



Explore a Career as a

# SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

## What do Software Developers do?

Software developers are involved with research, design, development and test operations of software, compilers, and network distribution. They create the systems that keep computers functioning properly. These could be operating systems for computers that the general public buys or systems built specifically for an organization. Often, systems software developers build the system's interface, which is what allows users to interact with the computer. Software developers create the operating systems that control most of the consumer electronics in use today, including the systems in phones or cars. They sometimes design embedded systems software, applying principles and techniques of computer science, engineering, and mathematical analysis.

## Training & Educational Opportunities

You will have many opportunities for employment as a software developer, but first you will need to complete specific training and earn a bachelor degree. Students will focus on classes related to building software in order to better prepare themselves for work in the occupation.

## As a Software Developer you will:

- Analyze information to determine, recommend and plan installation of a new system or modification of an existing system
- Consult with customers or other departments on project status, proposals or technical issues
- Develop or direct software system testing or validation procedures
- Direct software programming and development of documentation

## Software Developers are in demand in Grundy County!

Grundy County employment of software developers is expected to grow through 2020. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, this field is growing much faster than the average for all occupations.

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## Training Provider

The following certified training provider offers programs and certifications to train for a career as a software developer:

- Joliet Junior College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



## Types of Employers

There are many different types of companies that employ systems software developers in Grundy County, including:

- Computer systems design services
- Healthcare companies
- Software companies
- Technology companies
- Universities



## Wages & Openings

### Software Developer Employment Data for Grundy County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$28.07
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$68.87
Average Annual Job Openings Grundy County	~10
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	3,355

## Opportunities

After earning your degree as a software developer, you will have many opportunities for advancement. Some opportunities include:

- Computer and Information Research Manager
- Computer and Information Systems Manager
- Computer Hardware Engineer



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