certs you’ll want to attain from GIT include: Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Sun Certified Systems Administrator (SCSA)

With so much disruption in the tech industry, executive priorities are shifting, with a growing focus on hiring for the future. As a result, more technology managers are turning to contract professionals to meet skills needs. You got this, and best of luck! – *Andrei*



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Developer/programmer analysts are tasked with analyzing business needs to develop, test, and maintain software applications. Using data analysis, these developers/programmers are responsible for ensuring that technical solutions align with overall business goals and act as a bridge between IT and business stakeholders.

Requirements:

Developer/programmer analysts need experience with analyzing business application requirements for several areas of business, writing code and testing and debugging software applications, and architecting and designing technical

solutions. This role typically requires at least a bachelor's degree in computer science, IT, software engineering, or mathematics and engineering.

Certifications:

Relevant certifications include AWS Certified Developer, Microsoft Certified: Azure

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Career Services: GIT's Lunch and Learn Events

*Message from Jennifer Bowden,
GIT's Career Services Manager*

Hello Global IT community!
GIT's workshops and 'Lunch and Learn' events are short sessions with the information you need to get a jump-start on your job search. Our upcoming workshops here at GIT include:

JULY

Tuesday, July 1, 5 p.m. –

Resume Writing

Your resume is the foundation of a successful job search. This session will explain the essential sections of a resume and show you how to add the skills and experience that get you noticed.

Thursday, July 10, 12 p.m. –

Advanced Resume Writing (NEW)

You're familiar with resume basics – but how can you address unique situations? Learn more about addressing career gaps, pivoting to a new career, listing gig or freelance work, and what to do if you're over- or underqualified for the positions you're applying for.

Thursday, July 17, 5 p.m. –

Interviewing Skills

Interviewing is a skill you can improve with practice. Learn strategies for taming those pre-interview jitters, how to answer tough questions (including the dreaded “Tell me about yourself”), and the best way to follow up with employers.

Wednesday, July 23, 12 p.m. –

Understanding Transferable Skills

What is meant by a transferrable skill? Learn how to identify and highlight the transferrable skills from your experience and make the most of them on your resume.

Tuesday, July 29, 12 p.m. –

AI for Job Seekers

AI is showing up everywhere; how can you use it as part of your job search? Learn what tools are available and how to make the most of this technology in planning, preparing, and executing your job search strategy.



AUGUST

Tuesday, August 5, 5 p.m. –

Creating a LinkedIn Profile

LinkedIn is a powerful tool for locating jobs, researching employers, and expanding your professional network. Learn tips for creating a profile that highlights your skills and experience and helps you make the most of this career resource.

Thursday, August 14, 12 p.m. –

Effective Professional Communication: Cover Letters and More (NEW!)

What's the best way to introduce yourself to a potential employer? Learn tips for writing emails, cover letters, and other types of professional communication that make a great first impression and make sure your resume gets reviewed.



Wednesday, August 20, 5 p.m. –
Network Your Way to Career Success

You may have heard that networking is essential for finding a job in today's market – but how do you get started? This workshop will cover networking tips and strategies including networking in person and how to get the most out of LinkedIn.

Tuesday, August 26, 12 p.m.
– **Planning Your Job Search**
Now that summer is drawing to a close, it might be time to re-energize your job search. Learn strategies for planning and executing a search that keeps you on track and gets results while making the most of your limited time.

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Inside Detroit's game-changing tech revolution

Detroit's tech scene continues its dynamic ascent in June 2025, highlighted by substantial investments and forward-looking public initiatives that underscore the city's role as a national innovation leader.

Notably, Detroit-based KODE Labs secured a robust \$30 million Series B round to scale its global smart building and sustainability solutions, signaling strong investor confidence in the city's AI and climate-focused enterprises (KODE Labs raises \$30M Series B).

Meanwhile, the city's proposed \$3 billion 2025-2026 budget aims to bolster essential services, expand affordable housing, and modernize transit - all while delivering the largest property tax cut in over a decade (Detroit 2025-2026 budget hearings).



