

Leaders in Information Technology

Objectives

- Use the Internet to conduct research on individuals who have achieved success in the information-technology field
- Trace and analyze the career path of successful individuals
- Identify personality traits, skills, and habits of successful individuals
- Evaluate the career success of individuals by identifying their contributions to society

Try It / Solve It

1. From the Internet sites listed by the teacher, identify three people recognized as making a contribution in an information-technology field. Record your responses to the following questions.

- a. Who is this person?
- b. What kind of contribution did he/she make or are they currently making to IT?
- c. Where does this person work?
- d. Why has this person been recognized as an IT leader other than simply by the job he/she holds?
- e. What skills, interests, or personal traits does this person possess?
- f. How did this person accomplish what he/she did/does based on the skills, interests, and personal traits identified in question 5?
- g. Why did you choose this person?

2. Your instructor will identify an IT leader in your city or local area. Try to locate information about this person and answer the same questions as in the previous activity:

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- b. What kind of contribution did he/she make or are they currently making to IT?
- c. Where does this person work?
- d. Why has this person been recognized as an IT leader other than simply by the job he/she holds?
- e. What skills, interests, or personal traits does this person possess?
- f. How did this person accomplish what he/she did/does based on the skills, interests, and personal traits identified in question 5?
- g. Why did you choose this person?