

Information technology

& the job market

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Intro

Job market trends (40 years)

The exception of Information Technology

University & next steps

My 1st job



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The slides will be given, all resources are available

Questions in the chat - let's discuss at the end



- Head of infrastructure
- Infrastructure engineer
- Backend engineer & DB administrator

- 12 years remote work



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Data Engineer - Python, SQL, Spark

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Python/ SQL Developer

JOBSWORTH: £ 46,837 P.A. - AUSTIN FRASER - LONDON, LONDON

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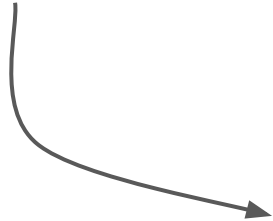


- TLDs: 20
- Traffic: ☆☆☆M visits/month
- Web scraper: ☆☆☆M ads/day
- Partner network: ☆☆☆G ads/day
- User facing DB: ☆TB storage
- Sent: ☆M emails/day
- Machines: ☆☆☆

In 2020-21, we estimate we have helped 1M people find jobs 🎉

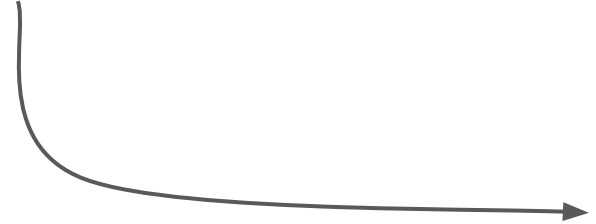


Food for thought



<https://example.com> "Blah Blah"

If you need to lookup the source



<https://example.com> "Blah Blah"

A woman with dark hair and red lipstick, wearing a light-colored flight suit with dark patterns and a dark leather glove, is focused on working with a bundle of copper wires. She is using a red-handled tool, possibly a wire cutter or pliers, to work on the wires. The background is dark, and there are more coiled wires visible in the upper right. The overall scene suggests a technical or industrial setting, likely an aircraft maintenance or manufacturing environment.

The job market

The job market conditions

are not ideal





“The crisis caused an explosion in uncertainty and insecurity and severe lack of trust of the labor force when it comes to the protection of fundamental labor rights and their standard of living”



“In 2021 Greece recovered from the pandemic shock [...] However, if the cost of living is taken into account, Greece has the 2nd smaller per capita GDP in EU. Moreover, it’s the only state in EU where this metric is less than the 2007 levels.”



“Salaries were adjusted, but the increased competition that should have helped to bring prices down never happened. The burden of the internal devaluation fell excessively on labor.”



“Several years of recession and austerity measures have persistently challenged the constitutionally protected right to work and the right to an adequate standard of living.”

“Salaries were drastically cut [...] and working conditions weakened”



1992-2016: “While real annual wages grew by a total of 20% in the top decile, they did not change in the fifth and sixth deciles, and in the two lowest deciles they decreased by around 35%”



“1 in every 8 children in America (στην ΗΠΑ) is experiencing shockingly high rates of food insecurity, school drop out, teenage pregnancy and/or child deaths”



“Real wages rose at the top of the distribution, whereas wages stagnated or fell at the middle and bottom.”





Information Technology

is one of the exceptions

Staff shortage

“One in 5 enterprises employed Information and Communication Technology specialists”

“In 2017, more than half of EU enterprises that recruited or tried to recruit Information and Communication Technology specialists had difficulties in filling ICT vacancies.”

