

# Key Traits of a Successful IT Professional

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What makes a successful IT professional? There are many technical skills that contribute to success in this field. But there are also six inherent attributes that one must possess to enjoy a career in this highly-competitive field.

## Adaptable

IT changes. If you favor a fixed routine with few interruptions and a high level of predictability, this field may not be for you. Things can change minute-to-minute. Throughout the day – a server might crash, a drive might fail, or an employee may accidentally delete a file. Change often necessitates the adoption of new technologies or adaptations to existing ones. Good IT professionals understand this and view the needs of the business as the driver of technological change and adapt quickly.

## Analytical

In the world of IT, something is either true or false. There is little room for conjecture. Finding the answer to a particular question requires the ability to carefully analyze known information so that all unproven assumptions are designated true or false. A person who kicks a machine until it begins to work, without first understanding why their action made the machine work, isn't analytical and unlikely to make a good IT professional.

## Curious

Curiosity about the way things work is a significant component of the analytical mind. Most successful IT professionals are bothered when a problem is resolved without a clear and comprehensive reason why. An accountant might say "Let it go, we have better things to spend time on." This is appropriate in terms of budget. But the ever-curious IT person is unlikely to drop the issue until some logical theory or outright proof is discovered.

## Planner

Careful planning is a vital part of a successful software and infrastructure implementation. Those that 'wing it' almost always fail. To be successful in IT, one must embrace the need to carefully lay out a roadmap to success and plan so that nothing is left to chance or hope. Staffing firms that place IT professionals look for the ability to plan as an essential trait.

## **Good Communicator**

The stereotype of IT people as geeks able to quickly master a programming language but poor communicators is not true. IT professionals build and manage tools for everyday use. It is difficult to thrive in IT without the ability to effectively communicate to understand needs and explain how tools work in a way everyone can understand.

## **Team Player**

Business is a collaborative effort – with partners, clients, suppliers, co-workers. As with all successful members of any business endeavor, the IT professional should possess the capacity to play well in a team.

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