**Ideal Job: Backend Developer**

The demand for Backend Developers is currently moderate to high there is currently 649 available positions advertised in Australia on seek.com.au (15/10/2020). Seek.com.au estimates this role has a growth rate of 23.4% over the next five years. My skills will not be suitable for every one of the 649 positions without learning some additional skills. My skills are also transferable to another position known as a Full Stack Developer (Frontend & Backend Developer), So Job opportunities will definitely be available now and in the future as long as my skill set is kept up to date.

**Skills for the Job**

No IT role comes with a permanent set of skills as Industry is forever changing, however each role has a good basis of skills on which they grow. Currently the skills wanted and required for my chosen role are as follows:

**IT Skills**

* Programming Languages: JavaScript, Java, C, C#, C++, PHP, Python, Node.JS
* Databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Cassandra, DynamoDB
* In Depth Knowledge & Understanding of Frameworks: TWIG, Bootstrap, Angular
* In Depth Knowledge & Understanding of Application Programming Interface / APIs
* Microservices
* Cloud Services: AWS, Azure, Google Cloud
* Linux Administration and Management
* Microsoft Windows Desktop / Server Administration and Management

**General Skills**

* Problem Solving Skills
* Attention to detail
* Communication Skills
* Time Management Skills
* Ability & Willingness to Learn Quickly

**IT Skills**

The burning glass data in relation to skills, Database/SQL is ranked #1 while programing languages vary with JavaScript at position 2, Java position 3, Microsoft Windows #4, C# position 12, Linux position 13. This data indicates positions with this required skill set were highly sought after in 2018.

**General Skills**

General / Generic skills for this role are highly sought after and all fall in the top half of the burning glass data as Communication Skills ranked at number 1, Problem Solving ranked at number 2, Detail-Orientated ranked at number 8, Time management ranked at number 12 and Research ranked at number 10.

**Has my opinion changed?**

In relation to positions and the burning glass data Backend Developer is not listed in the data supplied, however Front End Developer is ranked at 6th position, Web Developer ranked at 15th, Full Stack Developer is ranked at 17th position and a PHP Developer is ranked at 24th position all jobs with a similar skill set to each other and to the position of a Backend Developer.

After reviewing the burning glass data my opinion on my idea job has not faltered as job prospects remain high in the role and there are plenty of carryover roles for the required skills to move into in the future should employment as a Backend Developer becomes harder to find.