**COMPUTER SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR**

**The Persuader**
**The Problem Solver**
**The Builder**
**The Organizer**

Network or computer systems administrators install, configure, and support an organization’s local area network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), and Internet systems or a segment of a network system.

Median Salary: **$79,700**

Industry: **Computer & Information Technology**

**skills needed on the job:**

**Technical knowledge:**
- For *desktop support*, you should know Windows or Mac OS.
- For *servers*, knowing Microsoft server or Linux/Unix will be necessary, as well as server hardware.
- For *network jobs*, understanding networking and network hardware, as well as specific vendors like Cisco will be needed.

**education needed:**

**Types of Degrees:**
- Minimum of an Associate’s Degree is mandatory.
- Bachelor’s Degree is recommended.
- A Master’s is a plus to climb the management ladder.

**Degree in**
- computer science,
- software engineering,
- management information systems, information technology.

**Certifications:** like MCP, A+, and CCNA, will help getting past the initial recruiter, who tends to be less technical. It will also help your resume stand out if a lot of people are applying.

Although a 4 year degree typically won’t help getting a first job in IT as much as in other fields, possessing a degree will certainly help down the line as your career starts to get going.

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