

4 Signs You Should Consider Becoming a Software Developer

Are you interested in becoming a software developer but not sure if it will be right for you? The truth is, there's no ideal candidate for the role. If you've got a strong work ethic, an appetite to learn and an interest in technology, you may be more suited than you first thought...

Right now, 87% of companies are experiencing a tech shortage. Yet, innovations in IT across the board are driving up job vacancies at a fierce rate, with roles for front-end developers alone set to increase a further 15% by 2026.

The skills you may have gained working in other industries, such as retail or hospitality, are just what the tech industry is calling out for. The industry doesn't just need people who are excellent coders but people with valuable life experience that can help to create a well-rounded team, and the increased demand for digital talent brings exciting career opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds, not to mention the potential to earn a life-changing salary.

If you're *still* unsure, here's four signs you should consider becoming a software developer...

1. You're eager to learn

Technology is ever-changing and advances at an incredibly fast pace, meaning that even developers who have been in the industry for decades are learning new skills. From changes to coding languages to constant software updates, you'll need to be keen to stay ahead of the curve. The best software developers are those that are intrinsically motivated to focus on self-improvement.

That being said, you don't necessarily need to have existing knowledge of coding to succeed as a developer, as long as you're willing to learn new things you'll go far.

2. You have an interest in technology

You definitely don't need to be a mathematical genius or a technology whizz to get into software development, but if you have a natural interest in technology it's almost a no brainer.

The industry is filled with people who are passionate about technology and how it interacts with modern life, not just because they find enjoyment in its capabilities but because they're infatuated with how it works.

3. You're a problem-solving pro

One of the key elements of a role in software development is problem solving and there's nothing more satisfying than solving a problem that nobody else knows how to. Developers are constantly trying to find ways to improve productivity of tasks and write their code in more efficient ways. Developing challenges you to think in different ways and to come up with creative solutions to your employer or client's problems.

If you enjoy the challenge of solving problems of all kinds, then that's a great sign that you could be suited to software development.

4. You value a decent salary

Last, but certainly not least, software development jobs pay extremely well.

One of the many attractive aspects of becoming a software developer is the huge earning potential it promises to bring, right from the get go. A starting salary for a software development role in London is currently around £35,000 and for the rest of the country, around £28,000.

Since remote working has become commonplace for many companies, you don't necessarily need to live in the big smoke to enjoy London weighting. The combination of flexible working hours and a rise in salary can be life-changing.

Learn more.

Instead of studying your CV and spending hours analysing how your previous experience might tie into a software development role, focus on your determination and make the initial steps...

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