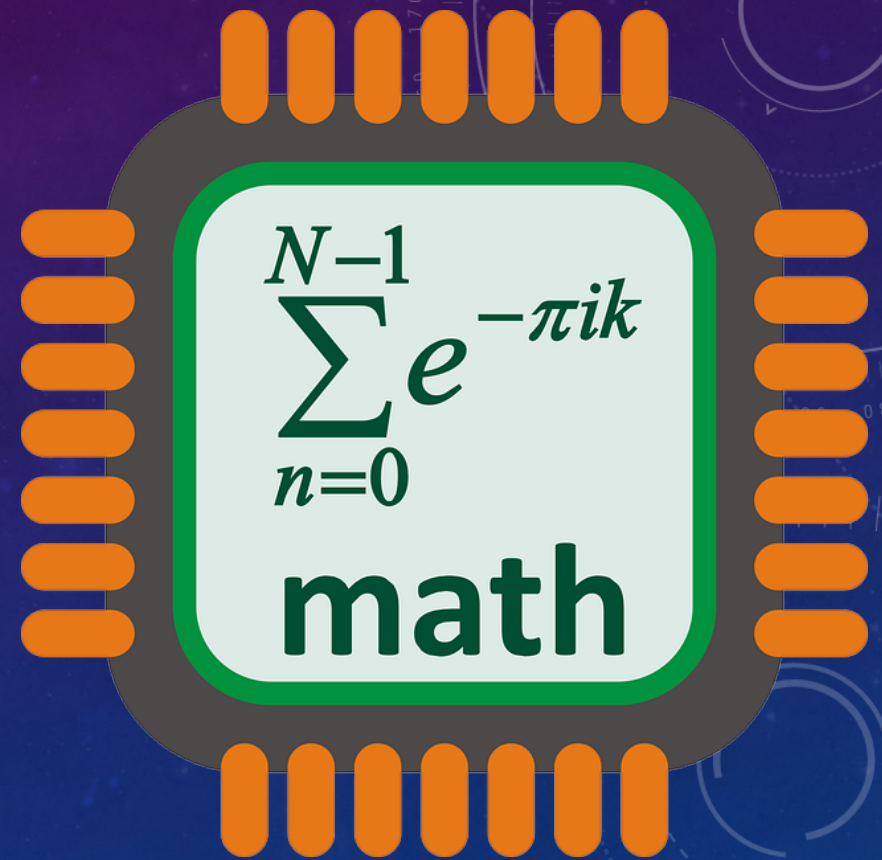


COMPUTER HARDWARE ENGINEER

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DESCRIPTION OF THE CAREER

- Computer Hardware Engineers test, investigate, create, and design/develop computer hardware.
- They make these thing and sell them for commercial, industrial, military, and scientific use.
- They also help put together / supervise the manufacturing or installation of any computer related equipment or components.



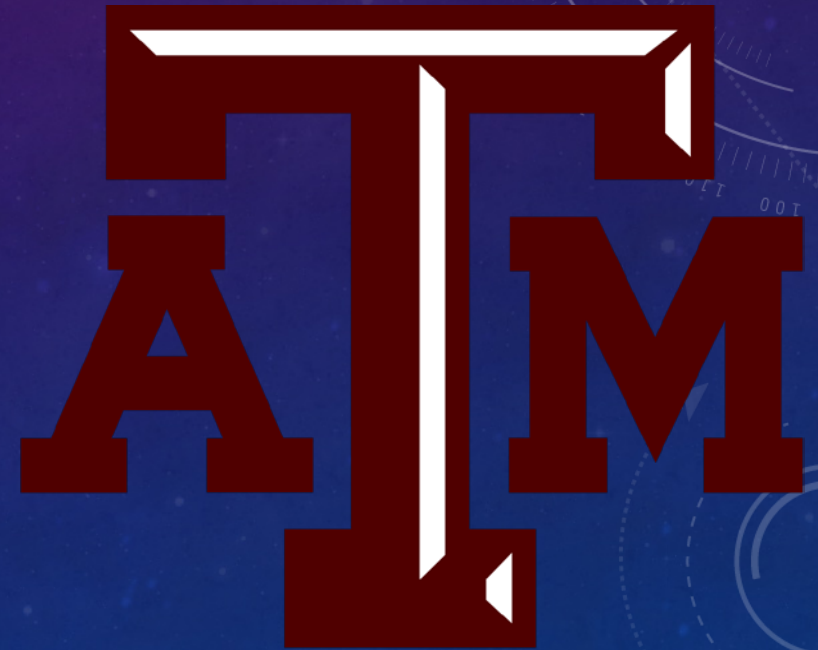
EDUCATION NEEDED



- To become a Computer Hardware Engineer, you have to need to have at the least, bachelor's degree in Engineering.
- If you want to do research on Computer Engineering, you have to have Ph.D. in Computer Engineering.

