Career Option Comparison

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Concepts:

1. Choose a company or two for each career option to get the most information.
2. No career is perfect. Use the comparison to see what best fits you.
3. Work conditions refer to if you work outside, in a building, etc.
4. Use [www.bls.gov](http://bls.gov/) and similar sites to determine the current and future outlook for the occupation. Is it growing or declining?

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| **Area** | **Notes** | **Career 1** | **Career 2** | **Career 3** |
| Outlook for occupation (4) |  |  |  |  |
| Preparation required-type and time |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of preparation |  |  |  |  |
| City State of Prep |  |  |  |  |
| Employee or Independent Contractor |  |  |  |  |
| Entry level salary |  |  |  |  |
| Salary with 5 years experience |  |  |  |  |
| Advancement opportunities and position |  |  |  |  |
| Retirement options: |  |  |  |  |
| Pension |  |  |  |  |
| 401K – Matching? |  |  |  |  |
| Holidays |  |  |  |  |
| Personal Time Off-Vacation and sick |  |  |  |  |
| Work Hours |  |  |  |  |
| Work conditions (3) |  |  |  |  |
| Duties tasks at work |  |  |  |  |
| Computer skills |  |  |  |  |
| Customer interaction-level |  |  |  |  |
| Work in team or as individual |  |  |  |  |
| Company size-employees |  |  |  |  |
| Number of companies in the area with this position – career |  |  |  |  |
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