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## Steamtunnels Special: Best Job Search Sites

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Graduation looms. The "real world" will soon invade your cushy student existence. Face it—you need a job. You're not alone though. Some 50 percent of college seniors have yet to find a job by the time graduation rolls around, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Nowadays, searching online is the only way to look for work. While employment sites all offer the same thing, some are tailored for the new graduate.

A prime example is ThePavement.com ([www.thepavement.com](http://www.thepavement.com)). If you have zero work experience (lifeguarding doesn't count), this is a great place to start. Billed as a "career-building site," ThePavement.com provides access to a national database of entry-level and early-career opportunities, as well as services that help you deal with money management, apartment hunting, car buying and more.

JobDirect.com ([www.jobdirect.com](http://www.jobdirect.com)) targets a similar audience. Founded by two young entrepreneurs during a cab ride, this site claims to understand the new grad's needs. How? Well, for one, if you don't have a resume, you can build one here. Then, from the minute you finish your resume, JobDirect's computers will begin to search for jobs for you. When they find a job that matches your skills and needs, you get an email. Employers like Sun Microsystems, the Peace Corps and J.P. Morgan search JobDirect's database every day looking for good candidates.

WetFeet.com ([www.wetfeet.com](http://www.wetfeet.com)) gives you the lowdown on companies, industries and careers. More than just a reprint of the corporate brochure, WetFeet talks to employers, anonymous employees and experts to find out what makes the company tick. If you're thinking about working for a big company, start here. Typical job listings include Chase Manhattan, Bear Stearns, E\*Trade, Coca-Cola, Deloitte Consulting and Xerox.

There's a site that's been generating interest lately due to its mission to reach job seekers in the US and beyond. CampusCareerCenter.com ([www.CampusCareerCenter.com](http://www.CampusCareerCenter.com)) enables students on campuses throughout the world to

conduct a worldwide job search. The site has potential, but the seven-step log-in screen takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

CollegeRecruiter.com ([www.collegerecruiter.com](http://www.collegerecruiter.com)) targets college students and recent graduates with entry-level career opportunities. You click on an occupational field (from arts to real estate) and then specify a region of the US, and the recruiter will list job options.

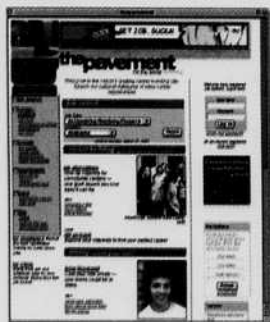
Two sites that link up with college career centers are eRecruiting.com ([www.erecruiting.com](http://www.erecruiting.com)) and JobTrak.com ([www.jobtrak.com](http://www.jobtrak.com)); a *Steamtunnels* advertiser. eRecruiting is affiliated with about 80 schools, while JobTrak has formed partnerships with a whopping 1,000 career centers. To access both sites, you must be a student or alumnus from one of the participating campuses. JobTrak has some pretty impressive stats: more than 900,000 job openings were posted on its site in 1999,

and more than 35,000 job-seeking students, graduates and experienced professionals access the site daily. Talk to your career center to determine if your school participates in either program (don't forget to ask for the login password).

Two larger job sites are Monster.com (<http://monster.com>), which boasts more than 362,226 job openings at any one time, and CareerPath.com ([www.careerpath.com](http://www.careerpath.com)), a compilation of Help Wanted ads from the nation's leading newspapers. The downside of both is that neither is specifically geared toward the undergrad. However, you can't beat these for their breadth of offerings.

Clearly, there are other sites out there that can be used successfully to find a job ([www.JobNetwork.com](http://www.JobNetwork.com) and [www.JobsOnline.com](http://www.JobsOnline.com), among others), but these are mainly web sites for established professionals. Quintcareers.com has a list of the 50 best job-hunting resources, which might be of help to the novice.

But if the thought of parking yourself in front of a computer screen for 40 hours a week is not appealing, there's always ActionJobs.com. Here, you can find a job on an offshore oil rig, at a dude ranch or sailing school, or as a high-rise window washer. The world is your oyster. Go forth and conquer.



## Get Out of Bed

**Mr. Wakeup**  
[www.iPing.com](http://www.iPing.com)

If you absolutely have to get up, alarm clocks often aren't up to the job. But when the phone rings, most of us can make it out of the rack. So register with Mr. Wakeup. They call you at a predetermined time for free, and even give you



news, traffic info and a personal message in the call. They make their money through advertising, so expect to wait for what you want to hear. Of course, you could just hang up too.

## Music

**Rich's Magic Kingdom**  
[www.geocities.com/Paris/Opera/8227/Commercials/Commercials1.html](http://www.geocities.com/Paris/Opera/8227/Commercials/Commercials1.html)

So you just know you've heard that song on the Mitsubishi commercial, but you don't know where? Fear not, the unnamed Rich is here to help. This site is a catalog of the music from almost any commercial you could think of: the new Jetta theme song, DeBeers' "Diamond Music," the Gap's musical desecrations. The site includes links to samples of every song listed, just to be sure.

## Games

**Card Trick Central**  
<http://web.superb.net/cardtrick/index.htm>

It's 11 pm, the Econ final is tomorrow, and you still have half the book to get through. What, you worry? Log on to Card Trick Central, and impress your Prof so much that he gives you an A anyway. Well, maybe not, but in case you flunk out and need a way to make money fast, the site covers tricks from the most basic techniques (fake shuffles, palming cards, guessing suits and numbers) to professional-quality stunts. And for the real aficionado, there are test questions for the hard stuff to make sure only "real" magicians get in. A time-waster supreme, and a great place to learn some top-notch party performance art.