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You've already lost your job. You may still be drawing a paycheck, but the job you were hired to do no longer exists. Your company has changed, the technology has changed, the economy has changed, and the ways you can add value have changed. Have you adapted to these changes? Or are you at risk?

 Architect your career

Economic downturn. Job cuts. Outsourcing. The ever-changing tech landscape. The threats abound. Chad Fowler is here to offer 52 ways to keep your job, despite the vagaries of the market.
It's all about making the right choices. Choosing which technologies to focus on and which business domains to master have at least as much impact on your success as your technical knowledge--don't let those choices be accidental. Chad shows you all aspects of the decision-making process so you can ensure that you're investing your time and energy in the right areas.
It's all about skills. You'll develop a structured plan for keeping your skills up-to-date so that you can compete with both the growing stable of developers in so-called low-cost countries as well as your higher-priced local peers. You'll learn how to shift your skillset up the value chain, from an offshore-ready commodity to one in high demand.
It's all about marketing. As with any product or service, if nobody knows what you're selling, nobody will buy. Chad shows you how to create a plan for marketing yourself both inside your company and to the industry in general.
Like it or not, the IT career landscape has changed. This handbook will teach you what you need to do to avoid being left behind. *About the author* Chad Fowler has been a software developer and manager for some of the world's largest corporations. He recently lived and worked in India, setting up and leading an offshore software development center for a large multinational company.

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Peter says

In a nutshell, I think all software developers who aren't at the end of their careers should read this. It had an impact on my attitude towards professional development and I'd strongly recommend that others heed the advice in this book to ensure that they remain competitive, marketable, and engaged in their careers.

Note - the second edition of this book has been re-titled The Passionate Programmer Creating a Remarkable Career in Software Development.

Steve says

This is another one of those books I wish I'd read 25 years ago, when I was first getting into the programming business. This is an excellent guide to how to manage your career and stay relevant in the changing business IT environment. I'd highly recommend it to anyone in the field, or thinking of entering the field.

Jay says

The title makes it embarrassing to display this book openly on my bookshelf, or to admit that I have read this. (The book has since been renamed aptly to the Passionate Programmer, but I bought this one because I heard it was the same, and this edition is cheaper.) Wonderful insights and practical advice on staying marketable as a programmer.

Pascal Mestdach says

A great carreer book for software developers. It's written by a guy who knows what he is talking about. He worked a year and a half in India, Hungary,... offshoring software development for his company.
Just coding isn't enough anymore, you know ;-)

masaki komagata says

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Aaron Schaub says

A good book to read when you get into a work rut and start feeling sorry for yourself. This is a good kick in the but with specific things you can do to quit moping and start kicking ass.

Ivan says

Incredible. I'd say it's highly philosophical career planning guide for IT folks:)

Author reflects on various aspects of his experiences - if you truly belong to the world of IT, you will not regret a moment spent reading. It already has a list of quite practical action items - you could skim through them to get the maximum value.

Demian says

I consider this on par with the Pragmatic Programmer book. It's more high-level. It's incredibly relevant full of great advice.

Junan says

i like the front cover ... open your eyes about coding, be a generalist ;)

Eduardo says

This is a good read for anyone starting in Information Technology. It contains topics like offshoring, choosing a good career, staying always at the leading edge.

Christophe Addinquy says

Ma note de lecture complète en français ici