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**My topic: IT sector.**

**My first sub-topic: Overview of the UK's IT industry.**

**!Before reading, I suggest you familiarize yourself with the words!**

Despite - невзирая на;

Resilience – устойчивость;

Momentum – импульс;

just under – чуть менее;

Еstimated – подсчитали;

Possess – обладать;

Application – приложение;

Development – разработка;

Forensics – криминалистика;

Involve – включать;

Solving – решение;

Employer – работодатель;

Require – требовать;

Retail – розничная торговля;

Expect – ожидать;

Gain – получить;

Relevant – соответствующие;

Internship – стажировка;

Opportunity – возможность;

Recruitment - набор пероснала;

Fill – заполнять;

Recognised – распознанный.

**Despite recent challenges posed by COVID-19, the UK's information technology (IT) sector has shown its resilience through continued growth, with skilled workers needed to fuel this momentum.**

What areas of IT can I work in?

According to Tech Nation's *UK tech in 2020* review, just under three million people were employed in the UK's digital tech economy - an increase of 11% within two years.

In addition, at the end of 2020, the *UK Tech Ecosystem update* - a Tech Nation report supported by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport and the Digital Economy Council - revealed that a tenth of all UK job vacancies are tech roles. They estimated that if the growth continued at the same rate, there would be 100,000 job openings per month before the end of June 2021.

So, if you possess the relevant knowledge and technical skills, you could work in:

* applications development
* computer forensics
* content management
* cyber security and risk management
* data analysis and analytics
* game development
* geographical information systems (GIS)
* hardware engineering
* information management
* IT consultancy (business and technical)
* IT sales
* multimedia programming
* software engineering
* systems/network management
* technical support
* telecommunications
* web design/development.

For instance, your job may involve creating applications or systems, solving problems with technology or supporting those who use it. Employers in the IT industry also require graduates to work in their business, marketing, human resources (HR) and finance functions.

Many IT professionals also choose to work outside the sector, such as in the IT departments of retail, finance, manufacturing and public sector organisations.

Where can I find IT jobs?

Most employers expect you to have gained some technical knowledge of IT, although any relevant work experience or internship would be beneficial as you seek to land your first role.

You can [search for graduate jobs in IT](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/graduate-jobs-results?careers=69#results) or visit the websites of major IT and telecommunications companies to browse job opportunities. Vacancies for entry-level and graduate jobs can also be found on specialist IT recruitment sites including:

* [Computerjobs.com](https://www.computerjobs.com/gb/en/IT-Jobs/)
* [CWJobs](https://www.cwjobs.co.uk/)
* [eFinancialCareers](https://www.efinancialcareers.co.uk/)
* [IT Jobs](https://www.it-jobs.co.uk/)
* [Technojobs](https://www.technojobs.co.uk/)

IT jobs in the public sector can be found on websites such as:

* [jobsgopublic](https://www.jobsgopublic.com/)
* [NHS Jobs](https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/)
* [Public Sector IT Jobs](https://www.publicsectoritjobs.co.uk/)

In addition, you can look for IT vacancies on general jobs websites, as employers across all sectors require graduates to fill IT and computing roles in their organisations.

Another option is to find an [IT apprenticeship](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/information-technology/it-apprenticeships), as you'll be able to learn on the job while studying towards a recognised certification.

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