

Creating Manuals And User Guides

Technology is changing the way we do business, the way we communicate with each other, and the way we learn. This new edition is intended to help technical writers, graphic artists, engineers, and others who are charged with producing product documentation in the rapidly changing technological world. While preserving the basic guidelines for developing manuals and warnings presented in the previous edition, this new edition offers new material as well, including a much-expanded section on hazard analysis. Features Provides more explicit guidance on conducting a hazard analysis, including methods and documentation Offers in-depth discussion of digital platforms, including video, animations, and even virtual reality, to provide users with operating instructions and safety information Incorporates current research into effective cross-cultural communication—essential in today’s global economy Explains new US and international standards for warning labels and product instructions Presents expanded material on user analysis, including addressing generational differences in experience and preferred learning styles Writing and Designing Manuals and Warnings, Fifth Edition explores how emerging technologies are changing the world of product documentation from videos to virtual reality and all points in between.

“Technical communication is the process of making and sharing ideas and information in the workplace as well as the set of applications such as letters, emails, instructions, reports, proposals, websites, and blogs that comprise the documents you write...Specifically, technical writing involves communicating complex information to a specific audience who will use it to accomplish some goal or task in a manner that is accurate, useful, and clear. Whether you write an email to your professor or supervisor, develop a presentation or report, design a sales flyer, or create a web page, you are a technical communicator.” (Chapter 1) The AIMMS 3.7 User’s Guide provides a global overview of how to use the AIMMS system. It is aimed at application builders, and explores AIMMS’ capabilities in helping you create a model-based application in an easy and maintainable manner. The guide describes the various graphical tools that the AIMMS system offers for this task.

The User Manual Manual is a master’s course on creating software manuals. Written for writers, managers and producers, it describes the grammar, style, techniques and tricks needed to write a manual that gets read. It explains how to understand and target readers, technically inclined or not -- even if they’re kids. Plus, it covers special topics including: dealing with rush projects, preparing for internationalization, and handling projects with multiple writers, multiple platforms and multiple bosses.The User Manual Manual is a guided tour through the entire process of creating a user manual from initial concept through writing, testing, editing and production to postmortem. It contains sample documents, worksheets and checklists to help writers work smarter and faster.

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The User Manual Manual

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The Startup Owner’s Manual

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Pro Git (Second Edition) is your fully-updated guide to Git and its usage in the modern world. Git has come a long way since it was first developed by Linus Torvalds for Linux kernel development. It has taken the open source world by storm since its inception in 2005, and this book teaches you how to use it like a pro. Effective and well-implemented version control is a necessity for successful web projects, whether large or small. With this book you’ll learn how to master the world of distributed version workflow, use the distributed features of Git to the full, and extend Git to meet your every need. Written by Git pros Scott Chacon and Ben Straub, Pro Git (Second Edition) builds on the hugely successful first edition, and is now fully updated for Git version 2.0, as well as including an indispensable chapter on GitHub. It’s the best book for all your Git needs.

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Technical Writing Process

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If you want to write a book that’s going to sell to both publishers and readers, you need to know how to produce a marketable work and help it become successful. It starts the moment you have an idea. That’s when you begin thinking about the first elements of the business plan that will make your project the best it can be. The reality is that you don’t want to spend time and energy writing a book that will never get read. The way to avoid that is to create a business plan for your book, and evaluate it (and yourself) through the same lens that an agent or acquisitions editor would. The Author Training Manual will show you how to get more creative and start looking at your work with those high standards in mind. Whether you’re writing fiction or non-fiction, or intend to publish traditionally or self-publish, author Nina Amir will teach you how to conduct an effective competitive analysis for your work and do a better job at delivering the goods to readers than similar books that are already on the shelf. Packed with step-by-step instructions, idea evaluations, sample business plans, editor and agent commentaries, and much more, The Author Training Manual provides the information you need to transform from aspiring writer to career author.

A step-by-step guide to creating accurate, comprehensive, and easy to understand operations and maintenance manuals. From defining the audience to producing a hardcopy or online manual, the author draws on his years of experience to explain the process from start to finish. This guide is required reading for the facility operator, maintenance technician, training coordinator, and manager; those who must have the necessary tools and information to create O&M manuals that are clear, concise, and written at the level of the staff involved in the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the facility. This book, which includes valuable sample manual sections, covers such topics as overall organization, defining the level of detail, standard operating procedures, developing a style guide, developing HTML-based manuals, and placing and viewing CAD drawings online.

