

# JOB



**“The Voice of Career Insight”**

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## The ONE question every IT professional needs to be able to answer

**“What are your technical competencies?”**

“Tell me, what set of skills do you bring to us?”

This is one question (maybe not stated this way exactly) you can expect to be asked at one point during your next job interview. Therefore, before the interview, do your homework on the environment that the interviewing company uses. You will be asked to review your technical competencies and skillsets from the standpoint of how well the company feels they fit with the tools and approaches they use in their environment. This question and its response can have a make-or-break effect on whether you get the job.



***Global I.T.'s Monthly  
Thought Provocation***

***“Our growth  
depends not on  
how many  
experiences we  
devour, but on how  
many we digest.”***

**- Ralph Sockman**

Global Information Technology conducts workshops and events for the community to help in the learning of new technology and latest skills. Our workshops are absolutely FREE. Upcoming workshops for the Month of April include:



**Tuesday, 7/7 @ 4:30pm - Careers Using CompTIA Certifications**

**Thursday, 7/9 @ 4:30pm - Why a Career in IT?**

**LinkedIn Basics - TBD**

Register at <http://www.global-itech.com/html/main/calendar.php> or call 1-866-GO-GIT-GO (464.4846)

### **Special Points of Interest In This Issue of 'JobPrep'**

- The ONE question every IT professional needs to be able to answer
- Charge your phone by running?
- Two metro Detroit firms named top IT workplaces in the U.S.
- 5 Job tips for people over 50
- 9 hottest IT skills for 2016

## Charge your phone by running?

Imagine never again having that frantic feeling that your Smartphone battery is about to die. Amazingly, charging your phone may soon be a thing of the past: Technology companies are developing a way for your gadgets to power up while they're sitting in your pocket.



By converting radio waves into battery-replenishing power, smartphones equipped with special receivers can literally pull energy right out of the air. It's not far-off in the future stuff—the technology is making its way to the real world in a matter of months. Companies like Energous, Nikola Labs and a small handful of others have different ways to accomplish that, but their technology essentially works like this: Special antennas focus cellular and Wi-Fi signals into a pocket of low-powered energy around the back of your phone. A receiver on your phone then converts that radio energy into DC power that can charge the battery.

Energous plans on releasing wireless chargers and phone cases in late 2016 that will let you charge your phone at a distance of up to 20 feet. But what makes Energous particularly compelling is that it claims to have signed a commitment with a "top tier" tech company that will build the wireless receivers right into the gadgets themselves (no case needed). Energous says that its nondisclosure agreement prevents it from naming the company, but CEO Stephen Rizzone told CNNMoney that the commitment is for "millions of devices," and "it's highly likely that you own some of this company's products."

The best part: It's not pie-in-the-sky dreaming. It's coming soon.

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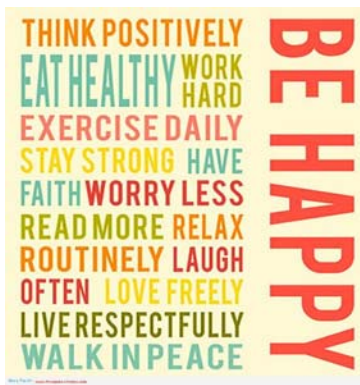
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Factors used to assess companies include employee feedback, benefits offered, development opportunities and retention rates.

Computerworld defines small firms as having 1,000 U.S. employees or fewer, midsize as 1,000-4,999 employees and large as 5,000-plus.

Quicken Loans and Credit Acceptance also made Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For, ranking 12 and 37, respectively. Also on that list from Michigan were Stryker of Kalamazoo in the 19th spot and Plante Moran of Southfield in the 29th spot.



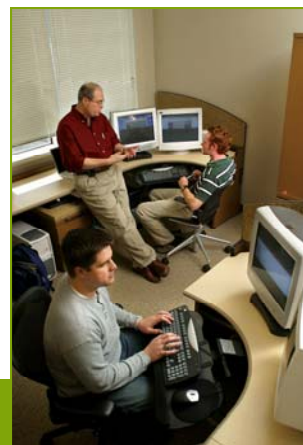


## GIT Wellness Corner

### Don't Compare Yourself To Other People

When your sense of pleasure and satisfaction are derived from comparing yourself to others, you are no longer the master of your own happiness. When you feel good about something that you've done, don't allow anyone's opinions or accomplishments take that away from you.

