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The Power of Networking

Networking is one of the most important - if not the *most* important - activities that job-seekers need to master to be truly successful in your job search. Because the vast majority of job openings are never advertised, job-seekers need to have a network of contacts - a career network - that can provide support, information, and job leads. (See links below)

General Networking Organizations: http://www.quintcareers.com/networking_organizations.html

Tools for Networking on the Web: http://www.quintcareers.com/Internet_networking_sources.html

Key Networking Resources: http://www.quintcareers.com/networking_resources.html



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

***"Discipline is the
bridge between
goals and
accomplishment."***
- Jim Rohn

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 August include:

Tuesday, 9/4 @ 4:30pm - Careers Using CompTIA Certifications
Thursday, 9/13 @ 4:30pm - Why a Career in IT?
LinkedIn Basics - TBD

Register at <http://www.global-itech.com> or call
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Special Points of Interest In This Issue of 'JobPrep'

- Signs That You Didn't Get the Job
- Great News for Michigan's Job Future in Technology
- Wellness Corner
- What To Do BEFORE the Interview
- And much more!

9 signs that you didn't land the job

How to know when you won't be getting a call-back after the job interview.

You spent hours crafting your Cover letter and tweaking your resume for the job application. You pass the phone screen with flying colors and are invited to interview in person with the team. You practice your elevator pitch, don your best interview outfit, and head out to the meeting. Then you leave the interview feeling ... confused.

Did it go well? If you're unsure where you stand after the interview is over, consider these telltale signs that you didn't land the job.

You met with fewer people.

You were supposed to meet with three different people in the department, but after the first interview, they sent you on your merry way. Unless the entire team suddenly came down with the flu, don't expect to receive a call back from the company.

Your interview is cut short.

Perhaps your interview was expected to last an hour, but the interviewer wrapped things up in the first 15 minutes. If your interview experience went something like this, it's not a good sign.

The interviewer keeps emphasizing a skill you don't have.

If the interviewer continues to mention the importance of a skill you either don't possess or have little experience in, then it could be an indication the employer is looking for a different kind of candidate.

The interviewer is 'going through the motions.'

When the interviewer seems disinterested in what you have to say, is asking questions that sound a little too rehearsed, or is checking their email, texting, or staring at the clock while you're talking to them, it's not a good sign.

You didn't learn more about the position.

If the interviewer isn't elaborating on the role and responsibilities, then there's a good chance they don't think you're the right fit for the position.

You didn't have any questions.

When you don't have anything to ask your interviewers, it sends the signal you're not really interested in the role. If you can't think of at least one question to ask each interviewer, your candidacy could be called into question.

You asked about their vacation policy.

When your initial questions have nothing to do with the role and everything to do with the company's perks, don't expect a call back. Employers are looking for candidates with different priorities.

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Can this Sony exec bring virtual reality to the masses?

PlayStation boss to head up Project Morpheus VR headset plan

He is the smiling corporate face of PlayStation.

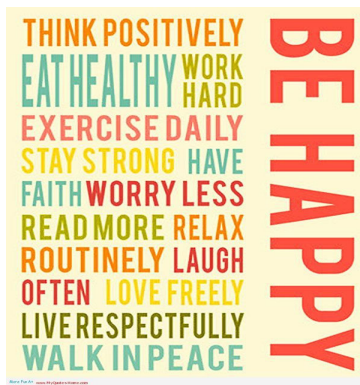
Shuhei Yoshida's official title is President of Worldwide Studios for Sony Computer Entertainment. That means he's in charge of the games Sony itself makes for PlayStation 4 and PlayStation Vita. But to gamers, he's a lot more than that.

A quick scroll through Yoshida's Twitter feed shows him answering tech support questions, reaching out to developers, and reacting to fan portraits.

Yoshida's latest task is to help Sony sell Project Morpheus, the virtual reality (VR) headset for PlayStation 4. Virtual reality is enjoying a renaissance in gaming, with everyone from Facebook to HTC getting involved with headsets that range from high-tech units to cardboard casings that you can slot a Smartphone into.

The abundance of headsets hasn't convinced mainstream consumers that VR headsets, once derided as a faded vision of the future from the 1990s, are cool again. Sony's solution? Get them on the heads of gamers at events like Ani-Con, a comics, games and toy show in Hong Kong.

"It's very, very important for people to try this, to understand what great experiences you can have," said Yoshida of Project Morpheus. "We'll work to bring this to as many consumer touch points as possible."



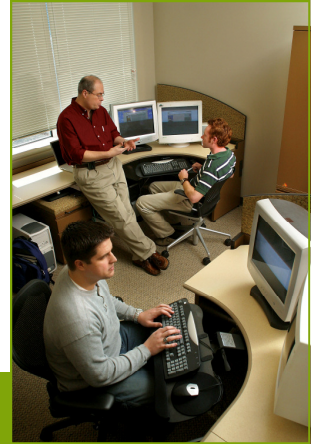
GIT Wellness Corner

A healthier workplace : stretching at work

At the workstation, or on the job, a few minutes of stretching every day can help relieve stress, relax tense muscles and re-energize your day. Here are a few simple and effective stretches you can do anytime, anywhere to add more physical activity into your life.

