

Careers in Information Technology & Interactive Media

Agenda: Thursday, February 12, 5-7pm

- 4:30-5:00 Registration and Check in
- 4:00-4:30 Welcome and Introduction
- 4:30-5:30 Roundtable Networking
- 5:30-6:00 Open Networking

Note: Information Technology & Interactive Media participants are generally not in a position to make hiring decisions. However, they can provide insight on the proper channels for pursuing employment

Suggested Networking Questions

- What aspects of your work do you find most exciting/engaging?
- What key skills are needed to be successful in your position?
- How did you get your job?
- How long have you been working in your field—did you study it as an undergraduate or a graduate student?
- If you have a graduate degree, what role has that degree played in your career success?
- What qualities does your department/organization seek in an employee?
- What developments or news in your organization will impact the type of work opportunities your organization has available?
- What are some of the specific career opportunities at your organization for a person with my degree/background?
- How do you prefer people to approach your organization about job opportunities?
- Is there someone else you would recommend I speak with about positions at your organization?

Relevant National Average Starting Salaries, courtesy of the Financial Fitness Program

<u>Curriculum/Job Function</u>	<u>Average Salary</u>	<u>Curriculum/Job Function</u>	<u>Average Salary</u>
Bachelors		Bachelor's Continued	
Computer Programming		Interactive Media	
Computer Programming	\$40,000	Animation Director	\$72,000
Computer Science		Video Game Designer	\$58,048
Computer Programming	\$59,802	Video Game Machines	\$54,498
Software Design & Development	\$64,597	Web Developer	\$49,085
Systems Analysis and Design	\$59,488	Webmaster	\$43,904
Systems/Programming Engineering	\$59,840		
Computer Systems Analysis			
Consulting	\$61,000		
Systems Analysis and Design	\$49,000		
Systems/Programming Engineering	\$55,000		
Information Technology			
Project Manager	\$78,217		
IT Consultant	\$71,926		
IT Specialist	\$64,074		
IT Manager	\$84,609		

Source: *payscale.com*
Statistics from Fall '08

Median salary estimate:

Job: Multimedia Programmer (United States)	
1-4 years of experience	\$45,198
5-9 years of experience	\$50,483
10-19 years of experience	\$58,958

Source: *payscale.com*

Healthcare, Science and Technology Job & Internship Fair

Tuesday, March 3, 2009, 11:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.
 Lincoln Park Student Center Room 120

Participating employers include:

8th Light, Inc.	Avanade, Inc.	Grand Prairie Services	The Women's Treatment Center
Abbott Laboratories	Brill Street + Company	Northwestern University	US Peace Corps
Adage Technologies	Comarch, Inc.	Sonia Shankman Orthogenic	
Allstate Insurance Company	CSG Systems, Inc.	School at the University of Chicago	

Information Technology & Interactive Media Professionals:



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Career History:

Management of Communications Networking, W. W. Grainger, Inc.
Consultant, Exodus Communications

Expertise: technology's use in supporting and driving business growth, voice and data communications, statistical analysis and probability, and financial analysis.

Professional Certifications: Cisco Certified Network Professional, Cisco Certified Design Professional

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MARWAN ANSARI

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Career History:

Graphics programmer on the game Stranglehold, Midway Games
Physics programmer on the game Wrestlemania 21, Studio Gigante
Senior Software Engineer, 3D Application Research Group, ATI
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Expertise: 3D Computer Graphics

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Career History:

Traditional & 3D animator, Composer, There Media
Traditional & 3D animator, Composer, Web Designer, Getting to Know, Inc.

Animator, Editor, HiRoad Productions
3D Animator, Flash interactive programmer, Centrax

Expertise: 3D animation (3D Studio Max), traditional animation, Final Cut Pro Video Editing, Fine artist, acrylics

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MICHELLE DASH

Information Architect
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Career History:

User Experience Architect, Information Resources, Inc.
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Expertise: stakeholder interviews, writing business requirements, creating prototypes, administering usability tests, and presenting user-centered design solutions.

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B.S., Neurobiology, Physiology, Linguistics, Epistemology, Northwestern University

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Career History:

Executive Producer, Gamaustra/GDC Radio/CMP Media LLC
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Contract Creative Director, Contract Art Director, Leo Burnett
Creative Director, EURO RSCG McConnaughy Tatham
Producer, Buena Vista Games
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Expertise: Branding and identity, interactive project management, graphic design, user interface design

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ANDREW YORK

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