

Hot Jobs

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Computer Systems Analyst

What They do

Computer systems analysts study an organization's current computer systems and procedures and design information systems solutions to help the organization operate more efficiently and effectively. They bring business and information technology (IT) together by understanding the needs and limitations of both.

How to Become One

A bachelor's degree in a computer or information science field is common, although not always a requirement. Some firms hire analysts with business or liberal arts degrees who have skills in information technology or computer programming.

Pay

In May 2015, the median annual wages for computer systems analysts in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

Computer systems design and related services	\$88,130
Management of companies and enterprises	87,360
Information	86,980
Finance and insurance	86,820
State and local government, excluding education and hospitals	75,210

Computer Programmer

What They Do

Computer programmers write and test code that allows computer applications and software programs to function properly.

How to Become One

Most computer programmers have a bachelor's degree; however, some employers hire workers with an associate's degree. Most programmers specialize in a few programming languages.

Pay

In May 2015, the median annual wages for computer programmers in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

Software publishers	\$100,200
Finance and insurance	85,900
Administrative and support services	82,190
Manufacturing	78,570
Computer systems design and related services	78,210

Graphic Designer

What They do

Graphic designers create visual concepts, using computer software or by hand, to communicate ideas that inspire, inform, and captivate consumers. They develop the overall layout and production design for various applications such as advertisements, brochures, magazines, and corporate reports.

How to Become One

Specialized design services	\$49,430
Advertising, public relations, and related services	47,070
Wholesale trade	45,360
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	40,790
Printing and related support activities	37,990

Graphic designers usually need a bachelor's degree in graphic design or a related field. Candidates for graphic design positions should demonstrate their creativity and originality through a professional portfolio that features their best designs.

Pay

In May 2015, the median annual wages for graphic designers in the top industries in which they worked were as follows: