

# Technical Writing

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I have learned many important skills in my technical writing class. I also got a chance to practice using  $\text{\LaTeX}$  instead of a word processor for my writing. The skills I learned in this class are significantly more useful than those learned in a regular english composition class.

One of the things I learned was how to properly structure sentences in technical documents. Keeping writing in the active voice makes it easier to read. I also learned to keep my writing consistent by avoiding certain pronouns such as “you”.

A big skill was learning to format papers in a way that is visually appealing and easy to follow. This is a skill I haven’t used much so learning to do it was very rewarding. This also gave me a chance to learn to format  $\text{\LaTeX}$  documents. This resulted in papers that were nice to read and fun to write.

Another thing I learned was new ways to find information. I do know how to use a search engine properly, but I was unaware of how to use other resources such as databases. Learning to use these resources is essential in the technical field and I’m glad to know how to find and use them.

These are only some of the essential skills I learned in my technical writing class. The most important part is that all of them are useful. These skills are used all throughout the technical field and especially in software engineering. Knowing how to communicate and document projects is absolutely essential in the field. Taking this class has helped prepare me for the future in ways that other classes have not.