

Computer and Information Research Scientists

SOC: 15-1221 • Career Profile Report

■ Key Facts

<div>\$140,910</div> <div>Median Salary</div>	<div>40,300</div> <div>Employment</div>	<div>+20.0%</div> <div>Growth Rate</div>
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■ Requirements & Salary Range

Education: Master's degree

■ Automation Risk Assessment

Low Risk - 12.0% probability of being automated in the next 10-20 years.
This job is relatively safe from automation due to its creative, social, or complex problem-solving requirements.

■ Work-Life Balance

8.8/10 - Excellent work-life balance

■ Personality Fit (RIASEC)

Higher scores indicate better personality fit for this career type.

Realistic	7.4/10	Investigative	9.2/10
Artistic	4.6/10	Social	5.4/10
Enterprising	5.6/10	Conventional	6.8/10

■ Top Skills Required

Analytical skills, Communication skills, Detail oriented, Interpersonal skills, Logical thinking, Math skills, Problem-solving skills

✓ Strengths

- High Demand
- Flexible Work
- Continuous Learning

■ Challenges

- Burnout Risk
- Rapid Technological Change

■ What They Do

Computer and Information Research Scientists typically perform the following tasks:

- Analyze problems to develop solutions involving computer hardware and software.
- Apply theoretical expertise and innovation to create or apply new technology, such as adapting principles for applying computers to new uses.
- Assign or schedule tasks to meet work priorities and goals.
- Meet with managers, vendors, and others to solicit cooperation and resolve problems.
- Design computers and the software that runs them.
- Conduct logical analyses of business, scientific, engineering, and other technical problems, formulating mathematical models of problems for solution by computers.
- Evaluate project plans and proposals to assess feasibility issues.
- Participate in multidisciplinary projects in areas such as virtual reality, human-computer interaction, or robotics.
- Consult with users, management, vendors, and technicians to determine computing needs and system requirements.
- Develop and interpret organizational goals, policies, and procedures.
- Develop performance standards, and evaluate work in light of established standards.
- Maintain network hardware and software, direct network security measures, and monitor networks to ensure availability to system users.
- Direct daily operations of departments, coordinating project activities with other departments.
- Participate in staffing decisions and direct training of subordinates.
- Approve, prepare, monitor, and adjust operational budgets.

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