

RESOURCE GUIDE

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Words of Encouragement

There's so many ways that IT can change you and your families lives. It's never too late, whether you are just starting your career journey or making a career switch.

Breaking into the IT industry can seem like an overwhelmingly difficult task but we can assure you, that with the right resources and motivation, you will find your place in this field. More than likely, sooner than you think

This purpose of this guide is to serve as a resource to help you achieve your goal in IT. We've put together detailed information to lead you in the right direction to make a plan for your IT journey.

We gotchu.

Let's get started...

Professor Messer



Professor Messer is a free online resource that provides quality technology information and training, including specialized training courses for CompTIA A+, CompTIA Network+, and CompTIA Security+.

These courses can be accessed through YouTube or straight from the PM website.

You can find the link to Professor Messer videos below:

[Professor Messer](#)

[Professor Messer Youtube](#)

What you'll Need:

Laptop/Computer/Smartphone/Tablet

Something to take notes with

Wifi/Mobile Data

Udemy



Udemy is known as a leader in online learning, If you want to learn a new skill, or share what you know with the world, Udemy is the place.

Udemy is not free. Usually you can catch great sales on Udemy's site with courses ranging from \$10-\$300

But, if you live in Maryland, we know a way around that too.

With an Enoch Pratt Free Library card, you can access Udemy's catalog for free. If you don't have a library card, Its easy and free to sign up for an e-library card, which can be used right away! Try the link below:

[Enoch Pratt Free Library](#)

Once you get an e-library card, use the link below for free Udemy access.

[Udemy through Enoch Pratt](#)

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npower



NPower is a national nonprofit organization that provides free tech training for careers in Information Technology to military veterans and young adults from under-served communities

To be apart of npower you must apply at the link below:

[npower](#)

What you'll Need:

4 hours a day, 5 days a week

Laptop/Computer/Smartphone/Tablet

Something to take notes with

Wifi/Mobile Data

BCR Cyber



BCRCyber provides IT/cybersecurity training, certification, testing and job placement services. Trainees can obtain industry-recognized certifications for organizations such as CompTIA, (ISC)2, Cyber AB, AWS, FedRAMP and more. Training is offered in a cohort with self-paced learning and some mandatory review sessions.

To be apart of BCRCyber you may apply at the link below:

<https://bcr cyber.com/apply/>

What you'll Need:

5 hours a day, 5 days a week, self study
expectation

Laptop/Computer/Smartphone/Tablet

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Wifi/Mobile Data

Year Up



Year Up is a free 3-step job training program that takes 1 year or less to complete. Trainees can obtain a broad range of job training pathways, from IT and software development to business operations and banking & customer success.

To be apart of Year Up you can apply at the link below:

[Year Up](#)

What you'll Need:

5 hours a day, 5 days a week, self study expectation

Laptop/Computer/Smartphone/Tablet

Something to take notes with

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Per Scholas



Per Scholas offers no cost training and IT courses to help learners launch a career in tech. They offer job placement at partnering organizations in need of specific skillsets relevant to the training offered through Per Scholas.

To be a part of Per Scholas you can apply at the link below:
[Per Scholas](#)

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TestOut



TestOut is an online training resource that provides hands-on training for industry-leading certifications.

TestOut is currently down as Comptia and TestOut are working on merging platforms. We are looking forward to see what changes will be made and will update future guides accordingly.

Previously, TestOut offered full training access for free during a 7 day trial. After that users pay \$89 per month. And users in college able to reach out to their IT professor for student access to which may be available at reduced cost or free. We wonder how future pricing will compare to the old numbers.

You can find the link to TestOut below, but it will redirect you to a Comptia page announcing the merge:

Testout

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