Tips for safe stretching:

- Stretch slowly.
- Remember to breathe normally.
- You should feel a gentle stretch in the muscles, sharp pain is a sign of overstretching.
- Hold each stretch for at least 15-20 seconds, or until you feel the muscle relax.
- Repeat each stretch 2- 3 times.
- Avoid bouncing or jerky movements during stretching - be patient and allow the muscles to gently lengthen while you hold the stretch.
- Relax your mind and the rest of your body as much as you can - enjoy the sensation.



Stay Inspired: Here's your 2017 Job search Checklist

List What You're Thankful For: Attitude impacts everything in your job search. Give yourself an attitude boost by listing five things that you're thankful for in your life. Even when times are tough, you can likely find a few things to be grateful for.

Create a Daily Goal List: A simple checklist of no more than three goals can help you stay on track, give you a sense of productivity and allow you to feel a sense of accomplishment as you check off the items. Even better, an organized, consistent approach to your search is also more likely to result in a job. **Revisit Your Finances:** Exercise some control over the money you're currently spending. If you don't know where your money goes each month, make it a priority to figure it out now. Once you know how much money you require to live, you can look at tradeoffs in terms of your job search.

Determine Your Minimum Standards: If you have been looking for a job for a long time, you may have fallen prey to well-meaning friends and relatives who suggest that you take any job, even one outside of your field or below your desired salary. Depending on your situation, this might be good advice. But proactively thinking about the timetable and plan that works for you will help you to manage your job search as well as respond to your friends in a deliberate way.

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4 Things to Learn about a Company Before Your Job Interview

An essential part of job interview preparation is doing your homework on the company itself. Employers take note of candidates that are educated not only on the responsibilities of the job opening in question, but also on the company itself. Here are the four most significant things to learn about your company:



1. **Company Mission Statement and Basic Facts**

If you are in a time crunch and don't have the luxury of studying up on a company thoroughly, make sure you at least jot down some mental notes from the company's website. Go immediately to the "About Us" and "Mission Statement" portions of the site. Learn what it is that the company does and familiarize yourself with the products and/or services provided by that company.

2. **What Sets the Company Apart From its Competitors?**

Being educated in how a company is doing things differently is a great point of emphasis in your interview, particularly if the interviewer asks you what attracted you to the company. Studying up on this little detail will help prepare you with an educated answer.

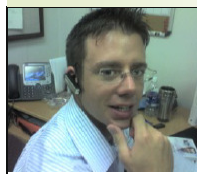
3. **What is Being Said About the Company in the News and Through Social Networks?**

If the company to which you are applying is not large enough to be of interest to news outlets, it may still have a marketing team that issues press releases that it publishes on a company blog, online newsletter or a social networking site. If the company is on Facebook or Twitter, visit the company's page and read up on what the company is saying there to fans and followers.

4. **Who's in Charge?**

From the top down, do some research on who calls the shots at the company. Know the name of the CEO and key top management of the company. If the company you are applying to is not large, know the name of the manager or top supervisor you will be answering to.

Technical Advice



"Marcial, once and for all - iPad Air 2 or Surface Pro 3? I can't decide...."
- Craig G.

Mr. G. Occasionally, the marketing department goes too far. Microsoft developed ads matching Surface Pro 3 models against Macs, but the campaign hasn't worked perfectly. Apple reported record iPhone and Mac sales revenue for its most recent quarter, while Microsoft—which already wrote off nearly \$1 billion in Surface inventory no one bought—continues fighting. Its new entry, the Surface 3, looks to be an underwhelming product.

Known for its ubiquitous operating system and office productivity software, Microsoft is attempting to create a niche for its hardware. Unfortunately, the tablets don't compete all that well. At least one media representative who received a Microsoft Surface Pro 3 to track election results chose to use the Microsoft device as an iPad kickstand.

The Surface 3 doesn't even seem to really be an iPad replacement. Out of the gate, iPads appear to possess three advantages over the Microsoft tablet in three areas: Performance, OS, and Resolution.

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Computer and Mathematical Occupations

Employment Forecasts

2010 - 2020

[\(By SOC Code\)](#)

SOC CODE MENT	OCCUPATION	EMPLOYMENT		CHANGE		ANNUAL AVERAGE OPENINGS		
		2010	2020	LEVEL	%	TOTAL	GROWTH	REPLACE-
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	4,144,990	4,497,030	352,040	8.5	135,095	37,063	98,032
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	84,370	99,770	15,400	18.3	3,203	1,540	1,663
15-1111	Computer and Information Research Scientist	180	220	40	22.2	7	4	3
15-1121	Computer Systems Analysts	12,170	14,660	2,500	20.5	478	250	228
15-1131	Computer Programmers	10,570	11,400	840	7.9	329	84	245
15-1132	Software Developers, Applications	10,230	12,630	2,400	23.5	346	240	106
15-1133	Software Developers, Systems Software	6,550	8,960	2,420	36.9	310	242	68
15-1141	Database Administrators	2,480	3,100	620	25.0	104	62	42
15-1142	Network & computer systems architects & ad	8,030	9,820	1,790	22.3	315	179	136
15-1150	Computer Support Specialists	18,110	20,860	2,750	15.2	751	275	476
15-1179	Info Security Analysts/Web Dvlprsr/Comp Net	5,360	6,220	850	15.9	164	85	79
15-1799	Computer Occupations, All Other	7,360	7,960	600	8.2	198	60	138