Best Practices – Soft Skills

# Writing Skills

**[Practice 1]** Writing better documentation for technical tutorials

* **Define terms & tools up front** — assume reader may be entirely new to them.
* **Explain *why*, not just *how*** — what purpose each step serves helps with understanding and diagnosing issues.
* **Provide clear structure and minimal assumptions** — e.g. tell the reader needed prerequisites, directory structure, software setup, commands, etc.
* **Use simple, consistent language** — avoid whimsical names or invented ones unless they are clearly explained (or necessary).
* **Anticipate common errors or confusion** — guide the reader around likely pitfalls.
* **Make steps verifiable** — so readers can check if they’ve done something right or wrong at each stage.