I am making a career change to technical writing, from software engineering. I have not enjoyed SW engineering for several years and decided it is time to make a change.

Technical writing is a skill that a SW engineers must possess. In my 20 years as a SW engineer, technical leader, and manger, I have been writing technical documentation, for a broad range of technical audiences.

For example: I have created/given documentation/presentations to management that is light on technical details. If the project gains approval, I have then presented the same topic to a group of engineers providing low-level details. The next level of documentation I would be involved in is a functional specification for the engineers to follow. This is a living document that changes as the system, feature, or product evolves. In parallel, a user document is written. As an engineer, I would typically be the SME for the user documentation’s technical writers. I would help them to understand the system, answer questions, and help with the review process.

To help prepare for a tech writing position, I have successfully completed several courses, from [Udemy](https://www.udemy.com/course/start-your-career-as-user-assistance-developer/) and [JER-Online](http://www.coursecatalog.com/dbpages/add_course_to_shopping_cart.asp?id=198&SchoolID=778).

Changing careers is both exciting and, a little scary. However, I feel my previous experience and recent course work have well prepared me for this role. I am confident I will quickly begin making meaning contributions to your organization.