

A Note from Tom Silver

The economy may have slowed, but that doesn't mean companies aren't hiring when they need to. On any given day, there are more than 50,000 technology jobs posted on Dice and some of the jobs are far from run-of-the-mill.

For instance, a defense contractor needs a network engineer - in Antarctica. The primary contractor for the U.S. Antarctic Program maintains a sizable technical installation "on the ice," as they say, and requires professionals who can handle network and communication project management and cost under conditions that challenge technical skills as well as physical and mental endurance.

A bit too exotic? Developers skilled in Genesys CTI - used in building and maintaining contact centers - can work in Istanbul as part of a configuration project. According to the job post, candidates must be ready for a "very demanding environment." Of course, we'll note the environment is, at least, in the midst of Turkey's dynamic culture.

If you're looking for something closer to home and want to be in the thick of things, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas needs a distributed application developer. With the Fed being in the center of efforts to spur an economic recovery, the job presents a chance to be part of a team whose work will impact life far beyond the IT department. The Fed's tech executives aren't looking for wallflowers: They want professionals who can work comfortably with top management, learn on the fly, and "seize opportunities as they arise."

Or, for those who want to work in a growing field at an institution founded in 1701, an ivy league university needs a technical lead to design, implement and support their new virtualized environment. Self-described as "in the midst of a burst of technological expansion," the systems built here are to support the teaching, research and administration mission of a world-class university.

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Dice by the Numbers

As of January 5, 2009*

Available Tech Jobs: 55,609

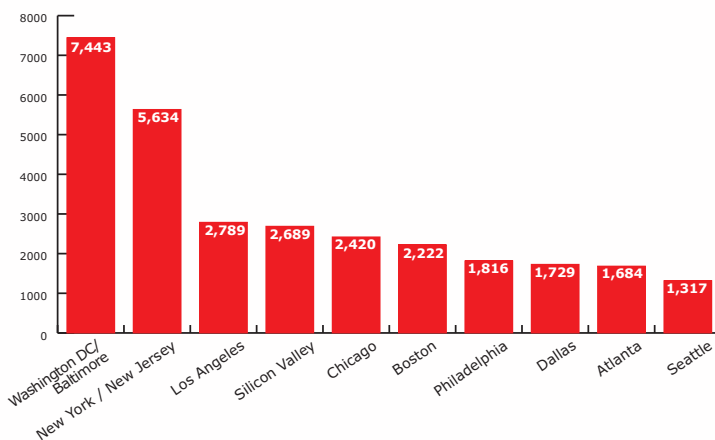
Full-time Positions: 38,282

Contract Positions: 22,333

Part-time Positions: 1,072

Top Tech Metro Areas

Based on number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice as of January 5, 2009*



Top Tech Skills

Based on number of jobs posted by tech skill on Dice as of January 5, 2009*

Operating Systems

1. Windows - 9,643
2. Unix - 7,696

Databases

1. Oracle - 10,991
2. SQL - 8,221

Programming Languages

1. C, C++, C# - 10,618
2. J2EE/Java - 9,778

Upcoming Event

Results from **Dice's Annual Salary Survey** of more than 19,000 technology professionals will be released on January 21, 2009.

* A single job posting may reflect more than one skill, location or type of position; therefore, total figures for these attributes may be greater than total jobs posted.