

# Don't just code, specialise: NIIT

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**Chennai:** There's hope yet for IT job aspirants. The CEO of one of the country's largest IT trainers, NIIT, believes the demand for skilled manpower in India will continue to grow, despite the global economic slowdown and its adverse impact on the IT industry. Speaking to *The Times of India*, NIIT CEO Vijay Thadani said that India continues to be an attractive IT destination but the industry's manpower requirements might change, over a period of time.

Citing the findings of a research report, Thadani said that globally, over 7 million IT jobs are likely to be created by 2011, of which over 4 million jobs would be software-related. "There is a demand for qualified people in areas like business analytics, infrastructure management, animation, gaming, business intelligence and KPO," he said. However, he added, the era of the "general purpose software



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engineer" is over. "One cannot hope to survive the current climate by merely being proficient in coding. Definite competency in specific technologies is a must," he said.

Thadani said he was confident that the IT industry will recover soon from this "temporary aberration", adding that overall growth would not happen without large-scale addition of people. "Companies are definitely more careful while hiring now. But there is a clear signal for freshers to gain specialisation in emerging technologies," he said.