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Although tech professionals want to climb the corporate ladder, many of them do not feel they have the necessary career skills to make the leap from the corner cubicle to the corner office. According to this month's Dice Tech Topic Poll, 35 percent of tech professionals feel that their weakest career skill is budget management, while 28 percent feel that they just aren't "business savvy." Only 15 percent feel that their weakest skill is working with customers.

The overall tech job market continues to thrive as total job postings on Dice reached 96,824 at the end of the first quarter. Additionally, demand for full-time tech professionals outpaced the demand for contract or part-time workers. Job postings requesting full-time technology professionals increased 12.7 percent since the beginning of the year to 67,398, while demand for contact workers only gained 8.5 percent during the same period.

This month the New York/New Jersey metro area topped the list of Top Tech Metro Areas with 10,941 job postings, while the Washington D.C. area followed behind with 8,240 jobs.

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Available Tech Jobs:

(Number of jobs posted on Dice as of 4.2.07)*

96,824

Top Tech Metro Areas

*(Based on number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice as of 4.2.07***)*

1. New York/New Jersey (New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Northern New Jersey)	10,941
2. Washington D.C. (Baltimore, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland)	8,240
3. Silicon Valley (San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, CA)	6,478
4. Los Angeles (Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County, CA)	4,667
5. Chicago (Chicago and Suburbs)	4,277
6. Boston (Boston and Suburbs)	4,217
7. Philadelphia (Philadelphia, Allentown, Southern New Jersey, Delaware)	3,114
8. Dallas (Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounding Suburbs)	2,990
9. Atlanta (Atlanta and Suburbs)	2,896
10. Seattle (Seattle and Suburbs)	2,244

Consultant Countdown

(Number of contract vs. permanent positions on Dice as of 4.2.07)*

Contract:	36,483
Permanent:	67,398

Top Tech Skills

(Skills most in demand based on job postings on Dice as of 4.2.07***)

Operating Systems	1.	Windows	16,445
	2.	Unix	14,822
Databases	1.	Oracle	17,405
	2.	SQL	14,843
Programming Languages	1.	J2EE/Java	13,608
	2.	C, C++	12,184

Tech Topic Poll Results:

As an IT pro, which of the following do you consider to be your weakest career skill?

Budget management	35%
Business savvy	28%
Developing future strategy	21%
Working with customers/users	15%

* Please note that data reflects public information posted by Dice users and customers. For example, 14,822 jobs posted on Dice as of April 2, 2007 describe Unix as a skill needed for the position advertised. A single job posting may reflect more than one skill, location and type of position (permanent vs. contract); therefore total figures for these attributes may be greater than total jobs posted.

+ As of April 2, 2007, Dice data for Top Metro Areas and Top Tech Skills is being reported using our new search engine protocols. Tech job postings by metro area are now calculated by zip code rather than area code, which provides a more precise reflection of job postings by geographic region.

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