# STEP INTO…

# IT & GAMING

# How to use this resource

This guide is here to help you explore different job opportunities, understand how your skills can be applied in IT & Gaming, and discover the pathways that can lead you to a fulfilling career.

**LMI:** Learn about IT & Gaming jobs, how many people are employed and the companies you could work for. This will give you a broad understanding of the job market.

**Explore Jobs:** Discover descriptions of different jobs to find ones that interest you.

**Apply Your Skills:** See how the Skills Builder Universal Framework can be used in jobs to develop skills like teamwork and problem-solving. Your tutor or adviser will help you to review your skills and rate your current ability. There is also an opportunity to provide your own examples.
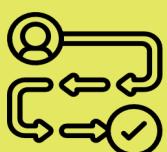
**Discover Pathways:** Find out about education, training programs, and other resources to guide you on your career journey.

# IT & GAMING
# DO YOU LIKE...

**TEES VALLEY**

**1** **Creating content?**
...making videos, blogs, or social media posts that people enjoy?
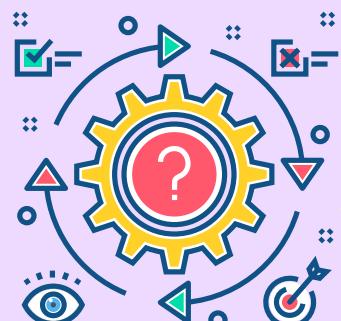
**2** **Solving tech problems?**
...figuring out how to fix a glitch on your device or helping friends with tech issues?

**3** **Exploring new apps & technology**
...trying out the latest games or tools on your phone or computer?

**4** **Staying up to date with trends**
....following the latest influencers, memes, or digital marketing strategies?

**5** **Working together online**
...working with classmates on projects using Google Docs or other online tools?

**6** **Coding or programming**
...playing around with basic coding in games or building your own website?

# WHAT IS I.T & GAMING?

IT and gaming jobs are about using computers and technology to help people, solve problems, and create fun games. This is a fast-growing area with lots of exciting opportunities.

**Key careers areas include:**

**IT Support:** Helping people use computers and fixing problems when things go wrong.

**Software Development** creating apps, websites, and programs using coding.

**Cyber Security** protecting computers and networks from hackers and digital threats.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
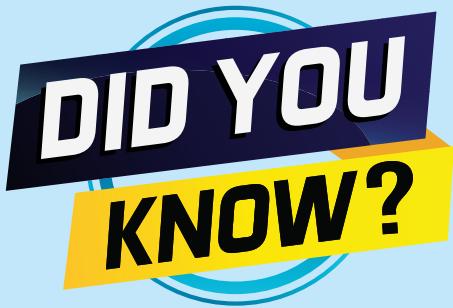
Over **8,000 people** work in digital and gaming jobs across Tees Valley. The sector has grown by **60% in just five years**, and new studios are opening all the time. If you enjoy games, coding or design, this is one of the fastest-growing job areas.

# WHERE CAN YOU FIND LOCAL VACANCIES?

**IT Services**

**Councils and Public Services**

**Game & Media Studios**

**Film and Music Studios**

**Schools & Colleges**

**Digital Marketing Companies**

# LOCAL INCLUSIVE COMPANIES INCLUDE...

StackUp

MABO

North East Screen

Visualsoft

DOUBLE ELEVEN

DH DARLINGTON HIPPODROME

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# WHAT JOBS CAN YOU DO?

From technical engineering roles through to help desk support, there are many opportunities to get involved in the digital sector.

JOB (SEND) GROUP 1

JOB (SEND) GROUP 2

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# JOB GROUP 1

*don't require Level 2 Qualifications / GCSEs but can lead to supported employment, Supported Internships, Inclusive Apprenticeships, supported Enterprise, T-Levels, Traineeships and FE College.*

### 1. IT Support Runner

They set up computers, move equipment, and fix basic IT problems in offices and schools workplaces.

Annual Salary
**£17,000 - £23,000**
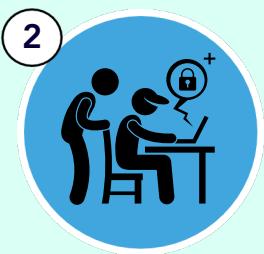
### 2. Digital Equipment Technician

They set up projectors, help fix printers and install software in various work places.

Annual Salary
**£15,000 - £25,000**

### 3. Games Tester

They play computer games to check they work and find problems or 'bugs'.

Annual Salary
**£15,000 - £26,000**

### 4. Content Uploader

They add and check text, images and videos on websites. clear and accurate.
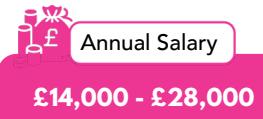
Annual Salary
**£14,000 - £28,000**

# JOB GROUP 2

*do require at least Level 2 qualifications / GCSEs and can lead onto a Apprenticeships, University, College, Employment or Enterprise.*

### 5. Games Designer

They create video games for phones, tablets, Pcs and consoles.