This book is intended for anyone whose job involves writing formal documentation. It is aimed at non-native speakers of English, but should also be of use for native speakers who have no training in technical writing. Technical writing is a skill that you can learn and this book outlines some simple ideas for writing clear documentation that will reflect well on your company, its image and its brand. The book has four parts: Structure and Content. Through examples, you will learn best practices in writing the various sections of a manual and what content to include. Clear Unambiguous English: You will learn how to write short clear sentences and paragraphs whose meaning will be immediately clear to the reader. Layout and Order Information: Here you will find guidelines on style issues, e.g., headings, bullets, punctuation and capitalization. Typical Grammar and Vocabulary Mistakes: This section is divided alphabetically and covers grammatical and vocabulary issues that are typical of user manuals.

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How to Write a Usable User Manual

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Writing and Designing Manuals and Warnings 4e

How to Access Your Hidden Brain Power, Learn Faster, Remember More, and Achieve Success in Business

Creating Computer Software User Guides

How to Observe Users, Influence Design, and Shape Business Strategy

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Demonstrates how to explain the nature of a product or procedure, describes troubleshooting techniques, and plan the organization of a manual

Explains why user instruction manuals are necessary, offers advice on writing assembly, installation, operating, and maintenance instructions, and introduces basic principles of instructional writing

The Complete Guide to Writing Readable User Manuals

Effective Documentation

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Contrarian Leadership Principles to Transform Your Team and Business

What We Have Learned from Research

The Chicago Manual of Style

Simple Sabotage Field Manual

A survival guide for writers in the real-world. Writing and Designing Manuals, Third Edition has become a standard reference for technical writers and editors. Readable and practical, it addresses all aspects of manual development from choosing a format to writing effective warnings. Not limited to text elements, the manual also provides guidance for designing illustrations to complement the text. Third Edition includes: P Current materials on desktop publishing P Alternative media such as videos, CD-ROMs, and on-line help P The impact of new technology such as CD-ROMs and digital cameras on manual design and production P New regulations for products sold overseas P Impact of the Internet on manual design Gone are the days when a manual might be a few pages of typewritten text can produce slick, professional publications. Writing and Designing Manuals, Third Edition guides you through the messy, complex, frustrating, and fascinating business of producing manuals.

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Occupational Outlook Handbook

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Offers advice on organizing, outlining, writing, and publishing a manual which clearly explains how to use a computer program

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User Guides, Manuals, and Technical Writing

How to Research, Write, Test, Edit and Produce a Software Manual

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Idea Mapping

An Illustrated Practical and Whimsical Guide to Creating Retro-futurist Dreams

Explains the importance of software documentation, tells how to prepare effective user’s guides, and discusses graphics, editing, production procedures, and career opportunities

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Guidelines for Developing Instructions

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We all have heard of and used “user manuals.” A user manual is a document to assist a user in using and working with a piece of equipment or software product. They are developed to guide the user so that they will have less problems and be more successful in using the product. What if every person came with a user manual? A guide that explains who they are and how to work with them? A few words that would provide insight into who they are and what you can do to connect with them better. The opportunity for creating greater understanding and opening productive, and transformational, conversations then becomes more possible. Better conversations lead to better relationships. Better relationships allow an environment of innovation and productivity. Trustful relationships in teams are at the foundation of psychologically safe work places. The latest research shows a direct correlation between trust and performance.The User Manual of Me is an online tool and companion workbook’s purpose is to assist you in a personal brand statement to help others understand who you are, what you value, and how you like to work. It shows you how to construct a personal leadership brand statement according to the latest neuroscience research that has been proven to connect with people better. A well-crafted leadership brand statement’s purpose is to evoke positive emotions, thoughts, and images in people. To help you connect with others on a personal level and open the channels of communication about what is important and valuable in working better together.

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How to Write In-House Software User Manuals

How to Write about Technical Subjects and Products So Anyone Can Understand

From Paper to Online

MOST (Modern Occupational Skills Tests) User’s Guide

Confusing, inadequate instructions for setting up and using consumer products are not only unhelpful, but potentially dangerous. They may contain wrong information, poor warnings, and no pictures or illustrations. Standards are either non-existent or little known, even though the U.S. government has developed and tested standards for the past thirty years. This book presents a set of guidelines written by The Human Factors and Ergonomics Society that have been tested by human factor specialists. This expert advice is applicable to writing assembly procedures, operational procedures, and user, shop, and repair manuals.

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Helping data processing professionals to write accurate, clear computer documentation, this book presents a systematic approach to writing manuals, online documents, system messages, menus and on- line tutorials. Covers the process of creating these materials from the inception of the documentation project to its revision after publication. Addresses the rapidly changing role of the documentation writer and the move toward manual-less software. Also provided are extensive reference sections at the end of each chapter.

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