

# THE PARALLEL TRACKS OF A PRO-ACTIVE JOB SEARCH

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<i>Networking</i>	<i>Print &amp; E-News Resources</i>	<i>Job Boards</i>	<i>Researching Companies of Interest</i>	<i>Recruiters</i>	<i>Informational Interviews</i>	<i>Professional Associations</i>	<i>Alumni Associations</i>	<i>Temporary, Part-time &amp; Freelance Assignments</i>
<p><b>Traditional:</b>                      - Friends                      - Family                      - Colleagues                      - Peers                      - Prof. Assns.                      - Volunteering                      - Seminars                      - Workshops                      - etc.</p> <p><b>e-Networking:</b>                      LinkedIn.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Newsletters</li> <li>- Professional Journals &amp; Publications</li> <li>- Local Business Chronicle</li> <li>- E-News Bulletins</li> </ul>	<p>Specialty Job Boards for Your Profession</p> <p>Meta-Search Boards:                      SimplyHired.com                      Indeed.com                      Glassdoor.com</p>	<p>Make a list of The top 25, 50, 100 Companies &amp; Organizations You might want to work with, then research Opportunities on their company web site.</p> <p>Access info. in industry directories, chambers of commerce, <i>Book of Lists</i>, Hoovers, etc.</p>	<p>Contingency rather than Retained Search Firms.</p> <p>Be very clear about the focus of your job search and dazzle them with an eye catching resume that highlights your skills, expertise, awards and achievements.</p>	<p>Contact industry professionals to request a 30 – 60 minute meeting to gather real world data on the career and the company.</p> <p>This can be a potential inroad to a career position with a company of interest.</p>	<p>Attend meetings, luncheons, conferences, etc. to stay current and to network with peers and industry experts.</p> <p>Also access the job boards and publications promoted by the associations.</p>	<p>Re-connect with your alumni association to access current job search resources, network and participate in career development activities.</p>	<p>Consider a stepping stone approach to a new career position. Temp, part-time and freelance assignments often lead to permanent opportunities</p>

## IMPORTANT POINTS:

1. Consider working with a career professional (career counselor, career coach, career consultant, etc.) to develop a pro-active job search strategy and to maintain the course as you work the steps of your plan.
2. Historically, the two most successful methods of finding a job are (a) consistent networking activity; and (b) researching opportunities at companies that you are very interested in joining.
3. A full directory of Career Development Resources is available at [www.CareerJudo.com](http://www.CareerJudo.com)

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