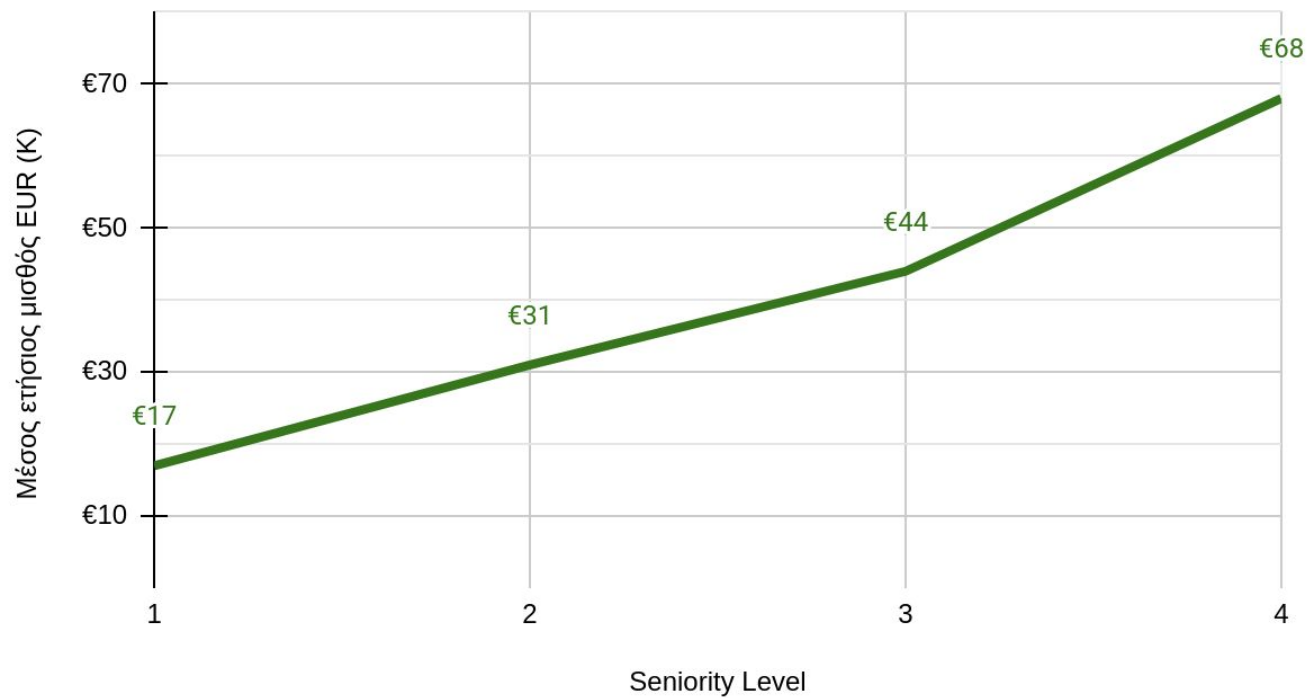
Staff shortage

2015: “Europe could face a shortage of more than 800,000 skilled ICT workers by 2020”

2017: “shortages of IT specialists are forecasted to reach around 500,000 by 2020 and we estimate that Europe would need 50,000 new high-tech leaders each year till 2025”.



■ Backend Software Engineer - Individual Contributor





london, uk

backend developer

graduate degree (e.g. ma, ms)

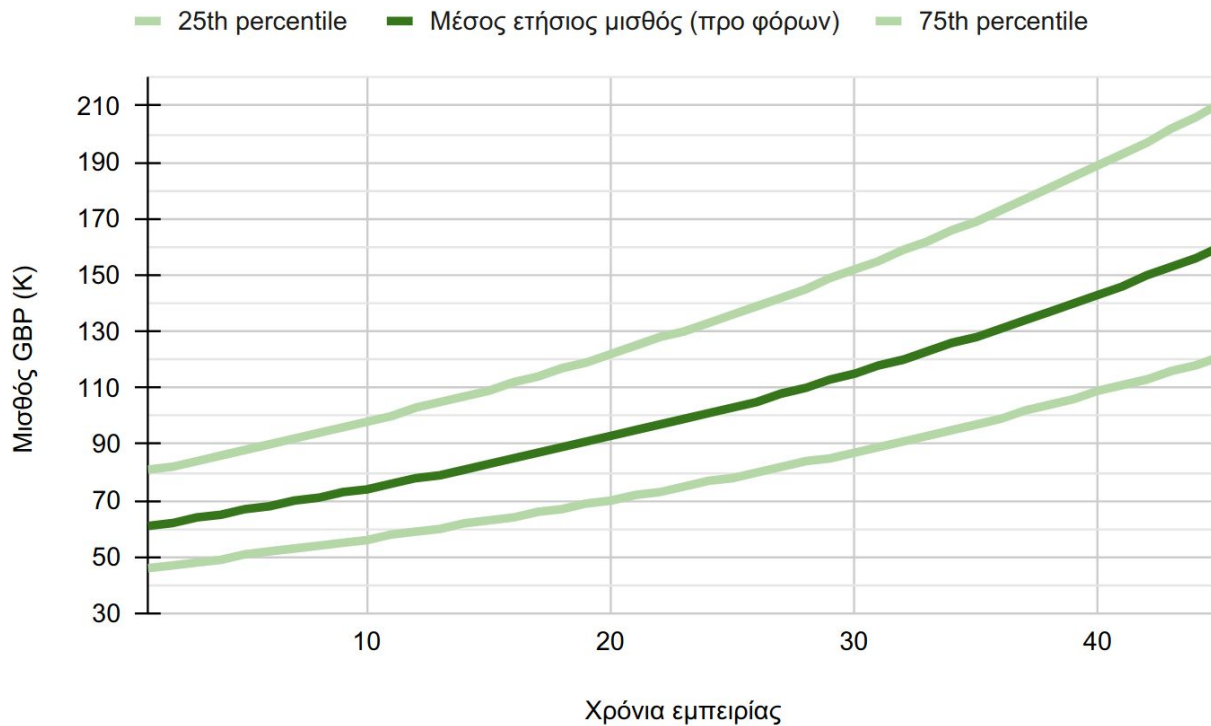
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go

