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6 Tips in 2026 for preparing for an entry-level IT career

If you are planning for a future in technology and computers, you are probably looking for advice and suggestions for how to make it all happen, especially in a new year. There’s more to embarking on the career of your dreams than getting the relevant training—although that is a significant step along the way. GIT has put together six tips to help aspiring computer professionals like you prepare for an entry-level career in the Information Technology (IT) field.

GET TRAINED

Unsurprisingly, the best thing you can do to set out on the path to becoming a computer support specialist, electrical technician, electronics technician or other related professional is to get the best education you can. A Computer & Network Technician program like that at GIT will give you a practical and applied approach to learning using the tools and techniques deployed in the field today.



DON'T PIGEONHOLE YOURSELF TOO EARLY

It’s tempting to choose a specialty right away, but you could be doing yourself a disservice. Instead, start from a broad skills base. Rather than choosing a specialization that you may later wish to change, get to understand the fundamentals of computers and networking, learn about the many areas of focus available, and get trained in a wide array of options. You will then be able to confidently choose your specialty.

GET EXPERIENCE

Whether you pursue an internship, an externship, or volunteer to help out in an organization that needs computer assistance, this is a great opportunity to get real-world experience. This will look great on your resume, and could even lead to a potential job with the organization where you are giving your time. Work experience will be a valuable differentiator when potential employers are looking at hundreds of resumes to fill a position.





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NETWORK WELL & OFTEN

Have you considered joining professional networking groups? These groups can help you meet more people in the IT field, giving you exposure to the types of employers you’d want to work for, or the professionals you’d like to work with in an IT office. Getting to know others who are also junior in their careers can help you gather information about what it’s really like in the field or possible job openings. Don’t be

shy about asking questions and cultivating relationships with potential role models or mentors.

UPDATE YOUR PROFESSIONAL ONLINE PRESENCE

When you are applying for jobs, there’s a very good chance potential employers will run a background check on you, reviewing your online presence. For this reason, it’s important that you have an updated LinkedIn profile that matches your resume. The content on your social media pages should reflect the image you want to portray to the world, so review the content and photos you have posted with a critical eye. For better or worse, social media is an indelible part of your personal brand, so make sure that you are presenting yourself as the type of person that employers want to have in their IT departments.

DON’T NEGLECT THE SOFT SKILLS

Interpersonal and communication skills are just as important as the technical ones. In fact, hiring managers pinpoint “the soft skills gap” as a challenge when hiring IT professionals. Take the time to develop your teamwork and relational skills—employers will appreciate your efforts to help build a supportive community, exhibit empathy, and demonstrate understanding. Soft skills also include problem-solving, writing skills, identifying patterns, and offering creative solutions to challenges.





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Career Guide

Quick and to the point career advice

Question: “Andrei, any basic advice on my resume going into the new year?”

– Phillip Cain, Jr.

Answer: Yes, indeed I do. Pay attention to these questions:

What role am I targeting?

Your resume needs to be geared towards one specific position. Employers want to hire specialists, not generalists.

What companies am I targeting? Knowing the type of company you are targeting helps to narrow your research and be specific in your writing.

What skills are critical to success? The answer to this question tells you exactly what keywords and hard skills you need to include on your resume.

How do I add value? Your resume must show how you can add value in a way that means something to the employer. Happy New Year and best of luck in 2026 - you got this! - *Andrei*





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Veterans, get ready to power your tech future here at GIT

Global Information Technology (Global IT) is approved by the Department of Veteran Affairs to receive Veterans benefits. We accept Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill®, Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill® for Active Duty, Ch 31 Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E), and VRRAP. Whether you are serving or have already served, Global Information Technology is here to work with you to start your IT career. These benefits may cover up to 100% of tuition and fees and housing allowance, courseware, and other training related costs as well.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is accepting new training program enrollments for veterans wishing to use their GI Bill benefits. These training programs help veterans get the technology skills they need to join some of the fastest-growing industries in the United States. Global Information Technology (Global IT) is approved by the Department of Veteran Affairs

to receive benefits under the GI Bill - Chapter 31 and Post-911 programs. Participating veterans will receive high-tech training, tuition, and housing allowance assistance).

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 School Certified Officers (SCO, career advisors) or complete the inquiry form at <https://www.globalitech.com/va-p>



8 Steps to Technology Career Planning

Career planning is the strategic mapping of the key steps that are required to help you achieve your professional goals. A well thought out and documented career plan will act as a roadmap for you to successfully launch your career in Tech. The goal of career planning is to create a blueprint that you can follow as you start your technology career planning and development journey.

Now that we know what career planning is, let us review the steps required to successfully plan your technology career. Below is a list of the steps. You can continue reading below for more information on each step.

