

A Guide to Working for Anyone

Technical Positions in Non-
Technical Companies

Glassdoor - Top 10 Companies (2014)

1. Bain & Company
2. **Twitter**
3. **LinkedIn**
4. Eastman Chemical
5. **Facebook**
6. **Guidewire**
7. **Interactive Intelligence**
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8. In-N-Out Burger
9. McKinsey & Company
10. Mayo Clinic

Why? Technology is Everywhere!

- **When was the last time you visited a business without a website?**
- **Without a mobile app?**

Typical Positions

Software

- **Web & Mobile**
- **Front end**
 - **Android/iOS**
 - **JavaScript**
- **Back end**
 - **.NET/C#**
 - **Java**
- **Developer and QA**

Infrastructure

- **Databases**
- **Systems administration**
- **Network administration**

Security

- Growing across industries
- Average cost of a data breach
 - **\$3.5 million**
- Needed in both the private and public sectors

Intelligence

- **Making sense of data**
- **Usually requires more experience or school**
- **Also a growing field**

How is it different?

- **Organization/benefits**
- **Culture**
- **Networking/Mentoring**
- **Be aware of how much technology the organization has**
- **Cost or revenue?**
- **Cutting edge?**

How is it similar?

- **Business is business**
 - **The line is blurry**
- **Engineering practices**
- **Software is problem solving**
- **Technology is a tool**

What you need to know

Resume

- **Employers want concrete achievement**
- **Only list languages you know**
- **List your GPA if it is high**
- **Proofread!**

Technical Interview

- You will be given a problem to solve
- Process is more important than solution
- Usually based on your resume

What companies want

- **Technical ability**
- **Ability to finish projects**
- **Communication**
- **Teamwork**
- **Adaptability**

What to watch out for

- Ask about engineering practices
- Be close to the revenue
- Dated technology

Questions?