Last year the U.S. tech industry added 260,865 jobs for a total of 11.8 million. The median income for IT professionals was $81,907. The jobs are out there — do you want a piece of pie? Take this quiz to find out how to get there.

How to Get a Job In IT

IT may not be the right career for you. Yes No

What's your motivation?

Do you want a better paycheck, opportunity for advancement and a sense of accomplishment? Yes No

Do you have experience?

Even if you're not currently in an IT role, you can bolster your experience by volunteering your services and freelancing. Yes No

Are you finding the right jobs?

Online searches, in-person networking and your social profiles can help you target the right IT positions. Yes No

Do you have a good resume?

You have less than one minute to make a good impression on paper — make it count! Yes No

Are you good at interviews?

You know what they say about first impressions. Be prepared. Yes No

Congratulations!

You're well on your way to your dream IT job!

Visit Certification.CompTIA.org/aplus and start training today.

Check out these top five websites for IT jobs:
1. Dice.com
2. TechCareers.com
3. ITJobPro.com
4. iCrunchData.com
5. JustTechJobs.com

TO DO LIST

Your resume should be BRIEF (try to stick to one page if you can) and CLEAR — listing your skills, experience and accomplishments. Don't underestimate the power of a well-written resume.

Ace your next interview:
1. Do your homework — Research the company.
2. Prepare a list of questions — This is your interview too.
3. Make eye contact — Confidence is key.
4. Highlight your accomplishments — Practice working your successes into your answers.
5. Be honest.

Can you step outside of your comfort zone?

Even if you're not currently in an IT role, you can bolster your experience by volunteering your services and freelancing. Yes No

Do you have an IT certification?

An IT certification shows employers you have the skills necessary to get the job done. Yes No

Reaching out to help local nonprofit groups, school districts and churches is a great way to put your IT training to the test and beef up your resume.

Visit Certification.CompTIA.org to view a list of vendor-neutral CompTIA certifications and find out how you can get started.