Grassroots investment platforms such as the Detroit Opportunity Fund are also fueling local startup growth and resilience, inviting broader community participation in the city's tech-driven renewal (Invest in Detroit Opportunity Fund).

Together, these developments reflect a city transforming into a magnet for entrepreneurs, tech talent, and sustainable innovations, laying the groundwork for Detroit's continued renaissance.



GIT thought provoking corner



The Starfish Story

An old man walked across the beach until he came across a young boy throwing something into the breaking waves. Upon closer inspection, the old man could see that the boy was tossing stranded starfish from the sandy beach, back into the ocean.

“What are you doing, young man?” He asked.

“If the starfish are still on the beach when the sun rises, they will die,” the boy answered.

“That is ridiculous. There are thousands of miles of beach and millions of starfish. It doesn’t matter how many you throw in; you can’t make a difference.”

“It matters to this one,” the boy said as he threw another starfish into the waves. “And it matters to this one.”

Practice tips for getting ready for a job interview

Being invited to interview for a job can be exciting, but also a little nerve-wracking. By practicing for an interview on your own, you can set yourself up to feel more confident and comfortable when you go in for the actual interview. If you feel like you need more advice and feedback, getting help from a friend, family member, or professional career counselor can help you improve your interviewing skills and successfully land the job.

1

Make a list of common interview questions to practice your answers. Consider the type of job you are interviewing for and make a list of potential questions the interviewer might ask. Include questions about your education, experience, career goals, reasons for leaving your past or current job, and your transferable skills. To help you get started, here are a few common interview questions: What is a mistake you’ve made at work, and how did you fix it?

- *What is your biggest strength and weakness?*
- *Where do you see yourself in 5 years?*
- *Why do you want to work for this company?*
- *What salary are you looking to make?*

2

Write down your 3 to 5 most important talking points. After making a list of potential interview questions, write down 3 to 5 points that you want to make sure you communicate during your interview. You can then use these points to help craft your answers to the list of potential questions, making sure that all of your answers help you communicate and reinforce these points.

For example, if you are interviewing for a job in sales, you will likely want to communicate your experience in sales, as well as the personality traits that make you suited for the job.

To advance in the interviewing process, make sure that the job isn't just a job, but is an opportunity for the future with



pay increases and responsibility increases. Prepare to discuss these things so you can do even better.

3
Find a family member or friend to help you practice. One of the best ways to practice for an interview and help you feel more confident is to practice in front of someone else. Once you find a friend or family member to help you practice, have them read your potential questions one by one as you practice articulating your answers out loud. After you finish going through all of the questions and answers, your practice partner can provide you with some observations and feedback to help you improve on your interview skills.

In some cases, you may have to do a group interview with other candidates, or be interviewed by multiple interviewers. To help you prepare, get 2 or more friends or family members to help you stage these situations and practice.

When asking someone to help you practice for an interview, try to choose someone who has extensive interviewing experience. Also, choose someone who you know will provide you with honest feedback.

4
Get interview practice feedback from a professional career counselor. If you feel like you need more practice, advice, and feedback than you can get by practicing on your own or with a friend or family member, seeing a professional career counselor can be a great option. While it can cost you up to \$150 per session, career counselors are trained to conduct mock interviews and help you craft and deliver the ideal answers to questions that are likely to come up in an interview.

If you have recorded yourself practicing for an interview, try to watch the recording with your career counselor. Your counselor can provide feedback as you watch the video, letting you see firsthand what you can improve on.



If you are a student, your school likely has a professional career counselor that can help you stage a mock interview and practice to improve your skills. You can find a career counselor to help you practice for an interview by doing an online search in your area. When choosing a counselor, look for someone with a Master's degree in counseling, as well as someone with knowledge of your particular field.



