Government-style Resume Guide

Full legal name (First Middle Last)
City, State of Current Residence
Email address
Phone number

TECHNICAL SKILLS & TOOLS

8+ years of experience: List all the skills and tools you have experience with for more than 8 years. If not applicable, do not include this section.

4-7 years of experience: List all the skills and tools you have experience with for 4-7 years. If not applicable, do not include this section.

1-3 years of experience: List all the skills and tools you have experience with for 1-3 years.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Start with your current employment or your most recent role and list all the professional experiences you've had in reverse chronological order. There needs to be a full chronology, meaning no breaks in time.

For your most relevant, recent and/or longest held positions you should list a minimum of 8-10 bullet points. After that, it is ok to gradually lessen the number of bullet point descriptions.

Unrelated jobs held many years ago do not need more than 1 or 2 bullet points, however, transferrable skills such as management, communication, and problem solving should be highlighted, as those are relevant skills.

See below for employment history formatting.

Role/title, Company name

City, State if within US or City, Country if outside of US

Duration of employment (Start MM/YYYY - End MM/YYYY or "Present")

"Full-Time" or "Part-Time", Hours per week: ##

Include a one sentence description of the company, including the mission. This is to understand the scope of work, context of your accomplishments and contributions, scale of the company, and your role in the organization.

 Each bullet point should be a comprehensive description of your unique accomplishments, duties, and contributions in this role. Although it is great to learn about what your team accomplished as a whole, your resume should highlight the contributions you made.

- Please do not be concise paragraph format and extreme detail for each bullet point is encouraged
- When possible, please write in layman's terms
- Quantify anything and everything (number of projects you worked on, number of people
 you managed, number of widgets you fixed, number of dollars you saved the company,
 etc.)

If at any point you were unemployed, please note the section as so. Unemployment is completely acceptable and understood - we need it noted for a full timeline with no gaps:

Unemployed

Start MM/YYYY - End MM/YYYY

• Brief explanation ("took personal time to travel, be with family, etc.") to the extent you're comfortable sharing. It is ok to leave it blank.

EDUCATION

Name of college/university/institution, City, State

Type of degree, Major and minor, MM/YYYY degree received Graduation honors if applicable

Other sections to include if applicable:

- Volunteer work (include organization, years of participation, a one-line description of your role)
- Relevant awards (include awarding organization, title of award, year received, and any relevant details, such as chosen as award winner out of 300 contenders)
- Relevant public speaking engagements and presentations (include title of presentation, name of conference/event presentation was given, month and year of presentation)
- Certifications (name of certificate, institution issuing the certificate, year)
- Relevant professional affiliations (organization name, start YYYY end YYYY)
- Publications (including internet, personal blog posts) (title of published work, month and year of publication).
- Training and courses (name of training/course, organization providing the training/course, MM/YYYY completed)