- Step 1: Identify Your Goals
- Step 2: Identify the Skills
- Step 3: Create a Career Path Map
- Step 4: Identify the next-step Job
- Step 5: Acquire the Skills
- Step 6: Apply to Jobs
- Step 7: Network, Network, Network!
- Step 8: Evaluate your Progress





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The 10 most in-demand tech jobs in 2026



1. AI/Machine Learning Engineer

Salary: \$80K-\$130K+

| Growth: 18–34%

AI engineers build the systems that power everything from recommendation engines to autonomous vehicles. This role requires serious technical skills in Python, TensorFlow, and deep learning frameworks. The good news? You don't need a PhD. Many successful AI engineers come from bootcamp backgrounds or switched from related fields like data science. Why choose this: You're working on technology that literally shapes the future. AI projects feel cutting-edge and intellectually stimulating. The salaries are among the highest in tech, and remote work is standard. If you love continuous learning and want to solve problems nobody's solved before, this is your lane.

2. Cybersecurity Analyst

Salary: \$55K-\$90K

| Growth: 33%

Every data breach makes headlines, and every company panics. Cybersecurity analysts are the answer. You're protecting systems, finding vulnerabilities, and staying ahead of threats. The work feels high-stakes and purposeful. Entry into this field is realistic for career switchers. Security+ certification or similar credentials can open doors within 6-9 months of study.

4. DevOps Engineer

Salary: \$70K-\$100K

| Growth: 21%

DevOps engineers automate and streamline how software moves from development to production. If you love efficiency and solving operational puzzles, this role delivers daily satisfaction. The automation focus means you're building things that last. This role suits people who want technical work without deep coding requirements.

3. Cloud Engineer

Salary: \$70K-\$105K

| Growth: 11%

Cloud infrastructure powers modern tech. Cloud engineers design, build, and maintain systems on AWS, Azure, or Google Cloud. Companies migrating to cloud need people who know how to get it done right. The skills are learnable.

5. Data Analyst

Salary: \$45K-\$70K

| Growth: 23–34%

Data analysts translate raw data into business insights. You're part detective, part strategist. The work influences company decisions, which makes it feel impactful. Excel, SQL, and visualization tools are your toolkit and no coding degree necessary. Perfect entry point for non-tech career switchers.





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Career Services: GIT’s Lunch and Learn Events

Message from Jennifer Bowden, GITs 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:

JANUARY

Planning Your Job Search – Tuesday, January 6 at 12 p.m.
It’s been said that finding a job is a job. How can you make the most of the time you have available? Learn strategies for planning and executing a job search that keep you on track and gets results.

Resume Writing – Wednesday, January 14 at 12 p.m.
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.

Getting the Most from LinkedIn

(new) – Tuesday, January 20 at 12 p.m.
Every serious job seeker should have an online presence to enhance their career search and help build their personal brand. Don’t limit yourself to the just job board on LinkedIn! Learn how this valuable job search tool works, from understanding the algorithm and the settings that get you the most visibility, to optimizing your profile for maximum results and building your professional network.

AI for Job Seekers – Wednesday, January 28 at 12 p.m.
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.



FEBRUARY

- Creating a LinkedIn Profile – Tuesday, February 3 at 12 p.m.
- Networking – Wednesday, February 11 at 4 p.m.
- Identifying Transferable Skills – Tuesday, February 17 at 12 p.m.
- Interviewing – Wednesday, February 25 at 4 p.m.

Register today at <https://www.global-itech.com/free-seminars/> or email placement.services@global-itech.com.





Detroit: The Unexpected Tech Hub of 2026

As a retired venture capitalist who has witnessed multiple tech cycles, I’ve learned that the most transformative shifts often emerge from the least expected places. While Silicon Valley continues to dominate headlines, we’re witnessing the early stages of a profound geographic redistribution of tech talent and capital. The digital nomad economy, once centered around tropical destinations and European capitals, is undergoing what GIT calls “The Great Reset”—a fundamental rethinking of what constitutes an ideal innovation ecosystem.

This reset isn’t about chasing low costs or pleasant climates; it’s about finding communities with untapped potential, infrastructure ready for reinvention, and governance willing to take bold risks. The next major tech hub won’t emerge from obvious contenders but from a city that has already experienced collapse and possesses the



institutional memory to build something more resilient.

Detroit represents the archetype of what GIT calls “post-industrial renaissance cities”—urban centers that have hit rock bottom and possess both the physical infrastructure and psychological readiness for radical transformation. Unlike growing cities burdened by legacy systems and entrenched interests, Detroit offers a clean slate. The city’s abundant abandoned industrial spaces provide perfect canvases for tech campuses, while its existing transportation infrastructure, though

underutilized, offers connectivity advantages most growing tech hubs lack. More importantly, Detroit’s population has developed a resilience and adaptability that tech companies increasingly value over the transient talent pools of traditional hubs. This isn’t about recreating Silicon Valley; it’s about building something fundamentally different—a tech ecosystem integrated with manufacturing, automotive innovation, and urban regeneration.





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