

How to Launch Your Technology Career

A full-page background image showing a rocket launching from a vast, golden-hued sea of clouds. The rocket is a dark, slender line ascending diagonally from the lower left towards the upper right, leaving a thick, textured trail of white smoke and grey vapor behind it. At the very tip of the rocket, a bright, glowing white light indicates the engine's thrust. The sky above the clouds transitions from a deep blue at the top to a lighter, hazy blue near the horizon. The overall atmosphere is one of aspiration and upward movement.

Ideas for MNTC Students

What Is a Technology Company?

Agenda

- What roles exist in a technology company
- What working for a technology company is like
- Determine if working in tech is what you want to do
- Preparing for your first job
- Getting your first job

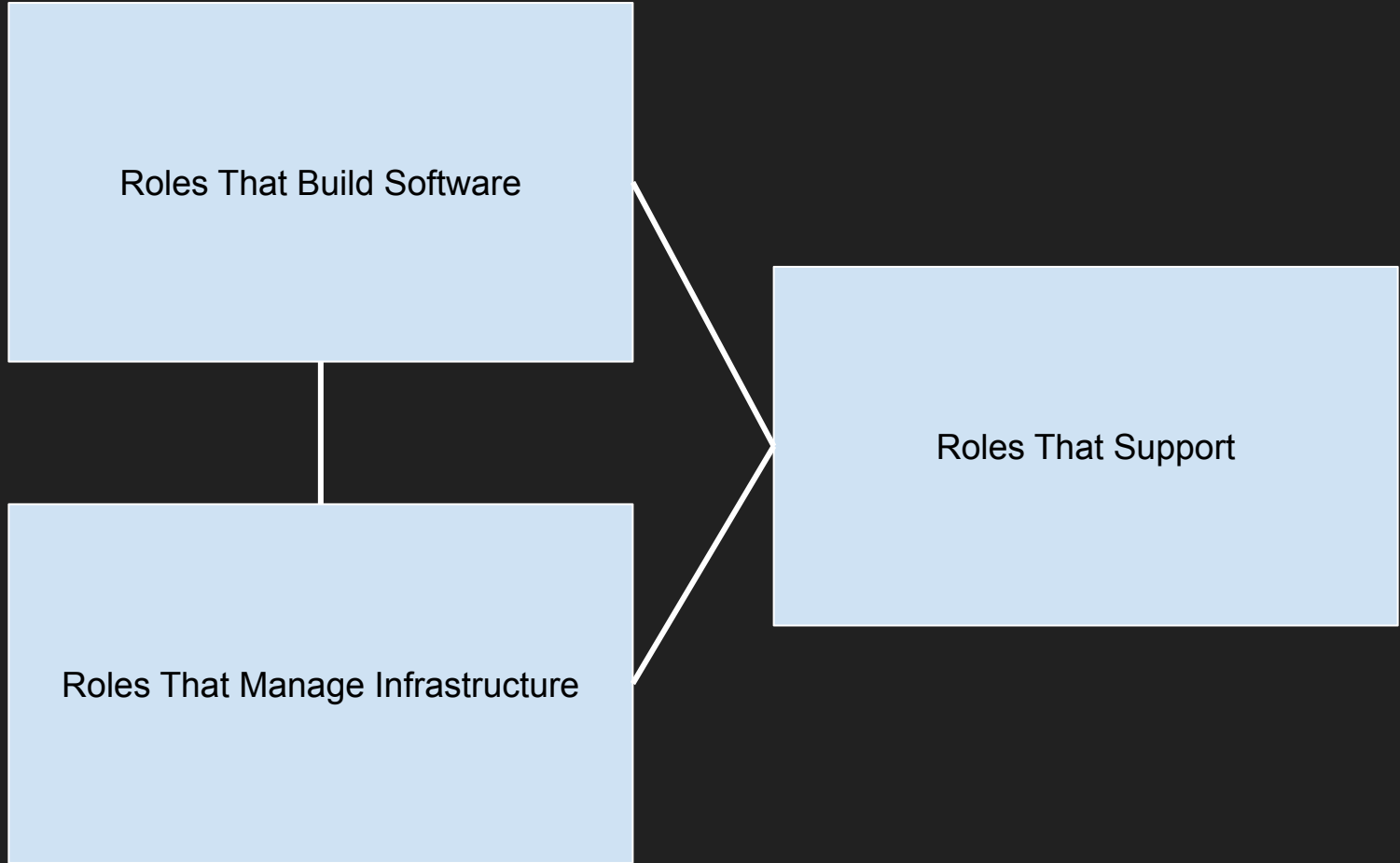
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Roles That Build Software