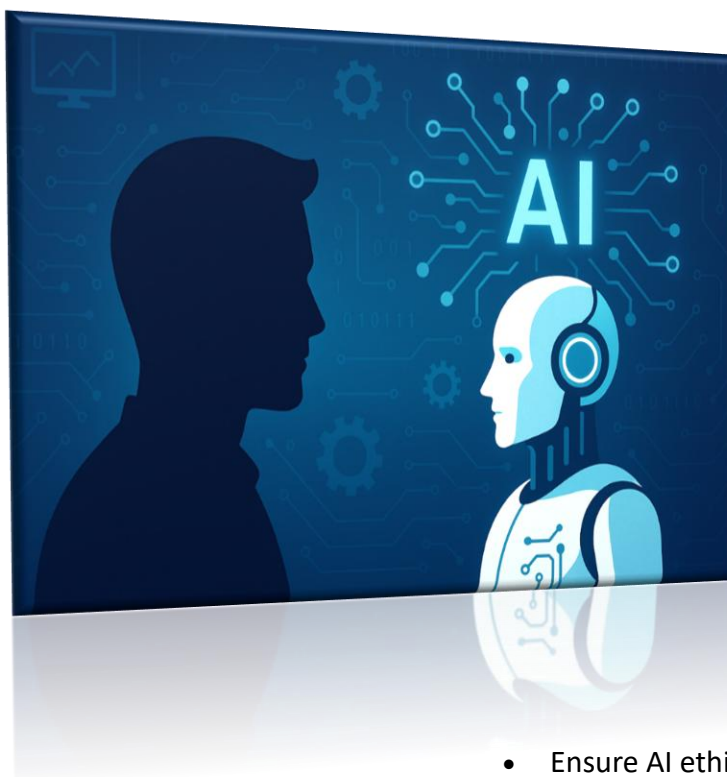
Will AI replace IT jobs? Here's the truth behind the myth

The idea that AI will completely replace IT jobs in the USA (or globally) is definitely a myth, though it's understandable why people are concerned. Here's a breakdown of why:

1. AI and Automation are Tools, Not Replacements

AI can automate certain tasks, but it is not a fully autonomous system that can replace the creative, strategic, and interpersonal roles that humans play in IT. For example:

- **AI can automate routine tasks** like software testing, system monitoring, data analysis, or network management. This means IT professionals can focus on more complex or strategic tasks that require problem-solving and critical thinking.
- **AI can't innovate** the way a human can. IT professionals are needed to design, develop, and improve AI



systems, solve problems, and create solutions that AI can't come up with on its own.

2. New Roles Created by AI

AI will shift job roles in IT, not eliminate them. The demand for roles related to AI development, data science, and machine learning engineering is growing rapidly. Additionally, there will be increased need for professionals to:

- Train and manage AI systems

- Ensure AI ethics and fairness
- Monitor AI for bias or errors
- Integrate AI into existing business infrastructures

AI will not replace IT jobs—it will evolve them.

3. Human Oversight is Essential

Many IT jobs involve decision-making, human interaction, and interpreting results that AI can't replicate well:

- **IT project management:** This requires soft skills like communication, leadership, and



understanding complex human needs. AI may assist, but it can't take full responsibility for a project.

- **Security and privacy:** As more sensitive data is processed by AI systems, IT professionals will be crucial in ensuring robust security, preventing cyber-attacks, and protecting privacy.

4. AI in IT Needs IT Experts

AI development and integration requires a deep understanding of both the AI system and the infrastructure it operates on. AI engineers need a foundation in

IT concepts like cloud computing, networks, and databases. So, rather than replacing IT jobs, AI is expanding the range of skills and specialties IT professionals will need.

5. Jobs Will Change, But Not Vanish

While AI will change how IT professionals do their jobs, it will not remove the need for IT workers. For instance:

- **Helpdesk roles** might evolve to require more problem-solving rather than handling repetitive tasks.

- **Developers** might focus more on designing AI algorithms, troubleshooting issues, or ensuring the ethical use of AI.

In essence, AI will reshape the IT landscape by creating new opportunities and transforming existing ones, rather than eliminating jobs altogether.

Conclusion:

AI is more likely to **augment** IT jobs rather than replace them. Those who stay adaptable and continually learn new AI-related skills will likely find themselves in demand.