



IS TECH

BOOTCAMP

WORTH IT



Anyone who follows the tech industry may know that there is a large talent gap¹. Employers need more tech workers than are currently available, and that puts anyone looking for a career in tech at an advantage. If that leaves you wondering, “How do I start a career in tech?,” it may be wise to look at tech bootcamp as the quickest option to seize this opportunity. To help you determine whether pursuing and completing a tech bootcamp is in your best interest, we’ve curated a checklist of things to consider when making your decision.

FOR EVERY STATEMENT THAT APPLIES TO YOU, CHECK THE BOX.

I WANT TO GET STARTED IN TECH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

While the length of an average tech bootcamp is approximately 14 weeks, some bootcamps can last between one day and six months, or more. Now, while it may sound great to attend a shorter bootcamp, the length of a bootcamp can affect the salaries you’re qualified to receive after graduation. To put this in perspective, a bootcamp graduate who finishes a program in just two or three weeks would make significantly less than a graduate who spends 12 weeks or more in a similar bootcamp².

When you compare this to a standard degree program which may take 2-4 years four years, a tech bootcamp is clearly the fastest path to a tech job.

I UNDERSTAND THE POTENTIAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ATTENDING A TECH BOOTCAMP

Ranging from free to upwards of \$20,000, the costs associated with tech bootcamps can be intimidating. The trade-off of this, however, is the increase in income. If, after graduating from tech bootcamp, you secure a highly competitive position and increased salary, there is a greater chance that your bootcamp costs will be offset by the new salary. In comparison, a four-year college degree in computer science or tech-related disciplines will cost around \$100,000 or more depending on whether you attend a public or private college or university.

There are also bootcamps and programs that don’t require you to pay anything back until you secure a position after graduation. These programs recognize that not everyone will have the sheer luck of obtaining employment right after graduation. Statistically, approximately 17% of tech bootcamp graduates don’t find jobs for at least four months³.

¹ <https://www.monster.com/career-advice/article/tech-talent-gap-survey-0816>

² <https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/loans/student-loans/are-coding-bootcamps-worth-it>

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I WANT HELP GETTING A JOB AFTER GRADUATION

Aside from staying focused on the academic aspects of a tech bootcamp, it is also important to think about what comes after you finish the program. What good will your accomplishments serve without a plan to put your hard work, talents, and skills to good use? If you are changing your career to tech, it will be helpful to check with the student services department, where a potential bootcamp is hosted, to see if the school assists students with career readiness and job placements. Please note that if you've experienced a career services department at a previous institution, such as a college or university, they can still provide ample guidance.

What makes a tech bootcamp like Eleven Fifty Academy's so unique is that no matter what, the main focus provides insights and education on developing marketable soft skills that can add more focus to your tech career interests.



I WANT TO MAXIMIZE MY EARNING POTENTIAL

Statistically, tech bootcamp graduates usually receive a 51% increase in income⁴. Additionally, a little over 80% of graduates secure full-time positions within three to four months of graduation.

According to findings from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the average salaries for high-paying positions like web developers and software developers are approximately \$74,000 and \$108,000, respectively⁵. When compared to the average salary of Americans—roughly \$39,000—tech jobs are among the highest paying jobs.



I'D LIKE TO WORK REMOTELY

Not everyone has the luxury of working from home or from any location with internet capabilities. However, it is very much possible to secure a tech job that allows you to have that flexibility. Because tech industry skills are highly sought after, the benefit is being able to spread your tech wings and take flight. Increased demand for your talents means that you have the potential to secure more benefits, and luckily, remote work is one of them.

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If you checked any of the boxes above and think that a tech bootcamp may be worth it for you, look no further! At Eleven Fifty Academy, we have helped people just like you successfully achieve a new and better career in tech. Whether you're looking to gain more skills for your current position or to enter the tech industry for the first time, our free intro courses give you a taste of what to expect from our tech bootcamps⁶. We invite you to contact our admissions team to determine whether a tech bootcamp is right for you⁷!

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⁴ <https://www.coursereport.com/reports/coding-bootcamp-job-placement-report-2019#:~:text=CODING%20BOOTCAMP%20GRADS%20REPORT%20A%2051%25%20SALARY%20RAISE.&text=The%20majority%20of%20graduates%20of,increase%20of%2051%25%20or%20%202422%2C000.>

⁵ <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/computer-and-information-technology/web-developers.htm>

⁶ <https://elevenfifty.org/courses/free-intro-courses/>

⁷ <https://elevenfifty.org/admissions/schedule-a-meeting-2/>