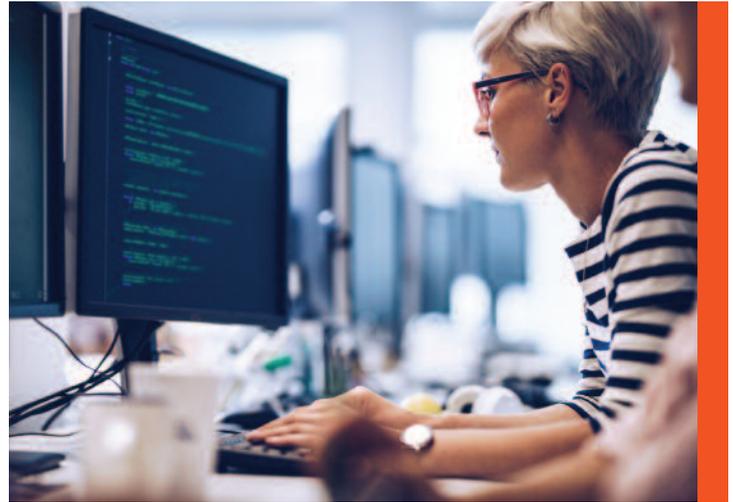# Would you make a good **Software Developer**?

What Software Developers Do

Software Developers are the creative minds behind computer programs. They develop applications that allow people to do specific tasks on a computer, smart phone, tablet and other electronic devices. Software developers are involved in constructing, designing, testing and maintaining software. They frequently collaborate as part of a team and may work closely with computer programmers.

Education

Bachelor's degree in information technology. Strong computer programming skills and knowledge of various programming languages and software are typically required.

EXPECTED SALARY RANGE
$62,000– $161,000
(median pay $104,000)

Skill Builders:

CREATIVITY SKILLS
TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE
PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS
BUSINESS SKILLS
COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS
INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Job Outlook

Employment of software developers for applications is projected to grow 31 percent through 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. The need for new applications for computers, smart phones and tablets will help increase the demand for applications software developers.

Get a Head Start...with these classes in middle and high school:

- **COMPUTER SCIENCE**
- **ENGINEERING**
- **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
- **MATHEMATICS**
- **SCIENCE**

Career Opportunities:

With an education in Applications Software Development, you could also be a: Software Engineer, Production Manager, Information Technology Leader.

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