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ENGLISH AS ONE OF THE FACTORS OF PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

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The main objective of our research is to show the significance of the English language in the development of professional career. We have analyzed the impact English has in three different professional companies: an IT company, a medical institution and an engineering enterprise. We talked to 3 senior executives and asked 5 questions: 1. What is the number of staff members with English with English language skills in your company? 2. Do you take into account an impact the English language skills while interviewing for a job in your company? 3. What level of English skills do your employees possess? 4. Does the staff of the companies know other international languages? 5. Does English have an impact on the staff's salary?

The language skills in IT prevail over other fields. Engineering field is much inferior to IT, but overtakes medical field by 11 %. If you do not have an acceptable level of English, B1 to be exact, you cannot join an IT company. In engineering manufacturing, the knowledge of language will become a weighty argument only for the leadership position, for the majority of staff it is not essential and does not play a big role. In a medical company English is not taken into account at all, is not at any importance, because the level of export of medical services is very low, and accounts for Russian speaking countries. That is why people who work in medicine and engineering mostly have A1.

In medicine most of the people know French and German as a result of Belarusian education, as these languages are taught at school. In engineering sphere is a higher percentage of German. That can be connected with the export of the production of Belarusian manufacturing enterprises. In IT sphere people tend to learn as more languages as they can because it's the main factor when applying for a job.

Comparing the three spheres, we can say that the knowledge of English is highly appreciated and encouraged. So the better level you have the bigger salary you will get. That can't be said about medicine and engineering where language skills do not play any role.

We hypothesize that this situation is connected with the fact that IT is a more prosperous sphere than the others. Taking into consideration all mentioned above, we can make the following conclusions: 1. People who work in IT are more related to English than medical and engineering staff. 2. At the moment English is much taken into account when applying for a job.