python





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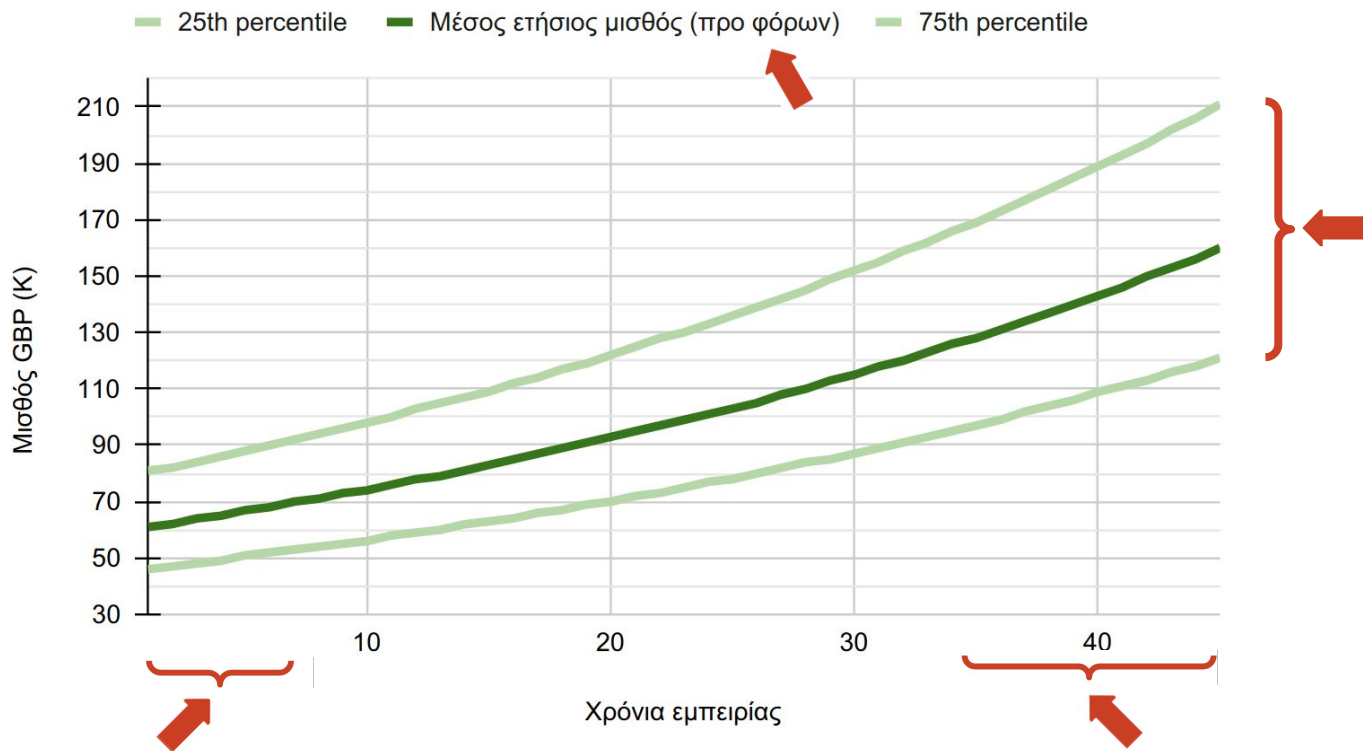
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