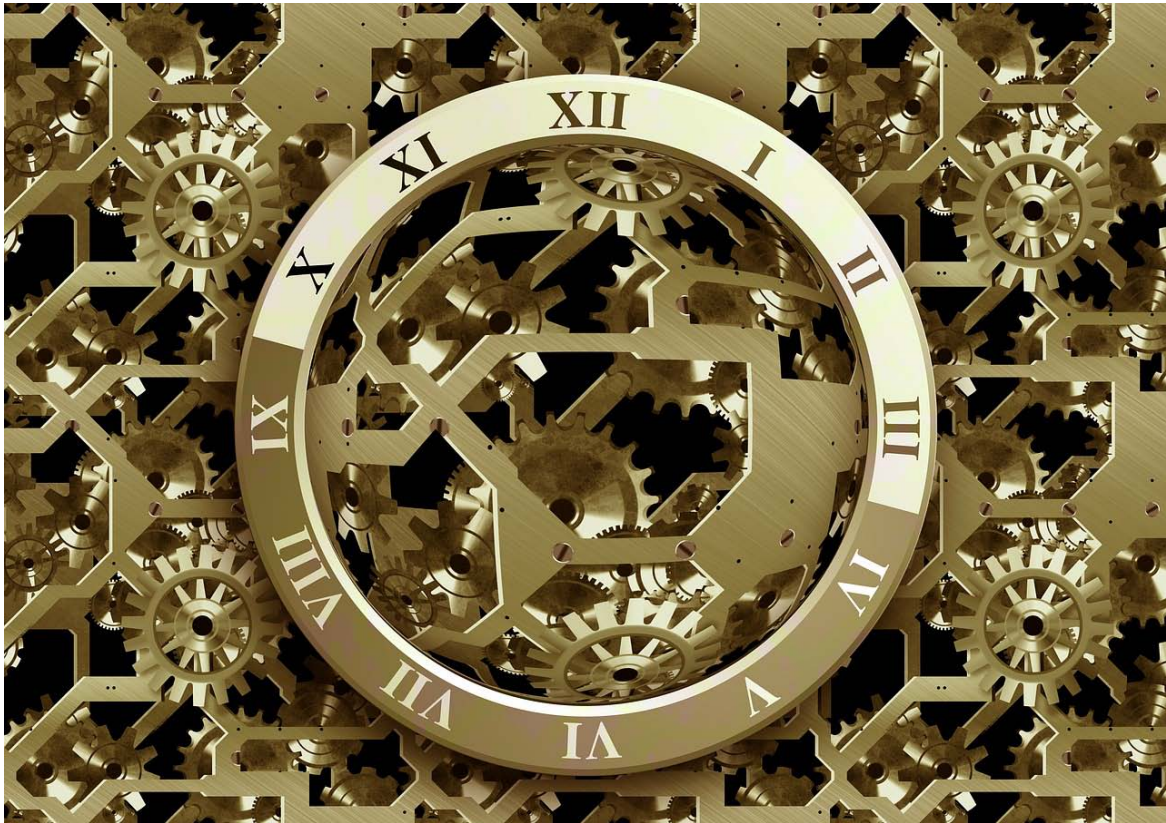


Why You Should Update Your Resume Now



Work is going well, you've been happily employed for several years. You feel like you have a great future at this company. You don't have any intention of moving on anytime soon. You're in a good place professionally, in your comfort zone, you think you may never need to revisit your boring old resume ever again.

Unfortunately, many things don't always happen with our plan. The fact is, you should always review your resume and keep it up-to-date, even if you are in stability of your employment. Here are the five reasons why you should update your resume now:

1. Know yourself better

A resume is a record of your work, is not just a list of job positions. It contains the information on what you've learned in your past, the skills you've developed and the differences you've made in your career. Your resume is the blueprint not only of your skills and achievements, but also of your goals, passions and values. Every position you had carried reflects who you are. It shows clearly your journey of growth, not only in professional career but personal development. Always update your resume to remind yourself about where have you been through and give your clear direction on where you should go further.

2. Boost up your confidence

Most of us update our resume only when we are looking for a job, or in few years when we think it's time to update. However, in few years period you might forget about many things, including skills that you have probably developed earlier. By revisiting your resume periodically, you'll be better in tracking your own professional progress and make sure you won't miss the important keywords to be included in your resume.

3. Better in picking up some freelance

Don't wait until the jobs come. If you are ready to pick up some freelance anytime, you should update your resume from time to time. You probably do not want to lose the freelance just because the delay in your resume/portfolio submission. Remember that keep an updated resume (online/offline) will make huge difference as freelance jobs usually come and go very fast, you are not the only one people seeking for.

4. Who knows you have secret admire?

What if one day you get a call from a recruiter informing you about an opportunity that interests you, is your resume ready to be sent off immediately? or you need to take a week or two to update it? What if the economy suddenly sours and you are the let go employee, are you ready to start your job search immediately with an updated resume?

If you have an updated resume which you can send out instantly, you'll have less to stress about. Always hope for the best, while prepare for the worst, as the saying goes.

5. In Case a Promotion Comes Up at Work

You don't have any plan for freelance, and have never thought of leaving your company currently, then what about get promoted in the current job? Almost nobody would want to stay in same position all the time. And by the time comes when you are ready for a more senior position, the resume can be the key of your success. Even though your manager knows about your incredible work, he/she may still want to refer on your resume.

It takes time and requires you reflect on your career journey. However the more frequently you reflect your journey and update your resume, the lesser work it really is. Moreover, revisiting your skills and accomplishments will also help you to develop confidence and give you a clearer direction in your career, while prepare you for all types of uncertainty in your career.