COLLAGES YOU CAN GO TO

- You can go to **Collin County Community Collage in McKinney, Texas**
- You can go to **University of Houston in Houston, Texas**
- **University of Huston – Clear Lake in Houston, Texas**
- I choose these because they are the closest to me.



AVERAGE SALARY

- The average salary for a Computer Hardware in Texas is:
- \$95,650 a year (Texas)
- \$46 an hour (Texas)



COMPANIES THAT HIRE COMPUTER HARDWARE ENGINEERS

- You could work for any of the following:
- IBM (International Business Machines) in Saint Petersburg, Florida
- NIVIDA (a company that makes computer hardware) in Santa Clara, California
- BMW (A car company) in Oxnard, California
- US Department of Defense Office of Inspector General in Port Hueneme, California
- US Air Force in Maxwell AFB Gunter Annex, Alabama
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Cleveland, Ohio



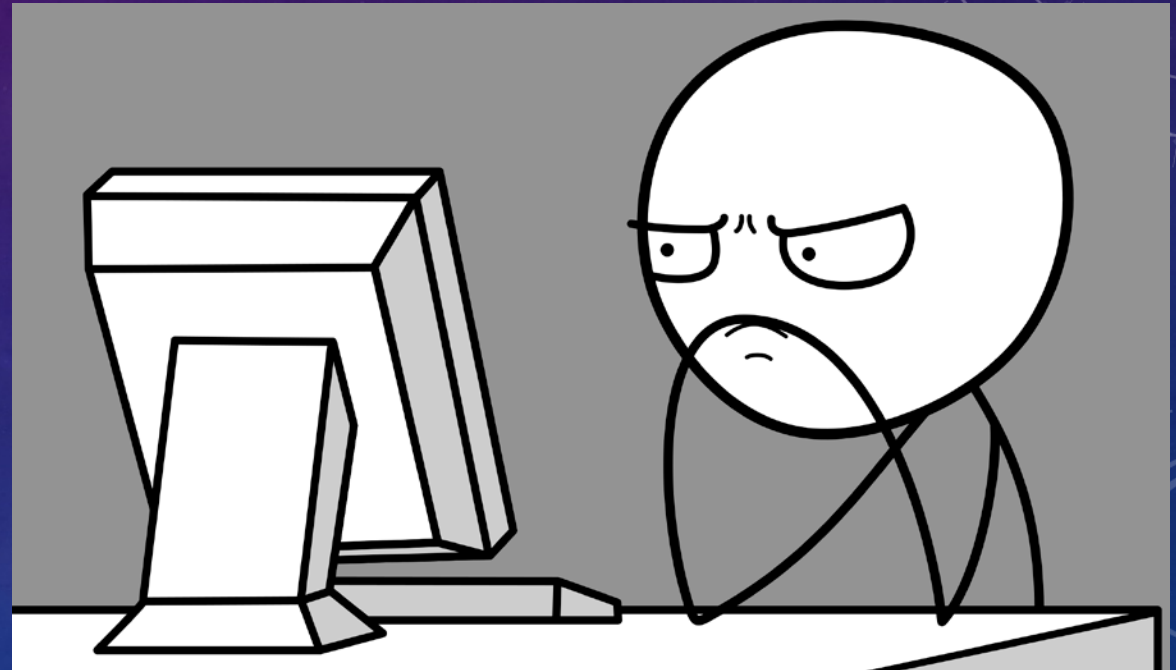
TYPICAL DUTIES FOR COMPUTER HARDWARE ENGINEERS

- Typically, Computer Hardware Engineer's duties would include:
- Fixing and making computer hardware and software
- Solving problems that are computer – related
- Designing computer hardware and software.



SKILLS NEEDED TO BE A COMPUTER HARDWARE ENGINEER

- You need to be able to:
- Be able to do critical thinking
- Be an active learner
- Knowledge in computers, electronics, engineering and technology.



OUTLOOK FOR COMPUTER ENGINEERS

- The outlook for a computer hardware engineer is a Normal Outlook.
The percentage of growth for this job is Slower than average (3% to 7%)



PROS OF BEING A COMPUTER HARDWARE ENGINEER

- I enjoy doing this
- Get to learn about computers
- Can use this skill at home
- It pays a good amount



CONS OF BEING A COMPUTER HARDWARE ENGINEER

- Time consuming?
- Keep updating computers
- May sit at desk a lot



WHY I CHOSE COMPUTER HARDWARE ENGINEERING

- I chose this job for a couple reasons.
- First of all, I've always loved putting stuff together and taking things apart.
- Second, I've always naturally been good with computers and electronics.
- Third of all in the summer before my 6th grade year of school, I built my own gaming computer (it's basically a super computer.)
- And last of all, I've always wanted to have my job have to do with anything computer related.



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