

HOW TO GET A JOB IN I.T. THAT PAYS 200K

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Level Up The Basics



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No matter what you choose to specialize in, you're going to have to get acquainted with the basics. This means learning how your computer works on its own and how it works within a computer network.

Suggested Computer Certification: *CompTIA A+*

Get Training

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Formal training is the best bang for your time and money, as you can more effectively learn concepts since the information you need is all in one place. Added Bonus: You get to network with others in the same field.

Suggestions:

4-year Degree + Internships OR Certification Tracks + Entry-level Job Experience



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Network



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A recent Jobvite article shared data showing that referred applicants are **15 times** more likely to be hired than applicants who apply via a job board. If you've followed the suggested advice in the previous step, you're already doing this. If you're on a different path, just make sure to pick up some friends along the way :)

Tips: *If Possible, Attend Technology Conferences in Person*

Specialize

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Being a jack of all trades and a master of none will not get you the salary you're looking for. It is better to specialize in a particular I.T. discipline. Doing so will make you more proficient in what you do, and thus garner you better wages.

Tips: *Specialize in something that interests you the most, as this could be your 9-5 in the future*



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Marketing: Your Resume



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One of the best ways to get companies to pick you out of a sea of potentially thousands of applicants is to have a strong Resume. As soon as you can, take advantage of career resources in your school or local community, as you may find free offerings like Resume-building workshops or free consultations

Tips: *Search websites like LinkedIn to get a glimpse into what I.T. professionals are doing with their Resumes*

Marketing: Your Online Presence

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Just like a great resume will get more eyes on your profile, so too will online activity that can demonstrate your skills. If you haven't already done this, sign up for a github account and put something up for others to see.

An easy starting point can be to post your Resume

Tips: *Learn Python and put something in a git repo that showcases your programming skills!*



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Follow A RoadMap



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I'll use the DevOps Road Map as an example, but there are such infographics available for areas such as Programming & Cyber Security.

Looking at the graphic, you'll notice that as you move further down, you start venturing into Public Cloud management ...

That's where the money's at.

You could easily make 200K in a tenured position working for the likes of Google or AWS

Suggested Certifications: *All things AWS*