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# Out of work during coronavirus? These industries are still hiring



Pandemic job insecurity comes with a silver lining: It's better to see the ax now rather than later, because your chances of landing a new gig are highest right now, at least in certain industries. Here's where to look:

**Shipping and delivery companies:** Amazon is hiring 100,000 workers, mostly for fulfillment and delivery, and some UPS hubs are hiring as well, although—fair warning—both companies are facing criticism over employee safety. Some couriers are also hiring.

**Online learning companies:** Now that over 30 million children are out of school, it's boom time for online schools, which are swiftly expanding capacity.

**Grocery stores and delivery services:** Grocery stores are your friends. Major chains such as Kroger, Meijer, and Safeway are hiring instore shelf stockers and delivery staff; ditto for regional chains such as Raley's. Grocery delivery services and apps such as Instacart are also hiring.

**Remote meeting and communication companies:** Zoom is hiring, as are Slack and Microsoft Teams.

## Apply for the Global IT Scholarship Program

Global Information Technology is proud to provide the Global IT Scholarship Program. Every month, the Global IT Scholarship will be awarded to one highly driven individual wanting to begin or advance their IT career. Exclusively, the scholarship will provide a grant of \$2,500.00 towards any certification course or remote live training at Global Information Technology. Global Information Technology created this IT Scholarship, to give back to the community and spread our desire to help those in need. "We believe that learning is essential and we will continue to help and develop individuals to help them succeed in their personal development goals", said Manish Modi, Program Director.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity; apply for the Global IT Scholarship today!

#### GIT thought provoking corner

"When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you ... never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."

- Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811 1896), American abolitionist and author

## Learn for Free Each Day

Global Information Technology is giving back to the community by offering free classes (lived streamed instructor led workshop) while Michigan businesses are closed. Learn from Introduction to coding, Java, Web Design, LinkedIn Basic, Project Management, Business Analyst, and Agile to Microsoft office.

#### How does it work?

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

#### Learn more and register at:

https://www.global-itech.com/freeseminars/ or Email: placement.services @global-itech.com.

## Upcoming class schedule at GIT

Do not miss out on your opportunity to enroll into one our cutting-edge technology classes, taught by our world class instructors! Complete course schedule here: <u>https://www.global-</u> itech.com/online-schedule/

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## Big tech could emerge from coronavirus Crisis stronger than ever

While the rest of the economy is tanking from the crippling

impact of the coronavirus, business at the biggest technology companies is holding steady — even thriving.

Amazon said it was hiring 100,000 warehouse workers to meet surging demand. Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's chief executive, said traffic for video calling and messaging had exploded. Microsoft said the numbers using its software for online collaboration had climbed nearly 40 percent in a week.

With people told to work from home and stay away from others, the pandemic has deepened reliance on services from the technology industry's biggest companies while accelerating trends that were already benefiting them.

Amazon has muscled in on brick-and-mortar retailers for years, but shoppers now reluctant to go to the store are turning to the e-commerce giant for a wider variety of goods, like groceries and over-the-counter drugs.

The \$3.9 trillion global technology industry will suffer this year, though just how much remains unclear. In December, the research firm IDC forecast 5 percent worldwide growth for sales of hardware, software and services in 2020. After it became apparent a month ago that the coronavirus would disrupt supplies and cut sales in China, IDC said annual revenue might inch ahead at only 1 percent. That 1 percent growth now looks decidedly optimistic, said Frank Gens, chief analyst at IDC.

But when the economy does eventually improve, Big Tech could benefit from changes in consumer habits. And despite more than 18 months of criticism from lawmakers, regulators and competitors before the pandemic hit the United States, the biggest companies are likely to finish the year stronger than ever.

The shift to work at home has also demonstrated the merits of cloud computing when use unexpectedly spikes. For companies managing their internet infrastructures, making adjustments to computing needs on the fly is expensive and complicated. Cloud computing makes it easier.

# The Tech World Is Convinced 2021 Is Going to Be the Best Year Ever

According to an array of predictions from tech companies and market researchers, plenty of changes are coming.

#### VIRTUAL REALITY

Though virtual reality's first year with some powerful consumer headsets on the market, 2016, wasn't exactly a blockbuster, the technology is expected to be on a lot more faces come 2021. IDC forecasts that shipments of virtual and augmented reality headsets will rise to about 92 million in 2021, which would be close to 10 times as many as shipped out last year.

#### **ELECTRIC CARS**

When it comes to driving, 2021 won't just be about fancy robot cars; it's expected to be a year in which we'll have more electric vehicles, too. A report from Bloomberg New Energy Finance forecasts that electric vehicles will make up a little less than 4 percent of all car sales in the U.S. and 5 percent of all car sales in Europe that year, up from 1 percent and 2 percent, respectively, this year.

#### **CHEAP SOLAR POWER**

Clean energy has been getting cheaper for a while now, and in 2021, it is expected to finally become cheaper to use renewable power sources like solar and wind rather than coal in a number of key countries. Bloomberg New Energy Finance predicts that by 2021, solar power will be cheaper than coal in China, India, Mexico, Brazil, and the

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

Question: "Andrei, lately I have just been in the dumps. It seems life is just tossing me around. I need help staying encouraged. Thanks." Jennifer

**Answer:** Focus. On. The. Positive. When we start feeling sad, it's easy to get stuck inside a cycle of negativity — and that only makes us feel worse. Much worse. You have to fixate on the positive. It's cliché, I know, but that's because it works. Fixating on the positive is about appreciating what you *do* have, the good aspects of your life — not all of that bad stuff that's getting you down. Focus on your family, your health, your career, accomplishments: focus on anything and everything in your life that brings you joy. Think about the things you've done *well*. Place your energy in these thoughts. Just take a little time to appreciate what you have and give yourself some grace for the things you've achieved.



# GET READY TO POWER YOUR TECH FUTURE

#### VA Benefits Accepted At Global IT:

CHAPTER 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill® CHAPTER 30 – Montgomery GI Bill® for Active Duty (MGIB-AD) CHAPTER 1606 – Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) CHAPTER 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) CHAPTER 35 – Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program

VET TEC – Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses

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-itech.com/va-program.</u>

#### 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 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.

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

#### Are classes still running?

All classes are running Virtual live Instructor Led class room environment live until April 30, 2020 (subject to change based on guidance from local health authorities). You can sign up for live online classes on or before April 30th, or for in-person classes after April 30<sup>th</sup>. In any case, you can retake the class for free within a year (see below).

Our Virtual live Instructor Led class

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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 in-person 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  years. Email us at info@global-itech.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

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

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

Be sure to follow GIT.

