

Write Great Tech Content

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Communicate technical concepts
to a specific audience
with a goal in mind

This Talk is About You

Great tech content is the best content you can write.

- write efficiently
- write quickly
- write painlessly

Content Types

The audience, and the goal.

Readme

- What does this project do? Who is it for?
- Installation
- Usage
- Where to learn more, get help
- How to interact with the project

Tutorial

Non-trivial project: 1.5-3.5k words

- Introduction of what the reader will learn
- Sequential tasks, minimum context switches
- No choices! One way to do each step
- Link to supporting content
- Result is a standalone thing

Blog post

Entertain and inform, 500-1500 words

- Showcase a feature or tool
- Inspire with a story or use case
- Educate (with silly examples)

May use a "chattier" tone

Structure

1. Outline the piece
2. Make sure there's a punchline
3. Remove the history section

Page furniture

Create landmarks to make the page easier to navigate.

You can customize your portal's navigation by configuring the following navigation elements:

- [Sidebar](#): You can configure the order and titles of items in your sidebar and add multiple sidebars.
- [Navbar](#): You can add links, icons and, drop-down lists to the navbar. You can also link to sidebars.
- [TOC \(table of contents\)](#): You can set the depth and alter the title text for the TOC.
- [Footer](#): You can add icons, copyright info, and links to the footer.
- [Navigation buttons](#): You can customize the button text.



Navigation elements

See the [overview of navigation elements](#) to learn more about each element.

Before you begin

Make sure you have the following before you begin:

- [latest version of](#)
- a `redocly.yaml` file in the root of your project

Include entire directory

If you don't want to list all the content in a directory in the `sidebars.yaml` or `redocly.yaml` file, but you want it all to be included in the sidebar, navbar, or footer, you can use a specific syntax to include it.

The following is an example of a `sidebars.yaml` file that uses special syntax to include all the files in the current directory:

```
group: Build themes
items:
  - directory: /
```

Code Snippets

Always expect users to copy and paste!

```
<?php
$email  = 'name@example.com';
$domain = strstr($email, '@');
echo $domain; // prints @example.com
```

Clear variable names and comments can help.

Writing process

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The finish is in the preparation

- Know the audience and goal
- Create an outline
- Show up and ship it

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Resources

- <https://lornajane.net>
- <https://redocly.com>
- <https://diataxis.fr>
- <https://www.thegooddocsproject.dev/>