

# EVER CHANGING CAREERS

Just 15 years ago job titles like 'social media influencer' or 'Uber driver' would have made no sense to anyone on the planet. These days, careers in virtual reality design and artificial intelligence do not seem so unusual.

## EXAMPLES

Also there are many jobs that were commonplace in the past which are non-existent today. Some disappeared thanks to advancing technology, while some undesirable and dangerous professions were phased out due to improved new laws.

### PAST - TYPIST

During much of the 20th century, companies employed pools of typists to produce and edit documents, until the widespread adoption of computers and photocopiers in the 1980s and 1990s.

These days, jobs for straight copy typists are almost impossible to find nowadays, admin staff are expected to have a variety of office-related skills.

There are thousands of jobs that haven't been invented yet. While it is impossible to say exactly what job possibilities will be here around in 20 years we know that with the ever changing advancements in technology there will be lots!

### FUTURE - SELF-DRIVING CAR MECHANIC

While self-driving cars will eliminate many jobs, such as those of taxi drivers and couriers, they will create a few as well. The mechanic of the future will require be a combination of old-school mechanical abilities of today, plus extra knowledge on advanced software programming and data management.

We are in the digital age and the way we do things in business is always evolving. Technology is advancing quicker than it ever has, and it's changing the way we do things in business every day. The fact is some of the jobs you could end up in were not even around ten years ago.

### PRESENT - APP DESIGNER

Apps were not invented until the late 2000s. App designers have the exciting challenge of designing the graphics and overall creative for new apps and app updates to add to the already staggering amount across the Apple and Android stores.

The number of apps hit an all-time peak in 2017 with 2.2 million apps! For a career that didn't exist ten years ago, it's remarkable to think the role has already been essentially split in two. You will usually find that app developers specialise in either Android or iOS application development because trying to develop skills in both systems can be difficult.

## TASK:

**Choose a career or job area that you would like to learn more about.**

Use the internet to research the following:

- Q.** How has your chosen career changed over the last century? Have the skills and knowledge required for this career changed over time?
- Q.** How might this career or job area continue to change in the future?
- Q.** What are some of the training or study pathways which lead to a career in this area?