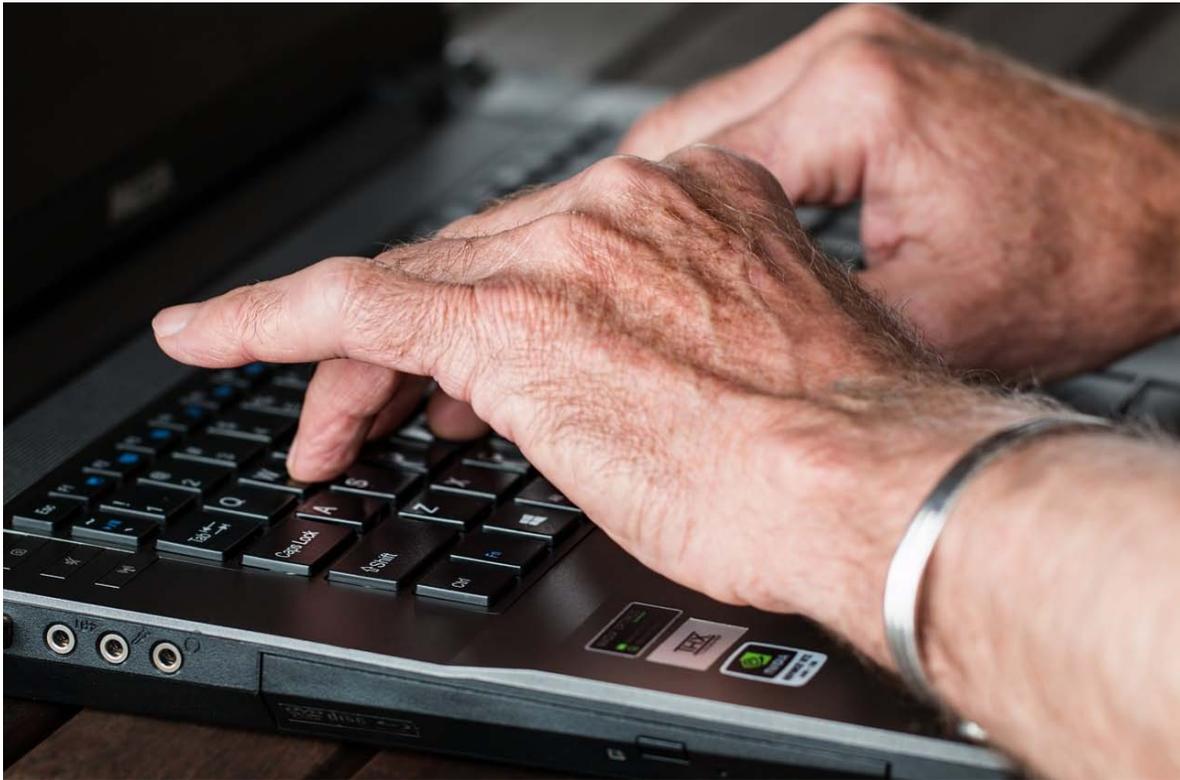


What makes You look old in your resume



1. Home Address

For many years ago, we sent our resume and cover letter through the mail. Today, we don't do the same anymore, we use e-mail, but we still put our home address right on the top. In fact, there is no longer a requirement to mention your home address on the resume anymore. If the employer needs your home mailing address, they will ask for it.

There are other reasons not to include your home address:

- Length of commute
- Economic profiling
- Personal safety

2. E-Mail Address

One sure think that you are over 50 to have an aol.com e-mail address, or even an e-mail address from your cable provider like streamyx.com on your resume. Get yourself a gmail address or get any e-mail address from a professional society such as IEEE or ACM, as well as your own domain with your name.

All these options tell something about your professional brand.

3. Home Phone Number

No one will still consider to contact you with your home phone, as today everyone has personal hand phone. Giving your home phone instead of your hand phone makes employees feel that there is no way to contact with you personally, which home phone is generally for everyone in the house. Since it is no longer the employees' preference way to contact you, do not include home phone number in your resume which makes you look old.

4. Skills

Limit the skills you list on your resume to relevant skills and make sure those skills are current skills. There are many technical resumes that list everything which later makes everything sinks as it was too heavy to be processed by the employees. Don't you include some of the really basic skills which you should have and do not even need to be mentioned, readers will just find that you are too old to think that telling those basic skills are relevant in resume.

Review your resume, think what does it tell about your age? Show it to others around you and seek for their perception on how old you look like in your resume. Age discrimination is a true fact in the job market today. You probably do not want to be filtered out by during initial screening of resumes and lose the opportunity to further demonstrate your talents and skills.