

IT CAREERS (PART I)

CHOOSE THE NAME OF THE POSITION THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE DEFINITION:

1.	
Respect	Very High
Qualities	Business savvy, technical mindset, good people skills
Average Salary	\$150,000
Dress	Business suit and very clean
Fun Factor	Only fun if you are a workaholic or on a power trip.
Notes	These jobs are highly competitive and usually political, so your chances are low. Sorry.

2.	
Respect	High
Qualities	Good technical, business, and design skills
Average Salary	\$100,000
Dress	Clean and presentable with collared shirt and pants
Fun Factor	Fun job because you get to talk to all other departments
Notes	Responsible for all solutions that work; not responsible for ones that don't work

3.	
Respect	Medium-High
Qualities	Detail oriented, punctual, critical, supportive
Average Salary	\$70,000
Dress	Business Casual
Fun Factor	Can be fun but often very stressed
Notes	They always seem to be working

4.	
Respect	Medium
Qualities	Excellent writing skills, good technical mind
Average Salary	\$50,000
Dress	Business Casual
Fun Factor	Writers are often good at telling stories
Notes	

5.	
Respect	Low-Medium
Qualities	Excellent drawing and illustration skills, good color matching and artistic qualities
Average Salary	\$50,000
Dress	Casual
Fun Factor	Generally fun people and sometimes a bit moody
Notes	Not as 'square' as the rest of the IT department. All good designers seem to have tattoos, piercings, and a fashion sense.

6.	
Respect	Medium
Qualities	Creative, persistent, insatiable thirst for knowledge
Average Salary	\$70,000
Dress	Casual Dress is normally the rule (t-shirt and jeans)
Fun Factor	If you don't have fun being a developer then you have the wrong job; other people might not understand your sense of humor though ;)
Notes	Companies have a lot of developers compared to other positions listed. Therefore your chances of becoming a developer are good if you have the skills and more importantly the desire.

7.	
Respect	Medium
Qualities	Cooperation, leadership, and organization skills
Average Salary	\$60,000
Dress	Business Casual (collared shirt and nice jeans or pants)
Fun Factor	This tends to be a high stress position with long hours. If that sounds fun then go for it!
Notes	

8.	
Respect	Medium-High
Qualities	Detail-oriented, high business knowledge
Average Salary	\$80,000
Dress	Business Casual
Fun Factor	If processing giant data sets excite you, then this job is for you.
Notes	

9.	
Respect	High
Qualities	Military outlook on life, defensive, pro-active
Average Salary	\$70,000
Dress	Smart, clean dress is very important
Fun Factor	Are you kidding me? This guy is basically a cop!
Notes	

10.	
Respect	Medium-High
Qualities	God complex, often eat fast food and drink a lot of soda
Average Salary	\$75,000
Dress	If they were allowed to, they would probably dress as World of Warcraft characters!
Fun Factor	Sysadmins can be patronizing; but they can be fun as well, especially after they have a few beers. They are often eager to show others that they are just "normal people". But this is not usually true.
Notes	Never anger a sysadmin! Why? They have access to everything in the company

11.	
Respect	Low-Medium
Qualities	Detail-oriented, persistent, curious
Average Salary	\$40,000
Dress	Same as developers
Fun Factor	They are normally seen hanging out with developers, trying to talk about bugs.
Notes	Testers play a vital role in software development that cannot be understated. If you don't have a single tester on your team, you are probably in trouble.

12.	
Respect	Low (except when someone needs help fixing their computer, then it's really high)
Qualities	Must be good at dealing with technically incompetent people
Average Salary	Salary: \$35,000
Dress	Casual
Fun Factor	Often an endless source of funny stories about technically incompetent end-users
Notes	Do not kill the end-users!