

# The Best Company to Work For



Every time you look for something on the internet, you probably use Google to help with your search. In fact, people find 90 percent of all websites through Google. From its beginnings as a school project, Google has become one of the biggest companies in the world. In addition, because of the unusual way the company is run, it has also become one of the most popular companies to work for.

The Internet giant started from a research project conducted by two graduate students at Stanford University, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, in 1996. They wanted to create a search engine that quickly directed people to useful and important websites. After they left university, they started the company in a friend's garage and hired their first employee. The company then began to grow fast. Since 2001, Google has bought many other companies, including Android and YouTube, and established a huge business.

Google has not only become a successful company but also a popular company for workers. Google attracts people by its company culture and amenities. For example, the employees do not have to wear suits, and each employee is allowed to use 20 percent of their work time on their own projects. The company headquarters, "Googleplex", has exercise bikes and balls in the hallways and areas where employees can play video games. Free food is available to workers 24 hours a day. According to a 2012 survey that asked college jobseekers about their ideal company, Google was top. Moreover, for a number of years Fortune magazine has ranked Google as the best company to work for.

Their business success and popularity, cause many other companies to try and learn from Google. The number of companies that provide their employees with a good working environment like Google will probably increase in the future.

1. If you were the boss, how could you make your work environment less stressful for the employees.