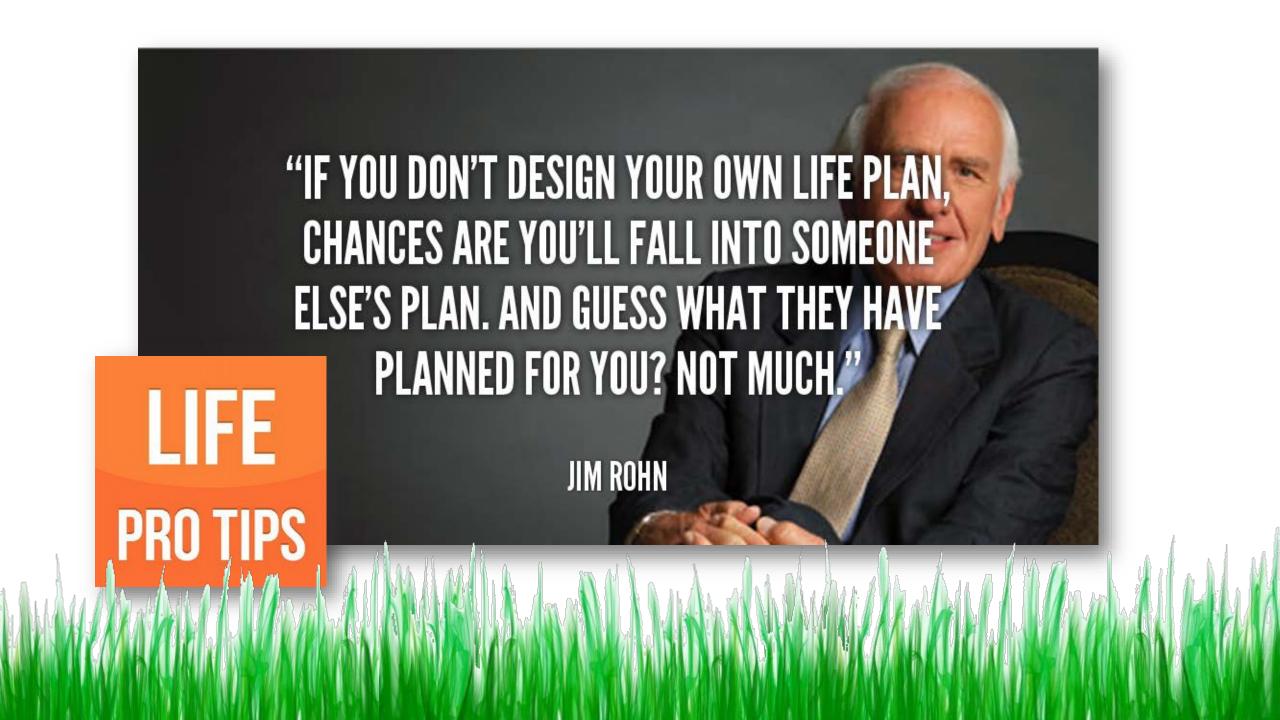


"How to Get Your Resume Past the System & Into Human Hands"





Here is every job seeker's dream world: a place where they know exactly how recruiters' minds work; where the reasons for hiring decisions are obvious; where the criteria for an effective resume and job search are as clear as day.

Treat it like a video game....

Beat the resume robot

Go on many interviews.

Gain experience points

Have fun with it.....

Get to the next level.....

treat
me like
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and i'll
show you
how it's
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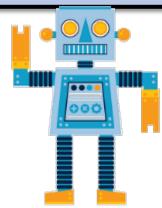
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The findings provided specific data regarding the following:

- Individual resume and online profile details viewed by participating recruiters
- Specific items that captured recruiters' attention during reviews
- How long recruiters spent viewing each item
- How quickly their eyes moved from item to item
- · What content was overlooked



The study found that recruiters spend only 6 seconds reviewing an individual resume.



