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The Inquisitive CIO

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While the saying “the only constant in life is change” has always been true, it is hard to have imagined what 2020 would bring at this time last year. Last year was a case study in adaptation. The key to being able to adapt is to take in information and consider it from various perspectives and make a sound decision related to next steps. Einstein said it this way, “The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.” In this article, we will explore three types of questions IT leaders should

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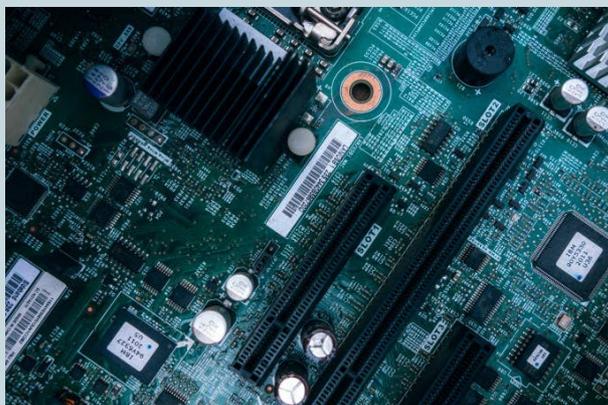


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Graduates, are you considering a career change? Your mindset is critical to your success. A growth mindset—the belief that your abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—facilitates career-long learning and the resilience that can make the difference when making a career change. Changing careers requires being willing to set new goals, embrace challenges, and receive feedback, all things that a growth mindset supports. When needing to learn a new skill, a growth mindset helps you change “I'll never learn...” to “I haven't learned yet...”, keeping you moving towards your ultimate career goal. As you shift your perspective, you can take a look at our [“Check the Narrative”](#) resource that can help strengthen your overall wellbeing as you go through the job change process.

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