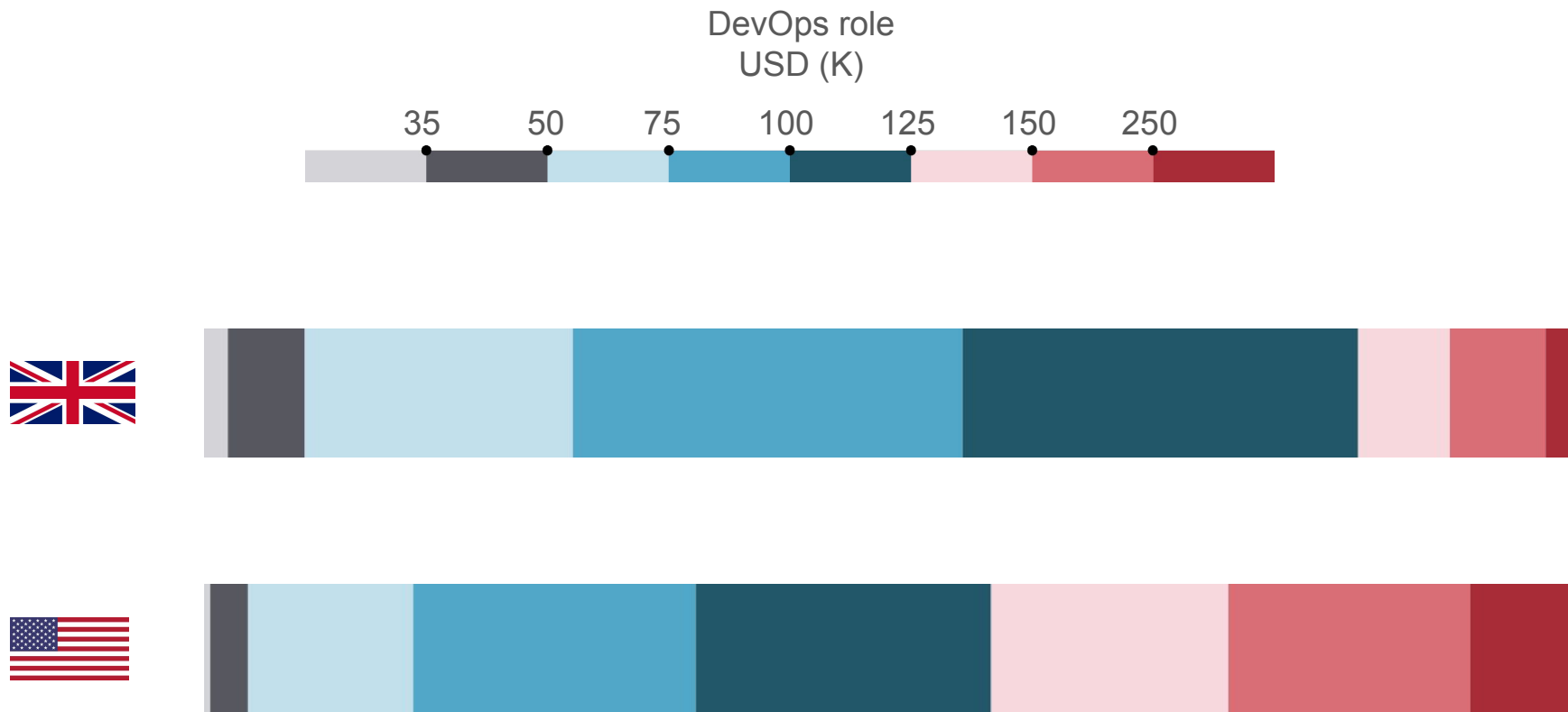
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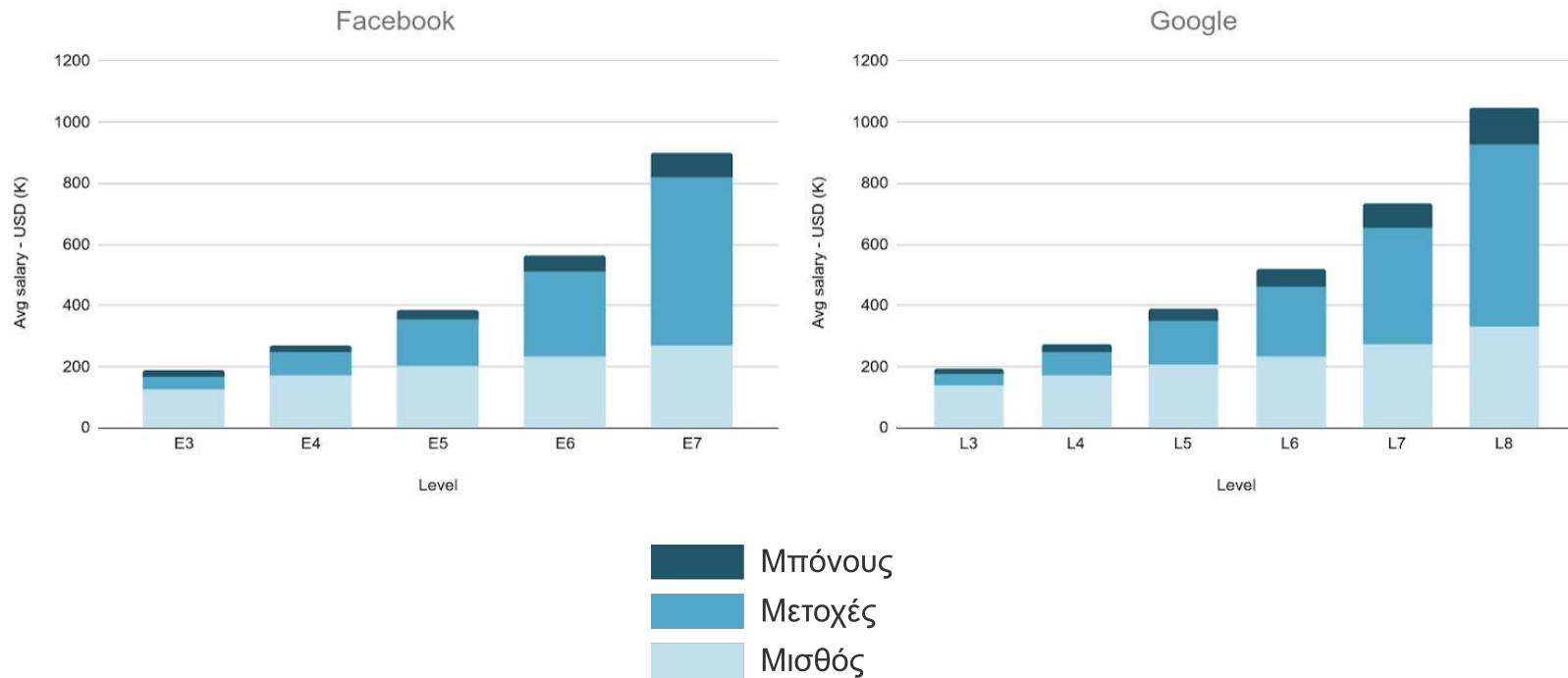
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