Career Spotlight: **IT Project Manager**

What does a IT Project Manager do?
IT project managers develop and install computer hardware and software systems.

How do you become a IT Project Manager?
You can get into this job through:
- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role
- applying directly

You'll usually need for University Route:
- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent
- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study
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You'll usually need for Apprenticeship Route:
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship

Day-to-Day Tasks
As an IT project managers you might:
- speak to the client to find out what they need
- work out the risks related to different options
- choose the most appropriate project management method for the job
- work out and agree timescales, budgets and resources
- use project management software to plan development
- co-ordinate the project team
- monitor progress and keep clients and senior managers informed
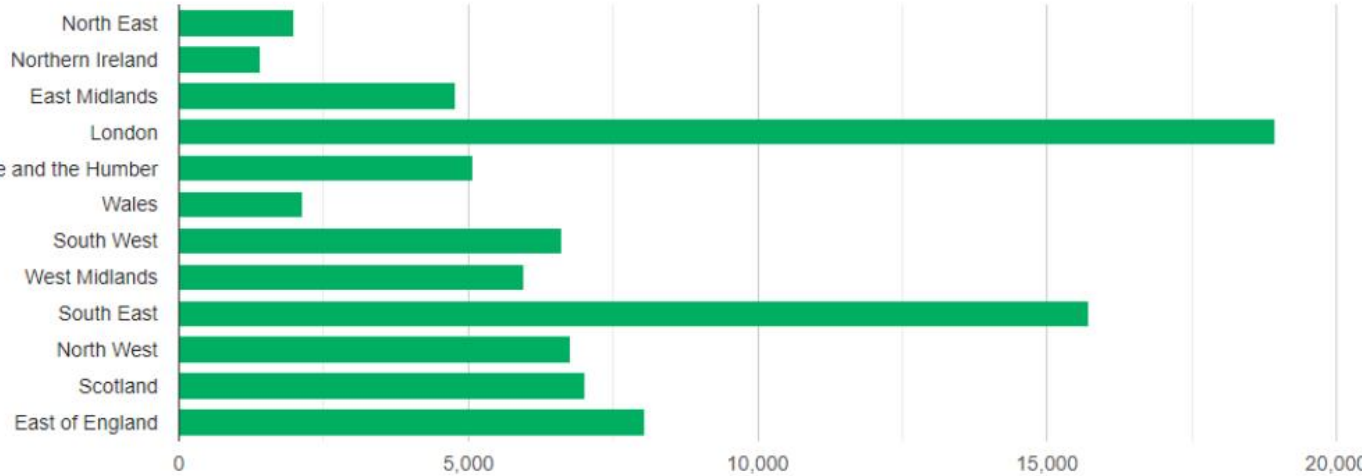- solve problems and change your approach, if needed

Working environment
- You could work in an office or at a client's business.

Average Salary
From £34,000 to £60,000
The UK average salary is £28,758
Typical Working Week
37 to 39 hours
There are 37.5 hours in the average working week

For more information visit:
- National Careers Service
- Job Outlook for IT Project Managers
- Career Pilot
- Icould - IT Roles
- Unifrog Careers Library

People currently working in this job by region

Chart showing number of people working in this job by region:
- North East
- Northern Ireland
- East Midlands
- London
- Yorkshire and the Humber
- Wales
- South West
- West Midlands
- South East
- North West
- Scotland
- East of England

(x-axis: 0 to 20,000 in increments of 5,000)

Future Employment
There will be 3.3% more IT Project Manager jobs in 2027.

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Skills and knowledge

You'll need:
- leadership skills
- persistence and determination
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- business management skills
- the ability to organise your time and workload
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to monitor your own performance and that of your colleagues
- to have a thorough understanding of computer systems and applications