



When to Go For a New Job?

Anytime is good time to go on a job hunt. In fact modern-day employees are no more passive jobseekers, but they actively and continually search for new opportunities within a set of defined parameters like location, salary, and hours.

Regular estimation of opportunities keeps you aware of the employment situation in the particular field or type of openings for which you can apply. It keeps your confidence high to be aware of alternative opportunities in the market, even if you do not apply for them. And it also makes you cautious in your work when you are aware that there are few openings for you out there.

However, there are times when one must move for a new job with determination, as an active project, and not as a part of a routing job-hunt exercise.

Such moments include situations where:

- You find you have the risk to have a job burnout and similar jobs are available in other locations
- You find that your job is one that you accepted as a stopgap and is not aligned with your career, and there are opportunities that are aligned with your **career goals** within your reach
- You find that you are working under unacceptable conditions
- You are in a situation to diversify your skills and expertise that would help you achieve future career growth
- You find your workplace to be adverse

While most of the points mentioned above are compelling situations, many if not most ignore opportunities to diversify their skill sets in line with future industry realities.

Let's take an example: a network engineer maintains the LAN of his company, and is immersed in maintaining the servers, emails, and network related technical work. However, in most cases, he would be able to grasp the use and deployment of cloud-server technology with a little effort, though right now it might seem unnecessary to him if not like Greek.

However, a traditional network engineer who maintains the internal computer network of his company, but is aware of market trends would know that economists and technicians are predicting that at least 1.2 million new jobs would come in the cloud computing sector within U.S. and within 2015. So, if he wants to remain employable in the future and also increase his career prospects, an opportunity in cloud computing field, even though it might be less paying than his present job might



be a better opportunity. So, that's really the best time to leave a job voluntarily and look for a new job, when opportunities which would enhance your skill set to remain employable in the future present themselves.

All the other personal reasons to look for a new job come from considerations of money, time or social ambience.