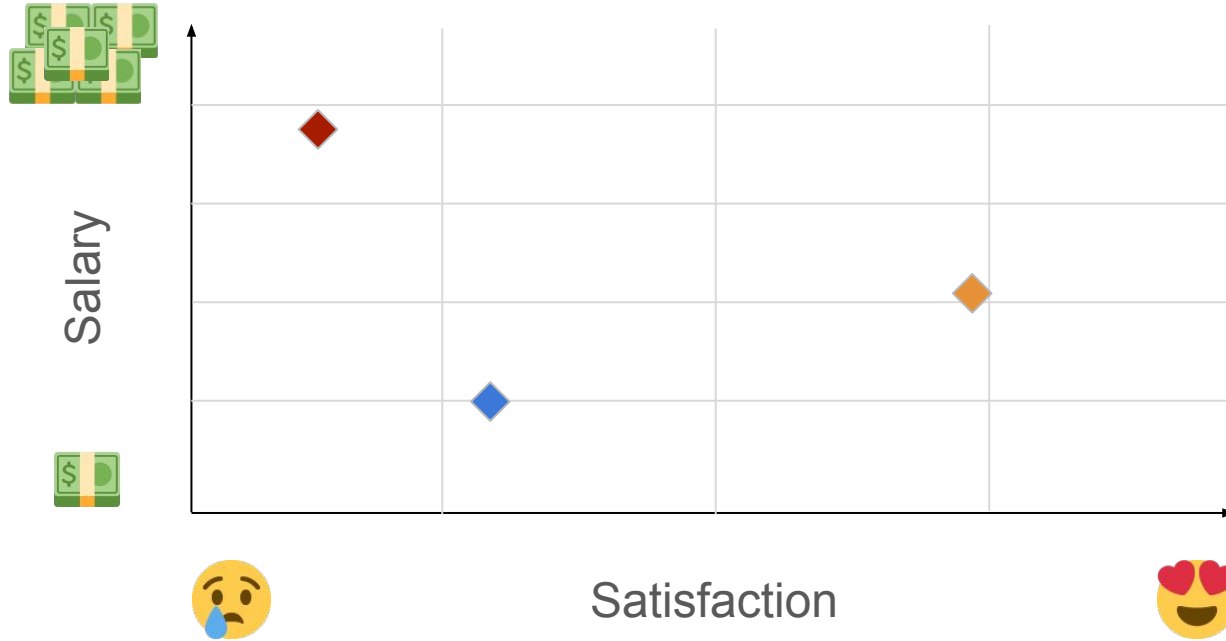
Basecamp: “an annual salary of \$207,978” (στημ Engineering Manager for our Security, Infrastructure and Performance)”