Source: The Ladders-EyeTracking-StudyC2.pdf



WHAT MATTERS MOST ON YOUR RESUME:

The study's "gaze tracking" technology showed that recruiters spent almost 80% of their resume review time on the following data points:

Name

- Previous position start and end dates
- Current title/company
- Current position start and end dates
- · Previous title/company
- Education

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WORDS ON YOUR RESUME
MUST MATCH THE JOB
DESCRIPTION

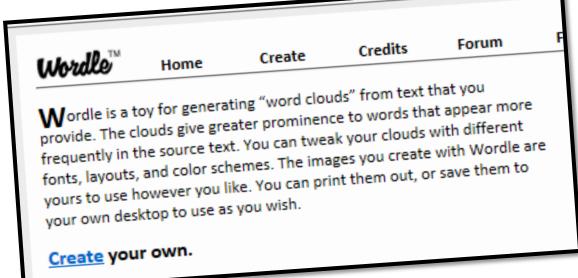
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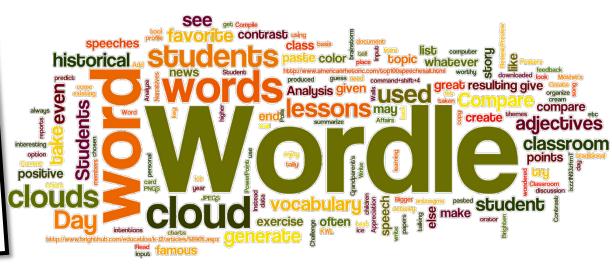
MATCHING WORD FOR WORD

You **MUST** nail the correct key words

- ATS Resume systems work by scanning resumes for contextual keywords and key phrases, mathematically scoring them for relevance
- Only the most qualified resumes are sent for human review.
- ATS software (usually) recognizes if you're a good fit for the job
- Your resume must match WORD FOR WORD to their job description 60%
- ATS is looking for key phrases & contextual information related to those qualifications.
- NEVER LIE ON YOUR RESUME! IF YOU DON'T MATCH THE JD -DON'T APPLY
- ☐ Lingo: (Software Used: Engineered Standards vs. E.S.
- MS Word vs. Microsoft Word (spelled out)
- ☐ Your responsibilities: (spell it exactly how they write it)
- ☐ Education: Bachelor of Engineering vs. B.Eng
- ☐ Your licenses: Certified Public Account vs. CPA (spelled out)
- ☐ Your certificates: (spell it exactly how they write it)

- You must nail the correct key words
- Use services like **Wordle** & **TagCrowd**
- They help you figure out which keywords to focus on.
- Input the job descriptions into these tools to create a word cloud
- Visually highlight the most frequently used words
- Make sure they're sprinkled throughout your resume.

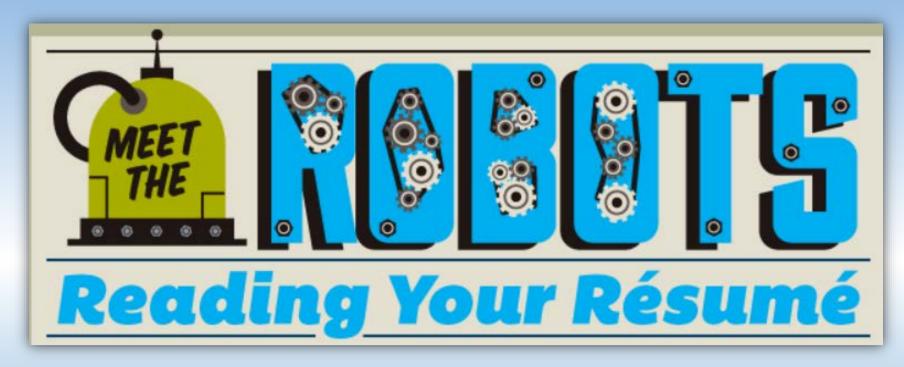






- ☐ Some ATS software allows you to score 100% Keyword match
- ☐ Create a SUMMARY OF SKILLS section at the top of your resume
- □ Copy-N-paste parts of the job description that MATCH YOUR SKILLS into this section on your resume
- ☐ Highlight your skills NEVER LIE ON YOUR RESUME!
- ☐ IF YOU DON'T MATCH THE JD THEN DON'T APPLY

INSIDE TIP: Some firms software will instantly disqualify you for doing this. Many resume software programs have learned this. I recommend sticking it in the footer which takes a few extra clicks to find, also just using a series of key words instead of the entire text of the description works too.



