TOP 10 REASONS TO START A CAREER IN IT
According to 100 CIOs

1. COMPETITIVE SALARIES
   IT jobs are known for higher than average starting salaries.
   $81,907
   The median salary for tech workers in 2018 was $81,907.
   Source: CompTIA

2. JOB OPPORTUNITIES
   The need for qualified IT pros continues to rise.
   3.7 million
   In 2018, there were 3.7 million postings for IT occupation job openings with nearly 400,000 job postings in emerging tech areas.
   Source: CompTIA

3. CAREER STABILITY
   IT pros are in demand and will continue to be.
   261,000
   There were 261,000 new tech occupation jobs added in 2018.
   Source: CompTIA

4. WORK FROM ANYWHERE
   If you can connect to wi-fi, you can work in IT.
   300,000
   An estimated 350,000 employees in computer science jobs worked from home in 2015—a larger share than other job categories.
   Source: Indeed

5. MAKE A DIFFERENCE
   Tech can change the world for good, and IT pros make technology work.
   42%
   42% of IT pros say meaning in their job and helping others is among their top reasons for choosing where to work.
   Source: CompTIA Tech Impact

6. LIFELONG LEARNING
   With an ever-changing tech landscape, there will always be opportunities to learn new skills.
   85%
   85% of jobs that will exist in 2030 haven’t been invented yet.
   Source: World Economic Forum

7. NO DEGREE, NO PROBLEM
   There are plenty of ways to launch an IT career—even without a college degree.
   49%
   49% of the 2.5 million IT job postings in 2017 did not list a four-year degree as a minimum requirement for candidates.
   Source: CompTIA, IT Pro Career Network Study

8. BE KNOWN AS THE “GO-TO” PERSON
   IT pros are problem solvers who get the job done.
   600,000
   In 2018, more than 600,000 IT job postings cited problem solving as a necessary skill.
   Source: CompTIA Tech Impact

9. NEVER A DULL MOMENT
   New technologies and challenges make IT an exciting career.
   61%
   61% of IT pros say gaining expertise and having ongoing learning opportunities are among their top reasons for choosing where they work.
   Source: CompTIA Tech Impact

10. CONTINUALLY INNOVATE
    Creativity is a key part of any IT job.
    250,000
    In 2018, more than 250,000 IT job postings cited creativity as a necessary skill.
    Source: CompTIA Tech Impact