

Task: Review and Expand Domain Categories in Computer Science and Engineering

Objective

1. **Evaluate existing categories** (e.g., “Quantitative Finance & Engineering”) for clarity, overlap, and completeness.
2. **Propose new or refined categories** to ensure all major fields in Computer Science, Engineering, and related disciplines are represented.
3. **Justify category names** (e.g., why “Quantitative Finance & Engineering” instead of just “Finance”).

Step 1: Evaluate Existing Categories

Example: “Quantitative Finance & Engineering”

- **Why not just “Finance”?**
 - “Quantitative Finance” is a specialized field that combines **financial theory, mathematical modeling, and computational techniques** (e.g., algorithmic trading, risk modeling).
 - “Engineering” is included because it emphasizes the **technical implementation** (e.g., building trading systems, optimizing portfolios).
 - A pure “Finance” category would miss the **engineering/computational aspect** and overlap with non-technical finance roles (e.g., financial analysts, accountants).
- **Suggested Action:** Keep as-is, or rename to “**Computational Finance & Engineering**” for clarity.

Step 2: Identify Missing or Overlapping Categories

Review the current list of domains and ask: - Are there **major fields in Computer Science or Engineering missing**? - Are there **overlaps or redundancies** between categories?

Potential Missing Categories

Proposed Category	Justification	Example Jobs/Roles
Robotics & Automation	Robotics is a distinct field combining CS, mechanical engineering, and AI.	Robotics Engineer, Automation Specialist, Control Systems Engineer
Bioinformatics & Computational Biology	Intersection of biology, CS, and data science for healthcare/genomics.	Bioinformatics Scientist, Computational Biologist, Genomics Data Engineer
Geospatial & GIS Engineering	Focuses on mapping, spatial data, and location-based technologies.	GIS Developer, Geospatial Data Scientist, Remote Sensing Engineer
Hardware & Semiconductor Engineering	Covers chip design, embedded systems, and semiconductor manufacturing.	ASIC Engineer, FPGA Engineer, Semiconductor Process Engineer
Energy & Sustainability Tech	Focuses on renewable energy, smart grids, and sustainable technology solutions.	Energy Systems Engineer, Smart Grid Developer, Sustainability Data Analyst
Automotive & Mobility Tech	Covers autonomous vehicles, electric mobility, and transportation systems.	Autonomous Vehicle Engineer, Mobility Data Scientist, EV Battery Engineer
Aerospace & Aviation Software	Software and systems for aerospace, aviation, and defense.	Avionics Engineer, Flight Systems Developer, Aerospace Software Engineer
Legal & Compliance Tech	Technology roles in legaltech, regtech, and compliance (e.g., GDPR, financial regulations).	Legaltech Developer, Compliance Engineer, Regulatory Data Analyst
Education Technology (EdTech)	Focuses on digital learning platforms, educational software, and AI in education.	EdTech Developer, Learning Platform Engineer, AI in Education Specialist

Step 3: Refine Category Names for Clarity

Current Category	Proposed Refinement	Reason
Quantitative Finance & Engineering	Computational Finance & Engineering	“Computational” better reflects the technical focus.
Networking & Cloud Infrastructure	Cloud & Network Engineering	More concise and modern.
Human–Computer Interaction / UI-UX	UX/UI Design & Human-Computer Interaction	Emphasizes both design and research aspects.
IT Support & Systems Administration	Enterprise IT & Systems Administration	“Enterprise” clarifies the scope (corporate/large-scale systems).

Step 4: Propose a Revised Category List

Combine the existing and new categories into a **logical, non-overlapping hierarchy**:

1. **Software Engineering**
2. **Data Science & AI**
3. **Cybersecurity**
4. **Cloud & Network Engineering**
5. **DevOps & Site Reliability**
6. **Systems & Embedded Engineering**
7. **Game Development**
8. **UX/UI Design & Human-Computer Interaction**
9. **Computational Finance & Engineering**
10. **Robotics & Automation**
11. **Bioinformatics & Computational Biology**
12. **Geospatial & GIS Engineering**
13. **Hardware & Semiconductor Engineering**
14. **Energy & Sustainability Tech**
15. **Automotive & Mobility Tech**
16. **Aerospace & Aviation Software**

- 17. Legal & Compliance Tech**
- 18. Education Technology (EdTech)**
- 19. Research & Academia**
- 20. Enterprise IT & Systems Administration**

Step 5: Validate and Iterate

- **Stakeholder Review:** Share the proposed categories with team members or industry experts for feedback.
- **Overlap Check:** Ensure no job role fits into more than one category without clear justification.
- **Future-Proofing:** Leave room for emerging fields (e.g., Quantum Computing, Neurotechnology).

Step 6: Update the JSON Structure

Modify the JSON to include the new categories and ensure jobs are correctly mapped. Example:

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      "description": "Mathematical modeling and computational techniques for financial systems."
      "jobs": [
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        {"name": "Algorithmic Trading Engineer"}
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

Open Questions

1. Should we **merge smaller categories** (e.g., “Game Development” into “Software Engineering”) or keep them separate?
2. How should we handle **interdisciplinary roles** (e.g., a “Bioinformatics Data Scientist” could fit into both “Data Science & AI” and “Bioinformatics”)?
3. Should we add a “**Miscellaneous**” or “**Emerging Fields**” category for roles that don’t fit neatly?