STRATEGY GUIDE



#1. Keep Formatting Simple

☐ ATS loves simplicity & cold conformity	
☐ ATS hates creativity & individuality	
☐ ATS hates extra touches & enjoy rejecting resumes	
☐ ATS struggles with anything beyond plain text	
☐ ATS likes fonts like Arial, Courier, or Times New Roman	
☐ ATS can't read fancy fonts	
☐ ATS can't read logos, pictures, symbols, or shading	
☐ ATS HATES extra rows, columns, page breaks, etc.	
☐ ATS discriminates against tables, charts, graphs,	
☐ ATS has trouble reading anything beyond bullet points	
☐ ATS does not want to see colors	
☐ ATS does not want your photo	
☐ ATS chokes on unfamiliar headings like:	
Affiliations, Publications, or Memberships	
☐ ATS only prefers usual sections of a resume:	
Qualifications, Professional Experience,	
Education, Skills, and the like.	
ATS prefers word doc or rich text formats	
☐ ATS technology mis-processes .pdfs (limitation)	
ATS = Applicant Tracking System	





#1. Keep Formatting Simple

WESTWOOD COLLEGE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS BACHELORS OF APPLIED SCIENCE VISUAL CONHUNICATIONS Related Courses' Introduction To Graphic Design, Digital Layout Computer Thatration, Image Editing, Advanced Image Editing, 3D Modeing and Annation, Digital Editing, Advanced Digital Editing 3D Design (Assissing), History of Graphe Design, On Seren Design, Print Design, Web Design, Computer Armation, Art History and Portfosio EAST LEVIDEN HIGH-SCHOOL PROFICIENT PROGRAMS ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR FINAL CUT PRO Related Courses Multimediatom ADOBE PHOTOSHOP HICROSOFT POWERPOINT HICROSOFT WORD

EXPERIENCE

WESTWOOD COLLEGE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS STUDENT WORKER-LIBRARY

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HOBBIES

WWW.INTHEROAD.NET/BOARD HESSAGE BOARD HODERATOR

WORK EXPERIENCE

November 2007-

Graphic Designer, ScienceVision LLC, Madison, CT Designer of Posters, Brochures, and Mailing Pieces Receptionist duties

August 2003

Assistant Manager, Eisenhauer Gallery, Edgartown, MA Sold Painting, Sculpture, and Jewelry

Packed and shipped artworks

February 2001-

Martha's Vineyard Concierge, Edgartown, MA Cared for children ages one to twelve Greeted visitors at the airport

February 2000-Mosher Photo, Vineyard Haven, MA Made art prints, sold cameras and interfaced with public

EDUCATION

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL Bachelor of Fine Arts with emphasis in graphic design, photography, and psychology

PUBLICATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

SAIC Undergraduate Exhibition (BFA Show), Gallery 2, Chicago, IL SAIC Creative Currents, Undergraduate Catalogue, picture page 59
Elderly Values, Open show at Cambridge School of Weston, MA Body Parts, Home Gallery, 90 Old Farm Road. Chilman

Dwiaht K. Schrute, III O SCHRUTE FARMS, MAIN STREET, HONESDALE, PA 18431

(T) 570-555-1212 (E) DSCHRUTE@SCHRUTEFARMS.COM SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Star salesman, beet farmer, bed & breakfast proprietor, aspiring freelance bodyguard, office building owner, and
- Able to vanquish customer resistance through physically imposing alpha-male traits and insatiable, merciless jackhammer-like techniques
- 13-time winner of Salesman of the Month award in 2005 and Salesman of the Year
- Leader and mentor of underlings
- Expert in martial arts weaponry, paintball, and pre-industrial German

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dunder Mifflin Paper Co., Inc., A Division of Sabre, Scranton, PA Micro-cap regional paper and office supply distri

Close more sales with revenues totaling more US dollars than any other employee, past, present

- Act as Regional Manager's eyes, ears, and right hand, overseeing and reporting on employee conduct productivity, and arrival/departure times
- Instituted "Schrute Bucks" reward system, immeasurably raising office morale . Serve as self-appointed enforcer of The Rules (Policies and Procedures Manual)

General Manager (concurrent with Dunder Mifflin / Sabre role)

