

# Why Major in the Computing Field?

One of the tough decisions students face when they enroll in college is selecting the right discipline and major of studies that offers them the best chance for a good job and career. Despite the perception that the computing field doesn't offer too many jobs, the reality is totally opposite

Here are the facts about the computing field and "Why you need to major in the computing field"

- Starting median salaries for graduates are from \$65,000 - \$85,000
- The number 2 and 3 jobs for the class of 2008 are in the computing field ([MSN Careers, April 2008](#)).
- In 2007 there were 300,000 (8% growth) new jobs added to the field to make the total number of IT professionals in the USA 3.76 million. ([Information week, January 2008](#)).
- 2.1 million new jobs will be added in the professional, scientific, and technical services by 2016 ([U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008](#))
- One-fourth of all new jobs in professional, scientific, and technical services by 2016 will be in computer systems design and related services, a growth of 38.3 % ([U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008](#))

The following is the Median annual earnings of computer and information systems jobs in May 2006:

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| Computer systems design and related services.....    | \$109,130 |
| Software publishers.....                             | \$79,270  |
| Database administrators.....                         | \$72,510, |
| Computer and Information scientists, research, ..... | \$93,950  |

([U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008](#))

Computing is the job of the present and the future.