

Skills Matter

There are technology skill-sets where job postings have ballooned at more than twice the market rate. That feat labels these skills as bright spots in an improving job market where overall tech job postings on Dice are growing 40 percent year/year.

These are still early days for cloud computing which topped the list with job postings up nearly three-fold (294%) to 1,300 job postings. As cloud continues to scale, there will be many interesting challenges for technology professionals to solve. The boom in cloud-based applications is likely one factor driving demand for JavaScript (+98% to 7,919) and HTML (+85% to 8,547). Throw in the fact that the browser is now the dominant mode of software delivery, it makes sense that hiring managers and recruiters are looking for these skills.

Information Security (+109% to 1,680) is really the job of every technology professional and those specializing in the field continue to have bright prospects. Employers frequently look for candidates who have earned the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) which is requested in a third of IS job postings. Candidates for the CISSP must have at least five years of experience in information security.

At Dice, we're seeing a growing need for virtualization and more specifically VMWare experience (+92%). Nearly at an all-time high (2,100 job postings), virtualization and its ability to reduce hardware and operating costs gives corporations a reason to seek this expertise.

Employment requests for Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) users have jumped 89 percent yr/yr to 1,619 job postings. This widely accepted set of best practices for IT service management is routinely in the top paying tech skills.

These skills -- along with SAP (+87% to 6,679), PeopleSoft (+98% to 2,147) and telecommunications experience (+97% to 2,959)-- highlight that opportunities abound for technology professionals with certain skills.

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Skill requests had to appear in at least 1,000 job postings on a given day to qualify for the analysis.

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Dice by the Numbers

As of January 3, 2011*

Available Tech Jobs	68,026
Full-time Positions	42,954
Contract Positions	29,476
Part-time Positions	1,378

Top Tech Metro Areas

Based on the number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice as of January 3, 2011 and the change as compared to the same period a year ago.

Washington DC/Baltimore	8,978	+53%
New York/New Jersey	7,734	+29%
Silicon Valley	3,974	+29%
Chicago	2,937	+53%
Los Angeles	2,757	+30%
Boston	2,404	+35%
Atlanta	2,342	+62%
Seattle	2,229	+81%
Dallas	2,182	+55%
Philadelphia	1,721	+25%

Upcoming Event

Results from **Dice's Annual Salary Survey** of nearly 20,000 technology professionals will be released on January 19, 2011.

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