A family-owned 60-acre (240,000-square-meter) working beet farm

- Manage operations at the #1 beet-related agritourism B&B destination in Northeastern PA Provide fine accommodations for beet enthusiasts in themed guest rooms representing "America,"
- Meet or exceed beet needs of local stores, restaurants, and roadside stands
- · Facilitate recreational activities including but not limited to manure dodge ball, fresh butter statue sculpting and beet syrup and rum making

EDUCATION

Scranton University, Scranton, PA

1980 - Present

Sara Rohacik

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ms, viruses, fungi, and most other health threat and lower own cholesterol at will

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

54th Street, 17th Floor, New

ek United States, NY

Stephanie Torta

www.littlefishdesigns.com | steffi_estuff@yahoo.com

EMPLOYMENT

GRAPHIC DESIGNER AUTHOR PHOTOGRAPHER WEB DESIGNER

2003 TO PRESENT

Frankrica - Littlefish Designs - Acton Messachusetts Except shad the company website, and business of Lutterial Designs for contract work including lages, flyers, book covers and access, ten-shirts, posters, displays

 Created corporate identity logos along with additional brancing marketing materials including the production of the program and marketing advertisements for 2000 Men's World Curting

Created, edited, and produced DVD eBook tutorials for Adobe inDesign CS4 and Adobe Photoshop CS4 published by Jones and Bartlett Publishers. The ellook DVDs are four-hours of solf study step by step feetures using voice ever narrations and selectations including featuring the respective program most face, tools, and exercises.

Photographed events and scenes from world travel and still Life for designs and netal

Designed and implemented Content Management System websites including:

2008 TO PRESENT

ADJUNCT FACULTY | GRAPHIC DESIGN

Emerson College | Boston University - Boston Messachusetts

- Developed and implemented syll abus and lesson plans heading boson graphs design to undergraduate and graduate students using Adobe inDesign, Photoshop Liustrator and QuarkXPress

 Supported and guided students with diverse amount of experience to have basic profidency. in InCessign, Photoshop skulls in image conversion, residing and scanning, type graphy as ills, page bleswithy and layout concepts and anduction and one press stills for commercial printing

 Provided hands on experience developing business cards, letterheads, advertisements, book Jackets, and posters and presented ortifiques on the projects

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RACHEL GARNER

Quark XPress, Flight Oreck, Camtasia, Captivate, sbat, Microsoft Office, Flash, Dreamweaver



 Experienced in administrative duties; scheduled meetings, handled travel arrangements and purchasing. Computer skills include Microsoft Excel, Access, Word, and PowerPoint. Excellent problem solving and communication skills. Accustomed to long work hours. Winner: Employee of the Month 1999 for October and December.

CAREER OBJECTIVE

 To obtain an executive sales /marketing management position within a arough priented progressive company. I want to apply my business to an anyironment where they will make a significant would be entrepreneurial and

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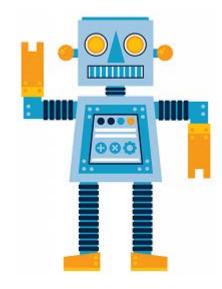
PDFs for printers

News Publication of Paint-of-Purchase



#2. Do NOT use Career Objectives

- ☐ ATS DOESN'T CARE about your objectives *or how you want to apply your skills*
- ☐ <u>REALITY:</u> it's about how the *company* needs you to apply the skills
- ☐ ATS uses 'objectives' them as OPT OUT statements
- ☐ ATS sees them as a waste of space and will OPT YOU OUT of contention for the job
- ☐ ATS (& many recruiters) prefers the space be used for Qualifications
- ☐ Fill it up with ATS-friendly keywords like a 'highlight reel of your life'
- ☐ ATS enjoys seeing the space used for 5-6 short sentences
 - ☐ Concisely present your achievements, major skills, or experience
 - ☐ ATS likes empty spaces to be filled with key words





Epic Fail Career Objectives:

"Student today. Vice president tomarrow."

"I need a career on the Information Supper Highway"

"Pursue a challenging position with your rival firm"

"I need money because I have bills to pay"

"I would like to have a life, go out partying"

"I need to please my hot girlfriend with gifts & have a menu entrée consisting of more than soup."