While it's impossible to turn off your reactions to what others think of you, you don't have to compare yourself to others, and you can always take people's opinions with a grain of salt. That way, no matter what other people are thinking or doing, your self-worth comes from within. Regardless of what people think of you at any particular moment, one thing is certain - you're never as good or bad as they say you are.



## Career Guidance Column



**Andrei - I'm embarrassed to share with my friends and family that I need a job. What are your thoughts on this?** Smart job seekers aren't afraid to mention career aspirations to their book club, their parents' friends or their dentist. One never knows whose golf partner might be the ticket to getting a foot in the door. Even friends may learn more about you and perhaps think of you for a lead that they might have overlooked. But the answer is always no if you don't ask.

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## Upcoming IT Courses - Starting Soon .....

A+ - 1, 9	Oracle I2c - 11, 13	Access - na
Project - 10	Oracle I2c II - 30	Professional - 8, 9
BA - 13, 18	Security - 1, 21	PowerPoint - 11, 18
Ethical Hacker - 6, 21	SQL - na	SharePoint - na
CCNA - 7, 11	Web Pro - 17	XHTML - na
ASP.Net - 18	Network+ - 8, 25	Photoshop - na
Java - 13	MCSA - 9, 25	Flash - na
Linux+ - 14, 18, 31	Outlook - na	Software Q& - 21, 25, 27
Social Media - 7, 11	Windows 8 - 8, 9	SQL Server 2012 - 13, 28
PMP - 25	Word - 20, 21, 27, 28	

## 5 Job tips for people over 50

Older adults who are looking for a job should expect to search for weeks longer and receive fewer offers than their younger counterparts, a new study shows. For many older individuals, the prospect of a prolonged and potentially futile job search may prematurely drive them out of the workforce and even further decrease the chance for re-employment later in life. Researchers offer five pieces of advice for older job seekers.



- **Stay up-to-date with skills and industry.** Despite there being many stereotypes about older workers that are not true, one that does seem to hold is that as workers age, they tend not to keep their learning going. Look for ways to grow your skills and stay current with your industry, even if you're employed right now.
- **Upgrade job search skills.** Older workers tend to have longer job tenure, and so may be less familiar with new technologies and practices in today's job search marketplace. Explore different job search websites, applicant requirements, and hiring trends for the industry and type of job you want to land.
- **Be persistent.** Older workers should realize that they will find a job, it just may take a little bit longer. Understanding your particular situation and how it may play a role in your job search will help with the process.
- **Clarify re-employment goals.** Losing one's job is one of life's most stressful experiences, particularly as one ages. Older workers should think about which features of a new job are most important and set clear reemployment goals and priorities to guide their job search.

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### Technical Advice



***"Marcial, my computer is running SUPER slow - what can I do about it?"***

One of the most common reasons for a slow computer are programs running in the background. Remove or disable any TSRs and startup programs that automatically start each time the computer boots. To see what programs are running in the background and how much memory and CPU they are using, open Task Manager. If you are running Windows 7 or higher, run Resmon to get a better understanding of how your computer is being used. If you have an antivirus scanner on the computer, spyware protection program, or another security utility, make sure it is not scanning your computer in the background. If a scan is in progress, it can decrease the overall performance of your computer. If this is the case, allow the scan to complete and the computer's performance should improve afterwards.

## 9 hottest IT skills for 2016



The pace of job growth in IT may be slowing down, but it's still moving at a strong clip. A healthy 24% of the respondents to Computerworld's 2015 Forecast survey said that their companies plan to add more IT employees in the year ahead. While down from 32% and 33% in the previous two years, the fact that a number of employers still anticipate growth indicates that the prospects for expansion in the IT ranks are

good. Moreover, the kinds of technical skills in high demand are those needed for enterprises in expansion mode, suggesting that organizations are continuing to invest in their IT infrastructures. Here's a look at the 9 IT skills that the 194 IT executives who responded to a survey said will be most in demand heading into 2015.

1. Programming/application development • 48% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months.
2. Project management • 35% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months
3. Help desk/technical support • 30% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months
4. Security/compliance governance • 28% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months
5. Web development • 28% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months
6. Business intelligence/analytics • 24% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months.
7. Mobile applications and device management • 24% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months.
8. Networking • 22% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months
9. Big data • 20% of respondents said they plan to hire for this skill in the next 12 months

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