

Why Local Government Needs More Technologists And How You Too Can Serve

Local governments are increasingly reliant on technology to provide essential services to their communities. From maintaining infrastructure to providing public safety, technology plays a vital role in the day-to-day operations of local government.

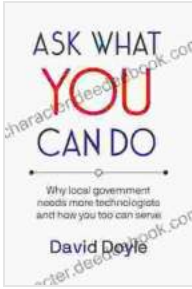
However, many local governments are struggling to attract and retain qualified technologists. This is due to a number of factors, including:

- **The high demand for technologists in the private sector.** Private companies often offer higher salaries and benefits than local governments.
- **The perception that local government is not a good place to work.** Many technologists believe that local government is bureaucratic and slow-moving.
- **The lack of awareness of the opportunities available in local government.** Many technologists are not aware of the wide range of opportunities available in local government.

As a result of these factors, local governments are facing a shortage of qualified technologists. This shortage is having a number of negative consequences, including:

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- **Delays in the implementation of new technologies.** Local governments are struggling to keep up with the latest technological advancements. This is leading to delays in the implementation of new technologies that could improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local government services.
- **Increased costs.** Local governments are having to pay more to attract and retain qualified technologists. This is leading to increased costs for taxpayers.
- **Reduced quality of services.** The shortage of qualified technologists is leading to a decline in the quality of local government services. This is because local governments are unable to provide the same level of service with fewer staff.

The shortage of qualified technologists in local government is a serious problem. It is having a number of negative consequences that are impacting the ability of local governments to provide essential services to their communities.

There are a number of things that can be done to address the shortage of qualified technologists in local government. These include:

- **Increasing the salaries and benefits offered to technologists.** Local governments need to offer competitive salaries and benefits in order to attract and retain qualified technologists.
- **Improving the perception of local government as a good place to work.** Local governments need to do a better job of marketing themselves to technologists. They need to highlight the opportunities available in local government and the positive impact that technologists can have on their communities.
- **Increasing the awareness of the opportunities available in local government.** Local governments need to do a better job of reaching out to technologists. They need to attend technology conferences, host hackathons, and create online resources that provide information about the opportunities available in local government.

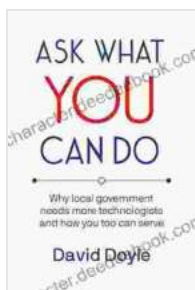
If local governments can address the shortage of qualified technologists, they will be better able to provide essential services to their communities. Technologists can play a vital role in improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of local government services.

How You Too Can Serve

If you are a technologist, you can make a difference in your community by serving in local government. There are a number of ways to get involved, including:

- **Running for office.** You can run for mayor, city council, or other local offices.
- **Serving on a board or commission.** Many local governments have boards and commissions that advise the elected officials on a variety of issues.
- **Volunteering your time.** You can volunteer your time to help local government agencies with technology projects.

No matter how you choose to serve, you can make a difference in your community by putting your skills to work for the public good.



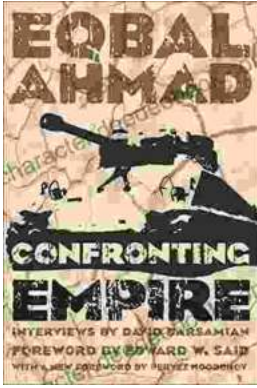
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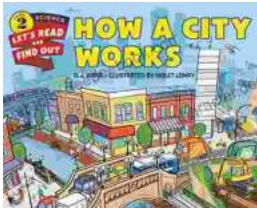
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