#4. No ED on your resume

ATS = Applicant Tracking System

- ☐ Your resume should tell a story of achievement
- ☐ Your resume should explain your story
- ☐ ATS likes to see movement, growth, and story flow
- ☐ ATS & RECRUITERS LOVE RESUME ACTION WORDS
- ☐ ATS likes to see resume power verbs sprinkled freely
- ☐ GOOGLE SEARCH: 'RESUME ACTION WORDS (Verbs)'
- ☐ ATS likes verbs that end in -ed

- 2. Overhauled 9. Generated
- 10. Process Involvement 3. Integrated
- 4. Implemented 11. Expanded
- 5. Built 12. Launched
- 6. Resulted in 13. Financed
- 7. Increased 14. Committed

- 16. Initiated
- 17. Technical
- 18. Customized
- 19. Liaison
- 20. Business Partner
- 21. Strategic

Most Overused Words

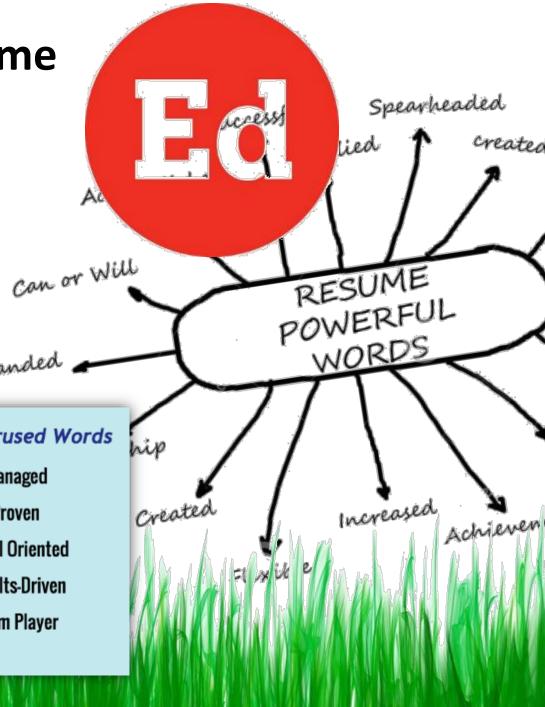
Managed

Proven

Detail Oriented

Results-Driven

Team Player



LIFE **PRO TIPS**

12 THINGS THAT **REQUIRE ZERO** TALENT

BEING ON TIME **WORK ETHIC DESIRE TO LEARN EFFORT BODY LANGUAGE ENERGY ATTITUDE PASSION** BEING COACHABLE **TEAM PLAYER DOING EXTRA BEING PREPARED**

.... become more interested in your own health and well-being.

The people we surround ourselves with either raise or lower our standards. They either help us to become the-best-version-ofourselves or encourage us to become lesser versions of ourselves. We become like our friends. No man becomes great on his own. No woman becomes great on her own. The people around them help to make them great.

We all need people in our lives who raise our standards, remind us of our essential purpose, and challenge us to become the best-

#5. Memory Lapse for Resume Gaps

- ☐ ATS recognizes memory gaps as errors or mistakes
- ☐ ATS loves to terminate your resume because you have a gap
- **BE HONEST:** If you have a gap on your resume you need to account for the time
- ☐ ATS & Recruiters are looking for red flags like this
- ☐ Don't embellish or falsify things it may be exposed during background check
- ☐ I've advised people it's OK to leave off jobs in their work history
- ☐ Especially for jobs that were short-lived or unrelated to your main occupation
- ☐ Recruiters may look for discrepancies between your resume & your linked In resume
- ☐ Use the gap to explain how you were improving your career or life
- ☐ Be sure to have a good solid answer to explain your gap in the interview



