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

Recently, a group of CIOs belonging to the Houston Chapter of the Society of Information Management (SIM) discussed the top reasons to become an IT professional.

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: Cyberstates

2 JOB OPPORTUNITIES
The need for qualified IT pros continues to rise.

3.7 million ➤ In 2018, there were 3.7 million postings for tech occupation job openings with nearly 400,000 job postings in emerging tech areas.
Source: Cyberstates

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: Cyberstates

4 WORK FROM ANYWHERE
If you can connect to wi-fi, you can work in IT.

300,000 ➤ An estimated 300,000 employees in computer science jobs worked from home in 2015—a larger share than other job categories.
Source: Quartz

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 on the Move

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: Dell Technologies/Institute For The Future

7 NO DEGREE, NO PROBLEM
There are plenty of ways to launch an IT career—even without a college degree.

49% ➤ 49% of the 2.3 million IT job postings in 2017 did not list a four-year degree as a minimum requirement for candidates.
Source: CompTIA Employer Perception Study

8 BE KNOWN AS THE 'GO-TO' PERSON
IT pros are problems 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: Burning Glass Technologies/Labor Insights

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 on the Move

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: Burning Glass Technologies/Labor Insights