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5 IT Resume Mistakes

The mistakes that get fresh-grad resumes ignored in seconds — and the simple fix for each. From someone who's sat on the hiring side.

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A recruiter spends seconds on your resume

It usually isn't a skill problem — it's that the resume doesn't prove the skill fast enough.

Fix these five and you'll already be ahead of most applicants — even with little or no experience yet.

5 mistakes → 5 fixes

1. A vague "objective" at the top

Mistake: "Seeking a challenging role to grow my skills." Everyone writes this; it says nothing.

Fix: Replace it with a 2-line summary: who you are + what you're aiming for + one proof point. *"BSIT grad focused on networking. Built a segmented office network in Packet Tracer. Network+ in progress."*

2. Listing duties instead of results

Mistake: "Made a network in Packet Tracer."

Fix: Action + tech + result. *"Designed a 3-VLAN office network with inter-VLAN routing and DHCP in Cisco Packet Tracer."* Same project — sounds ten times more capable.

3. No projects (the fresh-grad killer)

Mistake: An empty "Experience" section because you haven't worked yet.

Fix: Lead with **Projects**. A documented home lab, a Packet Tracer build, or a small script beats "no experience." Put them above Education.

4. A design the ATS can't read

Mistake: Fancy templates with columns, tables, icons, and photos — many companies scan resumes with software (ATS) that chokes on these.

Fix: One simple column, standard headings, saved as **PDF**. Mirror the exact keywords from the job post (the true ones).

5. Skills you can't defend

Mistake: Padding the skills list to look impressive.

Fix: Only list what you can explain in an interview. "In progress" is honest and still counts. Getting caught bluffing burns the referral.

THE ONE-LINE TEST

For every bullet, ask: "Does this make the reader think *this person can already do the work?*" If not, cut it or rewrite it.

Now build the whole thing

You know the mistakes. The next step is a resume you can send today — and a LinkedIn that brings opportunities to you.

Resume + LinkedIn Guide for IT Fresh Grads

The full guide gives you the parts this free version doesn't:

- A copy-paste **fill-in resume template**
- Bullet formulas with more real before/after examples
- LinkedIn profile optimization (headline, about, skills)
- A pre-apply checklist to run every time

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