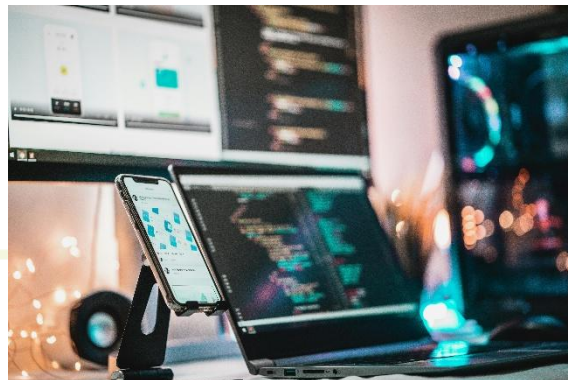


CAREER OF THE WEEK: Web Developer

What does a web developer do?

Web developers design, build, and maintain websites and web applications. They combine technical skills with creativity to make sure sites look good, load quickly, and work smoothly. This can involve writing code, creating layouts, adding interactive features, fixing bugs, and testing for security. Some web developers focus on front-end work (what users see), others specialise in back-end development (the behind-the-scenes systems), and some do both (full-stack development). They often work closely with designers, content creators, and clients to bring ideas to life online.



What can I expect to earn as a web developer?

In the UK, a junior web developer might start at around £22,000–£28,000 a year. With a few years' experience, this can rise to between £30,000 and £45,000. Senior developers, especially those with specialised skills, can earn £50,000 or more. Freelancers set their own rates, which can vary widely depending on the project and their reputation.

What subjects should I study to become a web developer?

At school or college, subjects like ICT, Computer Science, Mathematics, Art, and Graphic Design are useful. English is also important, as web developers often need to write clear instructions or content. Learning programming languages such as HTML, CSS, and JavaScript is essential, while skills in Python, PHP, or SQL can give you an edge. Knowledge of design principles and user experience (UX) is also valuable.

How can I start my career as a web developer?

There's no single path to becoming a web developer. Many people study computing or software development at school, college, or university, while others take online courses, attend coding bootcamps, or complete apprenticeships.

It's a good idea to start building your own projects—such as personal websites or apps—to showcase your skills. Work experience, internships, or volunteering to create websites for local businesses or charities can also help you build a portfolio.

Networking is important, too: join developer communities, attend tech meetups, or contribute to open-source projects. Over time, your skills and portfolio will become your most powerful CV.

In short: Web development is a career that blends creativity with technical knowledge. If you enjoy problem-solving, learning new technologies, and creating something people can use every day, it could be the perfect fit.

To research local education and training opportunities that could lead to a career as a web developer, visit our partner website www.logonmoveon.co.uk

Other useful websites to find out more about a career as a web developer:

National Careers Service, Web Developer <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/web-developer>

Prospects, Web Developer <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/web-developer>

The Chartered Institute for IT, Careers <https://www.bcs.org/it-careers/>



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