Oxide: “we all got a raise to \$180,250 in December” (στημ 2020)

Top-tier - Big Tech

Software Engineer





Remote work

- Discipline
- Sharp communication skills
- Work from office experience

Be aware of:

- Lack of social contacts
- Hidden costs (office, +1 room, heat-A/C)
- Work hours



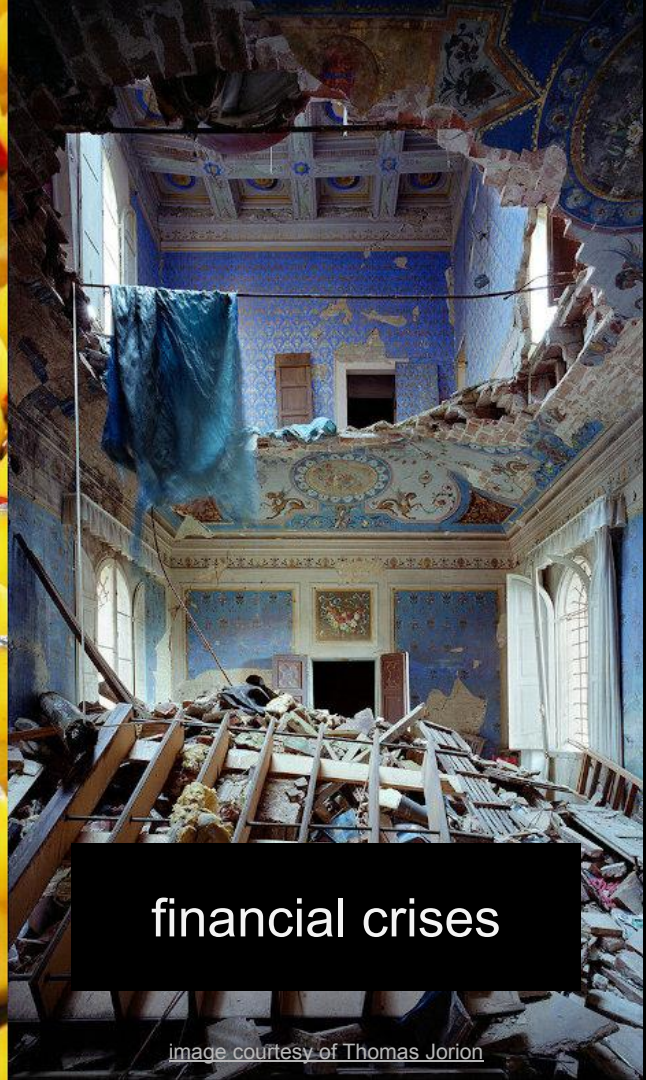
dead ends

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saturation

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financial crises

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University

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MSc + tuition



MSc + cost of life



Indicative (and with attention):

