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Finding Work in a Down Economy



As any creative freelancer, entrepreneur or small business owner knows, there's a price to be paid for the freedom and flexibility we enjoy on any given workday. Sure, I can take my son to baseball lessons on Thursday at 1:30pm without clearing it with the boss, but the trade off is I don't always know where I will find my next assignment. For freelancers, work comes in fits and starts. It's either feast or famine. I heard this from every writer, graphic designer and film producer I know before deciding to leave my full-time job four years ago. Thankfully, I have had steady work since then. Of course that could all change tomorrow.

That's why I've been particularly interested in the online tools and resources available to help freelancers and the underemployed find work. At [BlogHer Boston](#) last weekend, I heard a speaker profess that she has secured *all* of her recent

consulting gigs via [Twitter](#). (It helps that she's in the business of teaching companies how to best utilize this technology, but you get the gist).

With all of the jobs available online today, there's no reason to waste time trolling individual websites. Set up a job alert at [indeed.com](#) and the jobs will come to you. Indeed includes all the job listings from major job boards, newspapers, associations and company career pages. With the look and feel of general search engines, Indeed makes it easy for you to drill down by keyword and location to jobs that fit your requirements precisely. Choose to have your alert sent via email or RSS feed, it's that easy.

If you're looking for part-time or more flexible work arrangements, [Mom Corps](#) might be the answer. The mission of Mom Corps is to provide companies direct access to professionals who have opted out of the traditional workplace. Register with the site and upload your resume to find consulting work, project contracts and part-time jobs perfect for moms looking to return to the workforce or scale back from the grueling 60-hour work week.

If you are a creative type who is willing to do work on spec, check out [Crowdspring](#). Here, businesses post their projects and quote the fee they are willing to pay for the assignment. Amazingly, this community of users delivers. I guess if you're hungry enough, you'll work for free in hopes of landing the gig. This also seems like a great way to showcase your capabilities to potential new clients or even turn a hobby into paid experience.

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Other sites worth visiting: [Elance](#), [Sologig](#), [MediaBistro](#), [Women for Hire](#), and of course, [Monster](#). For the 50-plus set, there's [Retirementjobs.com](#). This site identifies companies suited to older workers and matches them with "mature adults" seeking a job or project that matches their lifestyle.

Do you have a go-to website to recommend to job hunters? Please share your advice in the comments.

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Another good site is [idealist.org](#). They have lots of job postings for nonprofit organizations as well as many volunteer opportunities.

Posted by: Kara | October 17, 2008 at 08:50 AM

Erin - thanks so much for mentioning crowdSPRING in your article. You've nicely summarized some of the reasons designers work on crowdSPRING. At the moment, we have nearly 8,000 designers from 130+ countries. In addition to opportunities to find clients, designers also work on crowdSPRING to learn and to better their skills. Many are quite successful, earning thousands of dollars per month from their work. We differ in significant ways from sites like Elance and Sologig. On those sites, you post a project and you get bids and proposals. On crowdSPRING - you choose from among actual designs. Buyers from 32 countries have posted projects on crowdSPRING. Among other things, we offer free customized legal agreements, escrow services, full project management, a robust communication and notification system, and of course, our great community of designers. Plus, we require escrow in every single project and we pay the designers anywhere in the world. We invite your readers to come take a look. Best,
Ross Kimbarovsky
co-Founder
<http://www.crowdspring.com>

Posted by: Ross Kimbarovsky | October 17, 2008 at 01:34 PM

Despite all the layoff news, I see thousands of high paying jobs posted on employment sites -

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- Finding Work in a Down Economy
- A portable tripod for my digital camera
- Turn down the volume!
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<http://www.linkedin.com> (networking for professionals)

<http://www.simplyhired.com> (aggregated listings)

<http://www.realmatch.com> (jobs matched to your skills) Good luck to those that need jobs!

Posted by: Monica | October 17, 2008 at 02:22 PM

Another site for the over-50 crowd is www.workforce50.com. This site has loads of information and genuine jobs posted by employers truly interested in staffing from this underutilized workforce.

Posted by: gene burnard | October 18, 2008 at 09:50 PM











Lots of good information here. I am not currently looking for a job but I have saved the page for later!

Posted by: Essie | October 20, 2008 at 10:36 AM

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