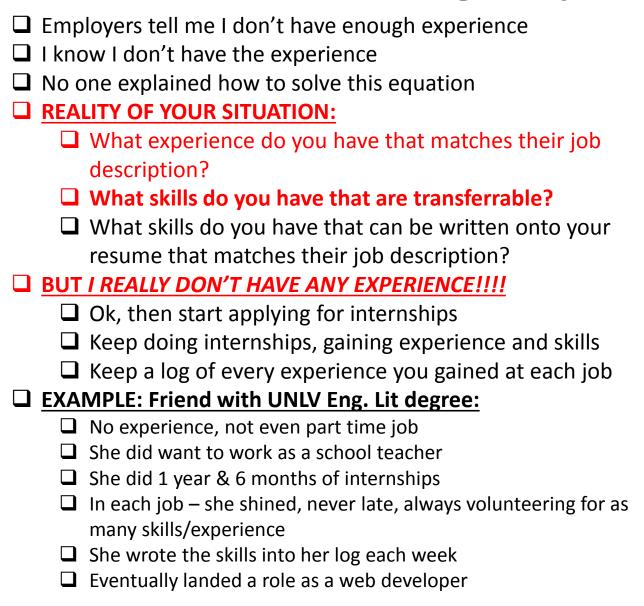
Any interruption in employment is due to being unemployed

Career break in 2015 to renovate my horse

Job 3	March 2012 – April 2014
Job 2	February 2011 - June 2011 (5-month stint + 8 month gap)
Job 1	July 2009 – March 2010 (9-month stint + 10 month gap)
	becomes

Job 3 2012 – 2014 Job 2 2011 Job 1 2009 – 2010

#6. "I don't have enough experience"

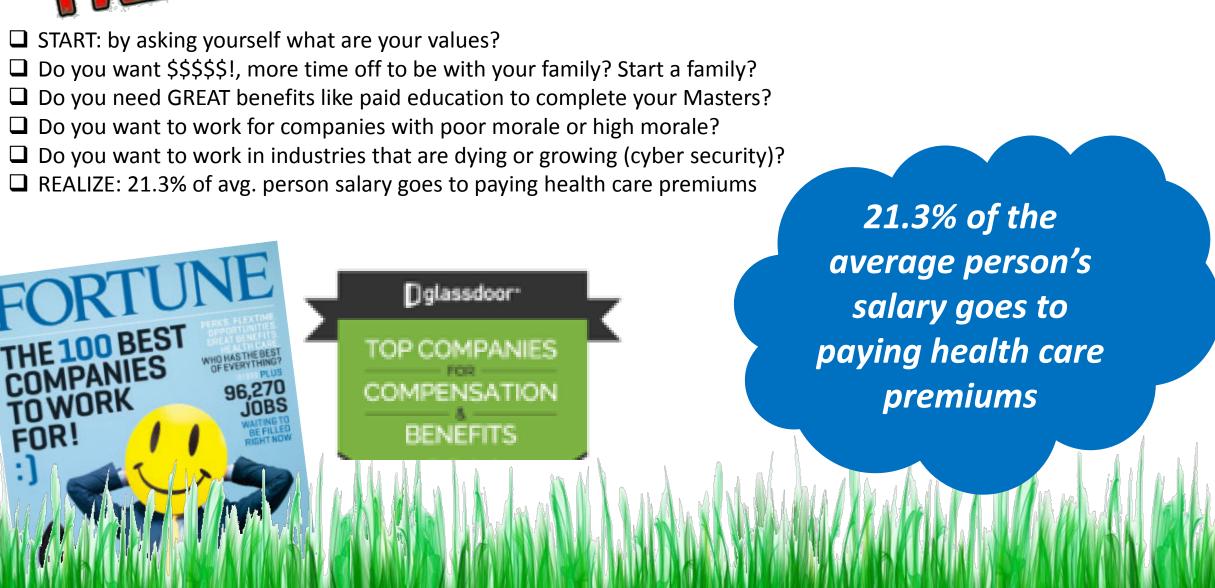








#7. I don't know where I want to work





#8. Where to start looking for jobs

- ☐ You need to be realistic with yourself & skills
- ☐ You need to know your industry is dying or growing
- ☐ Know what is considered an entry level through experienced job in your industry
- ☐ REALITY: the first 2-3 years you will be gaining skills / experience
- ☐ Utilize Glassdoor.com for salary & morale research
- ☐ Utilize the web for industry research
- ☐ Utilize any job search website for research

Top 50 Fastest-Growing Industries

Displaying Records 1 - 25 of 50

The 10 Fastest Dying Industries In America



☐ Apply for the jobs directly on the companies website (use monster for research purposes only)

Entry-Level Nevada Jobs

LOCATION

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIELD ENGINEER II

JT3 LLC

3/16/2016 4/18/2016

57 JOBS

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

JT3 LLC

- 1. Regularly re-upload your RESUME to various job search sites, even if nothing on it has changed.
- 2. It pushes your resume to the top of pile
- 3. Companies purchase resumes and cover letters, downloading them onto their own databases. They keep them on file, sometimes digging them up from the same database for years



"Recruiters spend a lot of time on the job boards for active and passively seeking job hunters. The ones that are modified (uploaded) recently, and have the most recent visit to sites they see first"



#9. Where are your specifics?

