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Job security is more important than career ambition for IT workers, says new research report from [Connect](#)

New research reveals major differences between 2008 and 2009 in the IT Industry

37% of IT workers greatest career ambition is to “save their job” according to a new research report published today by [Connect Support Services](#). This is in stark contrast to 2008’s findings, when almost half of IT workers in the UK said their number one ambition was to leave the computing industry altogether. This year, just 23% of IT workers wanted to leave the world of IT and try something completely different. The research report also found a distinct lack of ambition among IT workers: only 17% wanted to create an innovation that would win the respect of their peers and just 1% aspired to become an IT industry leader like Bill Gates or Steve Jobs.

The survey was conducted by an independent research company on behalf of [Connect](#) and consisted of in-depth interviews with IT Managers and Directors at 151 UK companies in a range of industries.

Key findings from the research include:

- Among women IT workers surveyed, over 4 out of ten, thought keeping their jobs was their main ambition.
- The greatest career aspiration for 37% of IT workers was to ‘keep my job’, 17% dreamt of ‘discovering an IT innovation’, 13% would like to ‘work as an IT Director at a technology company’ and just 1% aspired to be the ‘next Steve Jobs or Bill Gates’.
- These shows vast differences to 2008 when the greatest career aspiration for 4 out of 10 IT workers was to ‘leave the industry altogether’, 13% wanted to ‘work as an IT Director at a technology company’ and 11% aspired to be the ‘next Steve Jobs or Bill Gates’.

Mark MacGregor, CEO of Connect, said:

“It’s a difficult time for many of those working in technology with uncertainty over employment and increasing pressure to deliver better IT with smaller budgets. With companies are making major cuts in their workforce, it is hardly surprising that IT workers are concentrating on retaining their current job rather than dreaming of alternative career options. What is surprising however is the lack of ambition to achieve something significant in technology – in fact, despite the recession, more IT workers want to leave the industry altogether than discover an IT innovation.”

The survey of 151 IT Directors was conducted by The Survey Shop in December 2008. Full details of the survey can be found at www.connect.co.uk

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About Connect [Connect](http://www.connect.co.uk) is one of the UK's leading IT support companies, provides a variety of technology services including helpdesk and on-site support, project management and [business continuity](#). The company is based at Canary Wharf in London with a network of engineers based at different locations across the world.

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