



## Mining for Gold

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So you've been sitting at home, hanging with Oprah, thinking about doing the job thang, but dreading having to pound that pavement. Well, cheer up, surfer friend -- you can go after that elusive opportunity while wearing your PJs! Just plug into EarthLink and check out some of the following sites, and you'll be on your way to happiness and riches. (Well, okay, more like getting up at 5 a.m. to drag your tired self into the office for another 14-hour workday, but that's another story.)

Job resources abound on the Internet, and beginning a search can be a daunting task. However, there are several good places to start, such as the Yahoo! job listings. The listings are nicely categorized, alphabetized, and helperized. (Oh, that's not a word, is it?) From there, you might want to visit several other comprehensive sites: America's Job Bank, Adams JobBank Online, CareerPath, the Online Career Center (a must), and The Monster Board. Usenet, too, offers numerous possibilities: biz.jobs.offered, misc.jobs.misc, and misc.jobs.offered.

One of the great catch-22s in life is the fact that you need experience to get a job, but you can't get a job without experience (sheesh!). Internships are a great way of getting that ever elusive experience required by most employers. While many internships seem like little more than unpaid slave labor, some companies do give stipends and some even pay standard, albeit small, salaries. Go after those internships by checking out JobSource or use Tripod's search engine. For those of you interested in going into broadcasting, visit Broadcast's Internship Opportunities, and for you Francophiles, the University of Rochester lists Paris Internships. Of course, most major companies offer various internships, so it's not a bad idea to stop by the site of a specific company you're interested in.

For you newly educated, completely unemployable, fresh-outta-school college grads, life often, oh ... sucks. What do (can) you do with your brand new degree? Fortunately, some Web sites exist solely to aid you in your career search. Jobtrak produces regular job listings for recent grads. The College Grad Job Hunter is another logical site to visit. The Entry Level Job Seeker Assistant provides many useful resources, and don't forget newsgroups such as misc.jobs.offered.entry in your search.

People on the other end of the spectrum (read: vastly overpaid execs) might want to try out Execunet for aid in finding that perfect cushy job with the corner office and doting secretary. Other good sites are Nationjob's Management page and Executive Recruiters International.

Of course, many Netheads are techies, so it comes as little surprise that tons 'o IT-type (Information Technology) jobs exist out there. Yahoo! alone will direct you to ample sites, so I'll try to narrow down your choices and point you in the right direction. Ziff-Davis is always a great place to start, and DICE has a huge database. I.T. Jobsearch is U.K.-based, but has a worldwide search engine, while the Online Technical Employment Center offers a great job search and resume workshop.

While jobs abound in the U.S., there are also opportunities abroad. Asia-net and EUnet are just a couple of sites offering comprehensive job info on other continents. You can even narrow your search to specific countries, such as Czechoslovakia or Australia. If you're looking for a little excitement (not to mention heat),

check out the job situation in the Middle East.

Finally, let's not forget those people looking for really, really specific jobs. You frustrated former athletes or fanatical fans can look for sports-related jobs (and maybe become the next Bob Costas?) at SportsJobs or the Online Sports Career Center. Marketing pros and actors have outlets, as do airplane fans. Perhaps you want to take a cruise, or maybe you're a do-gooder. Women aren't left out either; the Women's Business Resource Site offers tons 'o goodies to aid women in finding that perfect job.

These sites are just a beginning -- starting points, if you will. The onus is on you, but with the help of the Net, you too can find the right job. Okay, let's be honest. The Internet isn't exactly magic -- you won't waltz into a job just by surfing. But, you can use the Net to personalize your search, perhaps cut down on some unnecessary footwork, and make a real go of it.



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