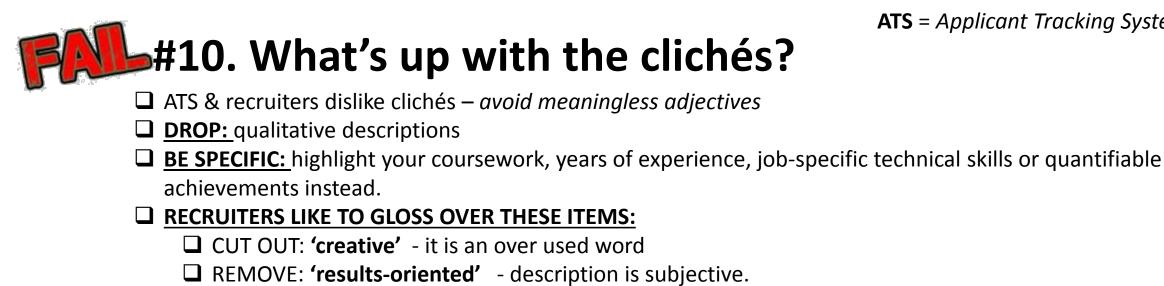
- ☐ ATS recognizes lack of specifics as a incomplete resume
- ☐ ATS loves to terminate you immediately because you lack specifics
- ☐ Always be specific on your skills and experience
- ☐ Never make generalized statements just to fill space
- ☐ Almost all of your information should specifically match their job description and never be generic
- ☐ Don't embellish or falsify things it may be exposed during background check

Worked in hotels

Worked with employees

Managed projects

Good with
Microsoft
software



Results oriented

> influential leader



☐ GET RID OF: 'guru' unless you're YODA!

Seasoned leader



☐ REMOVE: 'excellent oral & written communication skills – ignore my sp@lling mustakes

REMOVE: 'responsible for' - mechanical employee doing what he's paid to do, no more, no less

I'm responsible

for ...



ľM **PASSIONATE ABOUT!!**

#11. Your Personal information is one hot mess

- ☐ ATS rejects resumes with missing or incomplete personal information can be rejected
- ☐ ATS can reject resumes with missing contact information, phone #s, or emails
- ☐ ATS does not want to see your photo on your resume
- ☐ Lock your facebook, Instagram, twitter accounts down
- ☐ Recruiters see your lifestyle on facebook & it may scare them!
- ☐ ATS does not like weird email addresses

Jeffshotgurlfriend@

Abeautfulchik@

I'D TURN BACK IF I WERE YOU! LuvzBallin@

AHotVolleyBalldude4Sure@



PRO TIPS

Be careful with LinkedIn!

"I regulary see hackers pretending to be recruiters, pretending to represent a company, sending you an infected, malware pdf file, you complete it, and give them access to your computer"

#12. Your education is one hot mess

☐ After graduation: your education is your biggest marketing tool for landing a job ☐ **RIGHT NOW:** Education section of your resume is the most important part ☐ ATS prefers education in reverse order — HIGHEST LEVEL GOES FIRST ☐ ATS ONLY LIKES GPA FOR RECENT COLLEGE GRADS: ☐ Once you gain experience then remove the GPA ☐ If you did not finish your degree, then write in the amount of credits that you obtained. ☐ Don't embellish or falsify things — it may be exposed during background check ☐ Don't make it too general - highlight relevant coursework or certs ☐ Don't ignore dates - List the month and year of graduation as well as the institution. If you haven't graduated: list the anticipated graduating date. Ignoring these dates makes it hard for employers to connect your work history ☐ It creates suspiciousness for your gaps