Annual Salary
**£27,000 - £71,000**

### 6. Content Writer

They write material for websites, blogs, and social media, often working remotely with flexible hours.

Annual Salary
**£22,000 - £40,000**

### 7. Social Media Assistant

They schedule posts, monitor engagement, and provide basic customer support on social media platforms.

Annual Salary
**£25,000 - £60,000**

### 8. Web Content Editor

They research, write and manage online content, including text, images, video and social media.

Annual Salary
**£22,000 - £40,000**

# HOW DO ESSENTIAL SKILLS HELP?

**LISTENING** — **Listen to what a player likes about a game.**

**SPEAKING** — **Explain your game idea to the team.**

**PROBLEM SOLVING** — **Fix a bug in the code.**

**CREATIVITY** — **Design a new level for the game.**

**STAYING POSITIVE** — **Keep trying when code will not run.**

**AIMING HIGH** — **Aim to make the game work smoothly.**

**LEADERSHIP** — **Lead a small group in a game project.**

**TEAMWORK** — **Share tasks to finish the game on time.**

Rate your ability in each skill on a scale of 1😡 to 5🙂.

Can you provide any examples of when you have used each skill?

| Skill | Rating (1-5) | Examples of when you have used this skill. |
|---|---|---|
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| SPEAKING | 😡 1 2 😐 3 4 🙂 5 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ | |
| PROBLEM SOLVING | 😡 1 2 😐 3 4 🙂 5 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ | |
| CREATIVITY | 😡 1 2 😐 3 4 🙂 5 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ | |
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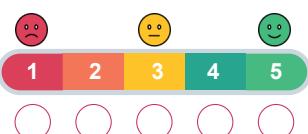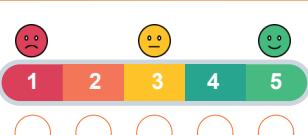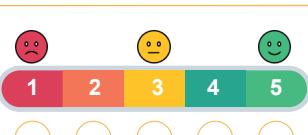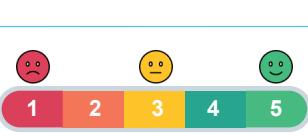
# ROUTES & PATHWAYS

Discover local options by clicking or scanning the QR codes on the following pages.

**SUCCESS**

**1 EMPLOYMENT**
Supported Employment, Inclusive Employment, Self Employment / Freelance

**2 VOLUNTEERING**
Supported Volunteering / Work Placement (short or long term / during school or after school)

**3 APPRENTICESHIPS**
Inclusive Apprenticeships (1-2 yrs), Apprenticeships (1-5yrs)

**4 FURTHER EDUCATION**
A-Levels (2yrs), T-Levels (2yrs), FE College (1-5yrs), Specialist College (SEND - 1-6yrs),

**5 SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS**
Supported Internships (6months - 1yr)

# 1. EMPLOYMENT

**Earn money**

**Learn and grow**

**Contribute to society**

# 2. VOLUNTEERING

**Helping the community**

**Learning new skills**

**Feeling happy**

# 3. APPRENTICESHIPS

**On the job training**

**Earn while you learn**

**Excellent job outcomes**

# 4) FURTHER EDUCATION

**Learn what you love**

**Gain practical skills**

**Different levels for everyone**

# 5) SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

**Learn on the job**

**Get extra help**

**Prepare for future jobs**

# 1. EMPLOYMENT

**Tees Valley Jobs (vacancies)**

**BBC Bitesize Careers**

**National Careers Service**

**iCould Careers**

**Tees Valley Jobs (Home)**

# 2. VOLUNTEERING

**vinspired**

**Tees Valley Youthwatch**

**Futures Through Friendship**

**TV YMCA Volunteering**

**TV Festival Volunteering**

# 3. APPRENTICESHIPS
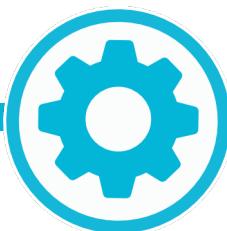
**TV Jobs – Apprentice-ships**

**TVCA Apprentice-ships**

**TVLPN Directory**

**Amazing Apprentice-ships**

**Find an Apprentice-ship .gov.uk**

# 4) FURTHER EDUCATION

**TVCA - Sixth Form & College**

**Tees Valley Careers Hub**

**TVE SEND Info**

**TV Scholarships**

**Teesside Uni**

# 5) SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

**NHS Choices College**

**Redcar Internships**

**Hartlepool Internships**

**Youth Guarantee**

**Prior Pursglove College**