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Thread: [Night-shift IT work](#)

bevc - September 26, 2020, 8:25 pm

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.eXe - September 27, 2020, 6:27 am

A 24/7 helpdesk is the quickest and easiest entry to something like this. Outside of that, senior infrastructure engineers usually do night work.

Disease - September 27, 2020, 10:46 am

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X-32 - September 27, 2020, 3:53 pm

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Maxie - September 27, 2020, 4:04 pm

I currently work as a consultant for a smaller company and do their CRM system, I work whatever hours I like, which usually involves night.

If something crucial goes wrong though I usually work as soon as possible though, so that they don't actually lose money, but that's more of a personal obligation than a requirement I suppose.

YikesAu - September 27, 2020, 5:58 pm

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I think a lot of guys (men) interested in computers are the same, I like 'achieving tasks' but I really hate the relentless horrible 'social admin' of having a job, of commuting, and 8 hours a day of small talk with people you have nothing in common with, and being obliged to pretend that pointless shite is important.

There's a very good book by Susan Cain called 'Quiet: The Power of Introverts' that I suggest you read, she describes introverts as 'someone with a very low threshold for stimulation', which describes me very well.

Disease - September 28, 2020, 7:45 am

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Thanks for the advice man, yeah, one of my problems is that I'm old (40), and I really don't know - for example, could I fulfil the role of a full-stack dev at a web development company? The honest is, I have no idea.

My longer term plan is to have a couple of my apps (one in particular) make my living and me support/add to/sell it, and it does pretty well already, but I need to get a job for visa reasons (I'm a brit, my wife is american, it's much easier for her visa if I have a regular pay cheque, at least for short term). And for the last 4 years I've been working self-employed and describing myself as an IT consultant or a programmer, so I'd hopefully do that long term.

The 'proper' office jobs I've had in my life have just been so effing depressing to me. But I always like learning things, programming, networking, linux, whatever. So maybe I'd like to be a networking guy or something, but again, I'm probably too old to start at the bottom of that ladder.

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Yeah, that's true, but I'll do anything to have peace and quiet as much as possible!