

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR COUNTRY**

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In a broad sense, information technology (IT) covers all areas of creation, transmission, storage and perception of information. Thus, IT is not just computer technologies in its narrow sense. This industry is actively developing in different countries all over the world and plays one of the most important roles in the economy of our country.

The purpose of the present article is to describe the overall picture of IT in Ukraine and to show the place this industry occupies in our country.

In recent years, the new opportunities that IT opens attract worldwide attention. Information services and technologies have reached the international level. English has played a significant role in achieving this result, which allowed establishing relations between Ukrainian companies and international customers.

In 2015 Ukraine was a leading country in the area of knowledge of English in the IT industry, 75% of programmers spoke fluently in English. And there is no wonder, lack of knowledge of English, makes studying of programming impossible.[1]

IT industry took the third place in the country in export of products abroad, after metallurgy and agriculture in 2015. Products were exported for two and a half billion, and this indicator grows by 25% every year. The high-level capability of Ukrainian programmers has shown that our people are specialists in this field. This fact attracts many successful companies to open their offices in our country.

At the moment, in our country there is more than a thousand outsourcing companies and more than one hundred research centers of foreign manufacturers of digital electronics and software, including such companies as Samsung, Cisco, Oracle and Rakuten.

A large number of workplaces, investments in projects, opportunities - all this positively affects economy of Ukraine and its general welfare. Today, Ukraine has become a leader in Europe in the number of IT specialists. According to IT Outsourcing News portal, today more than 100 thousand Ukrainian programmers work in different companies.[3]

Ukrainians do not need to leave the country searching for high salary and career promotion. One more positive side is that we do not stay away from world progress. As a result, we are involved in the solution of common problems of the realization and protection of personal information rights of mankind too.

The largest part of orders in IT industry comes from countries such as the United States, Britain, Australia, Canada, Germany, Israel, etc. The fact that the first four leaders are English-speaking countries clearly shows the influence of English in IT industry. Collaboration with leading countries gives us priceless experience. It is expected that by 2020 the number of IT specialists in Ukraine will approach 200 thousand.[2]

Thus, English language fluency plays a significant role for gaining success in the field of IT. Nowadays programmers have opportunity to work successfully in Ukraine, new workplaces and investments in different projects positively affect the development of Ukrainian economy in general.

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