<https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/>, "Numbeo is the world's largest cost of living database"

<https://www.mylifeelsewhere.com/cost-of-living/compare-cities>, "Compare countries and cities around the world"

Programming

Get exposed to programming, the language doesn't matter that much

Indicative: python, java, go, bash, javascript

<https://exercism.io/>, "Code practice and mentorship for everyone"
<https://bitfieldconsulting.com/golang/how>, "How to really learn Go"

Basic technical skills

Network (TCP, HTTP)

SQL

Linux cli

Computer architecture

<https://missing.csail.mit.edu/>, “The Missing Semester of Your CS Education”

<https://wizardzines.com/>, “programming zines”, Julia Evans

<https://training.linuxfoundation.org/training/introduction-to-linux/>, “Introduction to Linux (LFS101x)”, The Linux Foundation

[Ops School Curriculum — Ops School Curriculum 0.1 documentation](#), “Ops School Curriculum”

Open source projects

Open your horizons, get exposed to collaborations

Practice (reading code, collaboration)

Positive for the CV

Find something interesting enough so that you invest the time

Open source projects

How do I participate?

1. Prepare your dev env
2. Contact developers / community (slack/ mailing list)
3. Find 1-2 simple bugs
4. Try (commits)

<https://jvns.ca/blog/good-questions/> "How to ask good questions", Julia Evans

<https://stackoverflow.com/help/how-to-ask> "How do I ask a good question?", Stackoverflow

<https://mitchellh.com/writing/contributing-to-complex-projects> "Contributing to Complex Projects", Mitchell Hashimoto

<https://andre.arko.net/2016/11/12/how-to-contribute-to-open-source/> "How to Contribute to Open Source", André Arko

<https://python-qsoc.org/index.html#gettingstarted> "Python Summer of Code - How do I get started?", Python Software Foundation

Google Summer of Code

“... the opportunity to gain real-world experience by working on a three month coding project with one of more than 200 open source organizations under the guidance of a mentor.”

<https://buildyourfuture.withgoogle.com/programs/summer-of-code/> “Google Summer of Code”

http://blog.gerv.net/2006/05/how_not_to_apply_for_summer_of/ “How Not To Apply For Summer Of Code”

Similar programs

- Season of Docs, <https://developers.google.com/season-of-docs>
- Season of KDE, <https://season.kde.org/>
- Outreachy, <https://www.outreachy.org/>
- Tweag Open Source Fellowship, <https://www.tweag.io/blog/2020-02-14-os-fellowship/>
- Summer of Nix, <https://summer.nixos.org/>
- ~~Rails Girls Summer of Code, <https://railsgirlssummerofcode.org/>~~

Foreign languages, (asynch) communication




My 1st job



Requirements

“Required Technical and Professional Expertise:

 Minimum 12+ years' experience in Kubernetes administration and management.”

Requirements

You don't need to meet 100% of the requirements

“2+ years of experience” ignore it - especially if you have commits, internship, GSOC

Tax + Social security

Take home money?

Differences employee / contractor

VAT

Stock taxation (if stocks is an option)

Your application will be ignored and rejected 🤖

Send



Answers



Final
offer



1st job goals

It's OK not to find the top salary on the 1st go. **It will happen!**

For starters, search for a healthy environment where you can learn.

Next steps

Education (books, courses, videos, and of course time)

Work with a senior member of the team

Next steps

Search for the next job if you are not satisfied

Practice interviewing

The bigger raises usually come when you change jobs

Do your research

Job boards

- <https://www.adzuna.co.uk/> (.com, .fr, .it, κτλ)
- <https://gr.indeed.com> (.co.uk, .fr, .it, κτλ)
- <https://www.glassdoor.com>
- <https://stackoverflow.com/jobs/>

Remote work job boards

- <https://github.com/fossjobs/fossjobs/wiki/resources#job-aggregators>
- <https://weworkremotely.com/>
- <https://remoteintech.company/>

Directly at the website of companies that interest you



Information technology is privileged when it comes to salary

Think about your career frequently and for different time scales

The greek university is one good step of the many that you will take

Open your horizons, get involved with open source projects

Practice interviews, do your research, keep an eye on the job market

Find out a healthy environment where you can learn

Questions?

