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How to write great documentation?

Source: https://www.reddit.com/r/programming/comments/8xljg/
how_to_write_great_documentation/

Summary: Writing documentation is not as big of a priority as coding in the
workplace, however, it is still beneficial to have good documentation
because it produces guidelines for the team to produce good quality code.

Programming feels like 90% documentation.

Source: https://www.reddit.com/r/learnprogramming/comments/2fvvf5/

programming_feels_like_90_documentation/

Summary: Programming feels like 90% documentation because most of

programming involves looking at documentation that has already been

produced and not writing code from scratch.

The Golden Rules of Code Documentation

https://blog.jooq.org/2013/02/26/the-golden-rules-of-code-

documentation/

Summary: Good code involves keeping documentation simple and

concise, keeping documentation close to the code and API, keeping

documentation dry, making documentation available to others, referencing

ticket IDs throughout your available media and forgetting about external

documentation.

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Beginner's guide to docs

Source: http://www.writethedocs.org/guide/writing/beginners-guide-to-docs/

Summary: Writing documentation is important because you will re-use your code, you can help other people by letting them use your code and you can improve your technical writing skills.

A readme file is useful for describing what your project does and why it exists and appeals to two audiences that you need to write for: users and developers.

In addition, you will want installation instructions and a FAQs page for an easy user experience.

Agile Documentation Best Practices

Source: **http://www.agilemodeling.com/essays/agileDocumentationBestPractices.htm**

The best practices for writing effective agile documentation are: preferring executable specifications over static documents, documenting stable concepts not speculative ideas and generating system documentation.

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