

Top 5 Jobs for IT Professionals in 2010

1. Java and .Net

With a natural progression towards Web-based applications, organizations have been demanding IT professionals who can keep them up to speed with the fast-moving Web 2.0 world. Since these skills are required on both Web and enterprise levels, these areas can expect to remain in demand. Also, technologies like Silverlight, AJAX, and WPF will be in demand.

2. Cloud Computing

Cloud computing is fast becoming mainstream all over the world and offers on-demand utilization of a shared, infinite amount of computer resources via the Internet. Tech giants like Amazon, Google, Microsoft, and Salesforce.com are betting big on cloud computing. ***It is reported that the revenues from cloud services will pass \$56.3 billion this year to reach \$150 billion by 2013 globally.*** IT services providers are abiding to invest in cloud computing offerings at an impressive pace. Further, solutions like CRM and ERP are also being hosted on Cloud platform, which increases the importance of the technology in 2010.

3. Rich Internet Applications (RIAs)

RIAs are web applications that have most of the characteristics of desktop applications and offer improved UI and increased interactivity. RIAs are delivered via browser plug-in or virtually. **Examples of RIA platforms include Adobe Flash, Java/JavaFX, Mozilla's XUL, Microsoft Silverlight, etc.**

Today, various companies are doing more than just building their brands and websites. They are now adopting social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook, where you can find such household names as Ford and AT&T. Hence, knowledge of RIAs would be a boost.

4. Mobile Development

In the last quarter, Smartphone sales had surpassed 41 million units, a 12.8 percent increase compared to the same period last year. Therefore, the mobile sector has also created a new career avenue for techies. Enterprises today want apps like CRM and BI to be made available to their employees on these handheld devices. Various operating systems like Symbian, Windows and other frameworks for mobile can provide further boost to the career development.

5. Embedded Technologies

Today, embedded technologies are present in every gadget. Enterprises want one solution for various requirements, thus creating demand for both software and hardware professionals.