Subject: Re: Tech Degree

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I'm plan on doing the same kind of job as you in the UK, but I no where near expect \$250,000 (I'll assume thats a typo).

I'd say it depends on what kind of job you're intending to do with your skills. For example if you open a repair shop, don't expect to earn a lot of money; the public are more happier going to places that they have heard about than that small corner shop down the road.

Working for an organisation seems more promising to me, if you look for jobs that require IT support technicians etc and spend some time comparing and searching for them you can find some good offers. In many cases it might just be a matter of time and new job offers come and go.

A BSc is better than a degree or diploma, but that's not to suggest that a degree/diploma won't get you a fair job. Albeit, I'm not familiar with the education system of North America.

High salary's go towards technicians whom specialize in areas which are few. A C++ programmer will get paid much more than a repair man, but obviously that's not what you're looking at. Networking seems to be a good route to go down after you finish your degree, but there's loads of other options. Quite sadisticly, a repairman's job feeds off the money of morons most of the time. Most of the PC's you'll need to fix can probably be done by their users. However since the generaly public are under the delusion that pc's are complex, or they simply can't work things out-the repairman benefits.

If you can't get a good salary when searching for jobs, then try applying to well known corporations or just corporations in general who require your skills, I always believe that a self-employed tech guy is at high risk compared to one who has a stable income.

From there on, you can make your way up the job ladder- either in the company you work for, or by gaining experiance and moving to higher paid jobs. Many IT employers in the industry look for candidates with past IT job experiance (usually 1-3 years), as mentioned above business also helps your case.