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Position yourself now for future opportunities

We're half way through the craziest year I've ever experienced, and I'm still wondering if we've turned the corner on this pandemic. No one knows. I'd like to think we're moving in the right direction, but unfortunately, it's hard to tell.

What does this mean for the job market? Well, it appears hiring will be slower than usual through the summer. Employers need to be comfortable with the post-Covid business environments, and that will take time. As a result, projects will be delayed and staffing budgets will be impacted.

But, hiring will bounce back I'm confident of that! It's a matter of when, not if.

Newsfeed

[How coronavirus will change the job market forever](#)

An interesting read that covers the work from home issues and global competition for jobs.

[How CEOs can support employee mental health in a crisis](#)

I've posted this article about Employee Mental Health in a Covid world in a few places already ... it's worth getting out there again.

[The new #1 interview question](#)

When the job market opens up again, here's the new #1 interview question you want to be prepared to answer.

[Which jobs are coming back first?](#)

Jobs in the future? Look for IT jobs in the industries that are bouncing back.

[5 in-demand IT certifications](#)

Want to improve your skills during this "slow" hiring period? Read which certifications make a difference.

Latest Openings

SW Metro Sr. NET Dev. - contract to hire: 4+ yrs. dev. exp. with Web Internet and E-comm sites. Front-end skills with Bootstrap, Angular, Knockout; .NET programming with C#, ASP.NET MVC, Web API/RESTful Svcs, SQL and TSQL, TFS, Git, Jenkins, Kotlin, Swift, etc.

Rural MN - IBM Mainframe 12 mo. contract: Admin and hardware experience supporting IBM z/OS v2.x and CICS

Thinking ahead a bit, I've included some forward-looking articles to help down the road. I've also listed the jobs I'm currently working on for your consideration.

In the meantime, stay safe.

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Transaction Server v5.x, JES2. Experience with DASD, VTS / tape library; familiarity with software vendors BMC, ASG and Broadcom. Work is on site ... Rates are open.

Twin Cities - Diverse Full Stack Sr .NET: Jumpstart your career with diverse project exposure as a senior full stack .NET developer. Build .NET web apps and dynamic components for client-based web/ecommerce sites, as well as designing and creating data models. Must have 5+ years' experience utilizing C#, ASP.NET, MVC, WebForms, Rest APIs, SQL Server, SSRS, SSIS, Visual Studio. Familiarity with: IIS, Azure Cloud Services, AWS, JavaScript libraries such as React, Angular JS, jQuery and Mobile development is a plus.
This position is "open" in terms of compensation.

West Metro Java Contract - 12+ mo.: High-profile Minneapolis/St. Paul based client is looking to add a full stack Java developer to their existing team for a 12+ mo. project. Ideal candidates must have 3-5+ years of full stack Java development experience. The back-end consists of Java/Spring Boot; front-end will use Angular/React; experience with Kubernetes, Docker and Kafka will help. All work will be done on-site. **Compensation is open.**

West Suburban - Jr. Apps Dev. to \$75K: National client is looking for a junior apps dev. with 2-3 yrs. Skills required include dev. experience with mobile apps (iPad/iPhone), SharePoint admin, PowerBI and PowerApp. Experience with PHP development is a huge plus. Position reports to the VP-IT.

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