

## Re: How do I change careers?

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On Thu, 12 Jun 2008 17:55:29 -0400, "MC"  
<for.address.look@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I There are lots of self-taught programmers and not a lot of self-taught circuit designers.

Actually, I never did any design work. Right out of school I got a crappy project engineering job that required no technical skills.

Then I got a job programming robotic manufacturing systems, which I loved. It was a proprietary assembler language. Very small instruction set, so it required creative ways to get things done.

Anyway, if I can get some kind of entry-level job that has mobility, I wouldn't have a problem with that, because I know that I learn and grow quickly, and I wouldn't be entry-level for long.

But after 10 years, I'm definitely not qualified to interview for most of the engineering jobs I see posted.

If I have to start over, at least I know from experience that I really enjoy writing code.

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