Roles That Manage Infrastructure

Roles That Support



Roles That Build Software





Roles That Manage Infrastructure



Roles That Support Others

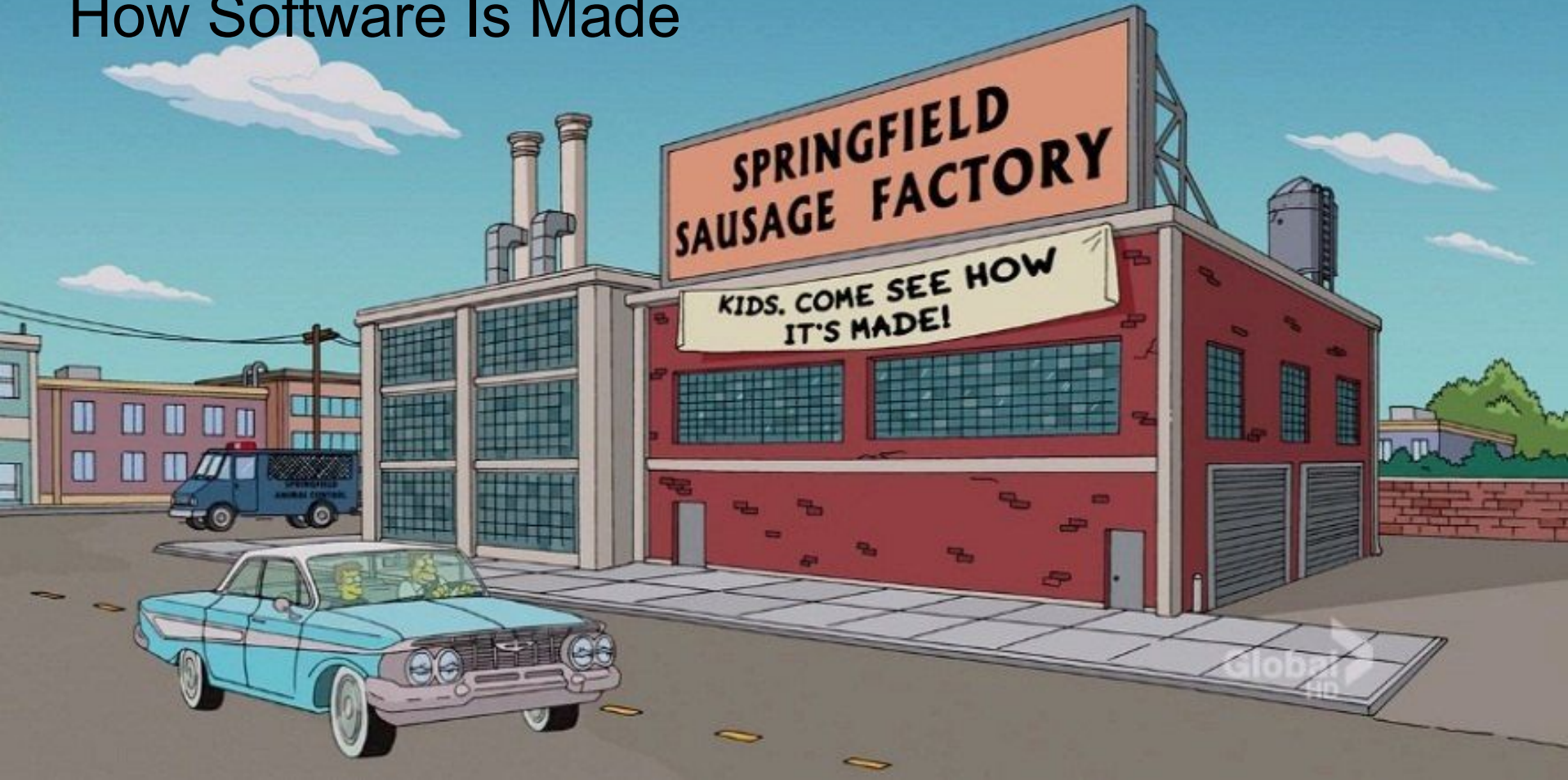
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Working For A Technology Company

- How is software made
- Site reliability engineering responsibilities
- Benefits