ENTER

WRONG

I am possessed with a moderate educatin but willing to learn moore

I have repeated courses repeatedly

I have a bachelorette degree in computers

#13. Know how background checks work

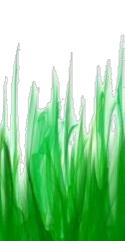
- ☐ DON'T BE SCARED OF BACKGROUND CHECKS (employee verification)
- ☐ ALMOST ALL BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE NOW AUTOMATED (MINIMIZES LIABLITY)
- ☐ Background checks wont say you were fired or quit
- ☐ All they show is your dates of employment, how much you made and where you worked. Background checks will say NOT say you were FIRED
- ☐ Most popular verification service: The Work Number
- ☐ https://www.theworknumber.com/

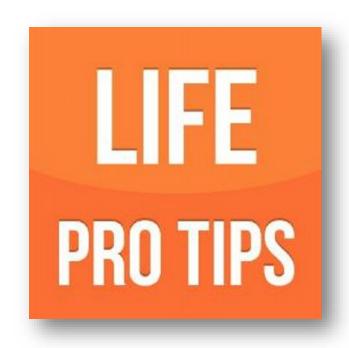
□ Conduct your
own FREE
BACKGROUND
check by going to
the Work Number
Website



Commercial Verifiers Do you need proof of employment or income to grant credit? Do you need proof of employment or income to monitor your portfolio of loans? Do you want to check work history for a job candidate? Enter Site







- 1. Regularly go on interviews and collect offer letters
- 2. Use the offer letters as reference to your actual or intrinsic value



LET'S PUT IT ALL TOGETHER & BUILD A RESUME



- 1. Keep Formatting Simple
- 2. NO Career Objectives, only summary of skills which is the key words from the job description
- 3. Personal information is <u>not</u> a hot mess
- 4. Education is <u>not</u> a hot mess
- 5. No resume gaps
- 6. No clichés
- 7. Lots of specifics
- 8. If you lack experience, go on internships to gain the skills

SAMPLE

John Smith

5103 E Tropicana Apt 2012, Las Vegas, NV, 89119

(702) XXX-XXX

jsmith@unlv.nevada.edu

SUMMARY OF SKILLS

COPY-n-PASTE sections of the job you applying for HERE (customize it)

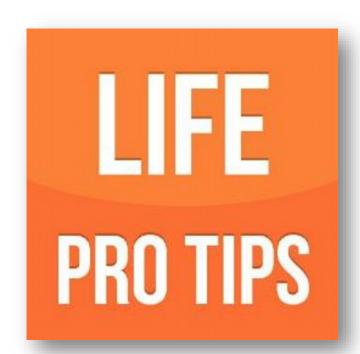
Skilled using action verbs, which help tell your story. Utilized action verbs here that show movement and growth on your resume. Copy and paste sections of the job description here. If you lack the experience, then go on internships until something breaks

EDUCATION

- Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering, GPA: 3.6. Expected Graduation 2016. University of Nevada,
 Las Vegas.
- Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, GPA: 3.0, 2014. University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

WORK EXPERIENCE / RESEARCH

- Graduate Assistant, January 2015 Present, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
 - Presented and documented "Mechanical Engineering and Artificial Intelligence" UNLV
 Engineering Spring Seminar Series, Presented April 2015.
- Student Teacher, August 2013-December 2014, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
 - Documented a report on "Behavioral and User Entity Analytics using Skynet" Published at the
 James Cameron University, Los Angeles, Summer 2014.





- ☐ NEVER, *EVER*, EVER, EVER STAY IN A JOB *WHEN YOU ARE UNHAPPY*
- □ DON'T RUIN the work environment FOR EVERYONE ELSE
- ☐ IF YOU ARE NOT PROMOTED WITHIN 1-3 YEARS IN A COMPANY LEAVE
- □WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR JOB, APPLY FOR JOBS 1 TO 2 LEVELS HIGHER

EXAMPLE #1: ENTRY LEVEL EMPLOYEES, APPLY FOR SUPERVISOR JOBS

EXAMPLE #2: SUPERVISORS APPLY FOR MANAGER JOBS

EXAMPLE #3: MANAGERS APPLY FOR DIRECTOR JOBS

EXAMPLE #4: DIRECTORS APPLY FOR VPs