How Software Is Made



Site Reliability Engineer Responsibility

- Cloud infrastructure
- CI/CD pipeline
- Customer implementations
- Incident response

Benefits

- Unlimited paid time off
- Remote employment
- Free lunch for onsite employees
- Yearly performance bonus

Salary Information

Title	Median	Experience
Software Engineer	55k	0
Software Engineer	67k	4
Senior Software Engineer	94k	6
Senior Software Engineer	101k	10

Payscale.com OKC Area, Completion of MNTC program

Salary Information

Title	Median	Experience
SRE	78k	2
SRE	88k	4
SRE	100k	10

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Salary Information

Title	Median	Experience
DBA	44k	0
DBA	65k	4
DBA	78k	10

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Salary Information

Title	Median	Experience
Project Manager	49k	0
Project Manager	63k	4
Project Manager	79k	10

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Highest Paying Companies of 2019

Rank	Company	Headquarters	Title Name	Compensation
1		San Francisco, CA	T3	\$234,000
2		San Francisco, CA	L1	\$223,000
3		San Francisco, CA	L3	\$207,000
4		Sunnyvale, CA	Software Engineer	\$192,000
5		Redwood City, CA	IC-2	\$175,000






0-2 Years Experience
Levels.fyi report

Highest Paying Companies of 2019

Rank	Company	Headquarters	Title Name	Compensation
1	 airbnb	San Francisco, CA	L4	\$334,000
2	 Linkedin	Sunnyvale, CA	Senior SWE	\$300,000
3	 lyft	San Francisco, CA	T4	\$295,000
4	 stripe	San Francisco, CA	L2	\$291,000
5	Snap Inc.	Santa Monica, CA	L2 / L3	\$287,000



2-5 Years Experience
Levels.fyi report

Highest Paying Companies of 2019

Rank	Company	Headquarters	Title Name	Compensation
1	 Pinterest	San Francisco, CA	L5	\$505,000
2	 stripe	Sunnyvale, CA	L3	\$443,000
3	 airbnb	San Francisco, CA	L5	\$434,000
4	 NETFLIX	Los Gatos, CA	Senior Software Engineer	\$430,000
5	 Linked in	Sunnyvale, CA	Staff Software Engineer	\$423,000






5+ Years Experience
Levels.fyi report

Highest Paying Companies of 2019

Rank	Company	Headquarters	Title Name	Compensation
1	Snap Inc.	Santa Monica, CA	L5	\$600,000
2	 Lyft	San Francisco, CA	T6	\$550,000
3	 Airbnb	San Francisco, CA	L6	\$530,000
4	 Facebook	Menlo Park, CA	E6	\$520,000
5	 Amazon	Seattle, WA	Principal SDE	\$500,000

10+ Years Experience
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Highest Paying Companies of 2019

Rank	Company	Headquarters	Title Name	Compensation
1		Menlo Park, CA	E7	\$950,000
2		Mountain View, CA	L7	\$710,000
3		San Francisco, CA	L6	\$575,000
4		San Francisco, CA	IC5	\$568,000
5		San Francisco, CA	Architect	\$533,000

15+ Years Experience
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Is Working In Technology For You

A person's silhouette is shown from the back, looking at a computer monitor. The monitor displays a code editor with multiple windows of code. The code is color-coded with various colors like green, yellow, and blue. The background is dark, and the light from the screen illuminates the person's silhouette.

- What intrinsically motivates you
- Reflect on your classwork
- Identify interesting careers



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For artists, scientists, inventors, schoolchildren, and the rest of us, intrinsic motivation—the drive to do something because it is interesting, challenging, and absorbing—is essential for high levels of creativity.

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Reflect On Your Classwork

- Are you motivated intrinsically to do the work?
- Do you work on technology outside of school?

Identify Interesting Careers

- Do they pay well
- Do they fit the criteria for intrinsic motivation?

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Preparing For Your First Job

- Are you ready
- Create an online presence
- Internships
- Acing the interview

Are You Ready?

- Maturity level
- Programming skill
- Well rounded



Create An Online Presence

- LinkedIn profile
- Public Git repository with sample project
- Contribution(s) to open source project

Internships

- Start looking now
- Leverage personal connections
- Use the internet to find them

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Getting your first job

- Networking
- Recruiters
- Internet



Networking

- Friends and family
- Meetups
- LinkedIn

Recruiters



Internet

- Indeed
- LinkedIn
- Glassdoor
- AngelList
- Craigslist
- Vettery

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Thank You!

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