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## About Me

I've been in IT for 25 years, starting in support and moving to network system administration. However, for the past 20 years, I've been a Technical Writer taking the guesswork out of complex technical content. I've also written around lousy user interface design through this time, so I've learned how to uncover and solve user experience (UX) challenges.

## Education

02/2022 - Present

**CareerFoundry**

Full Stack Web Development

10/2010 – 05/2012

**Kaplan University**

BS in Health Science

02/1999 – 04/2001

**DeVry University - Denver**

AS Computer Systems (networking and telecommunications)

## Work Experience

10/2021 - 03/2022

**Senior Technical Writer**

**A Tech Security Startup**

Worked collaboratively with the product core engineering team to develop user guides and a scenario-based deployment guide. Wrote and edited in-platform UX microcopy (error and warning messages, and welcome instructions). Built an online help system using the Docusaurus docs-as-code framework.

05/2020 – 10/2021

**Content Developer, Contractor**

**Microsoft/Kforce**

Worked collaboratively with the Azure VMware Solution core engineering and UX Research teams to develop scenario and goal-based content. Write and edit UX microcopy and UI strings. Conduct audits of existing content to identify areas for improvement. Use qualitative and quantitative data to make data-driven decisions.

07/2019 – 06/2021

**Freelance**

- **Extreme Networks (2020 – 2021)** Reviewed and edited network hardware content for the FIPS program.
- **Netdata (2020)** Wrote product content for a Linux server performance tool.
- **ZPE Systems (2019-2020)** Wrote a marketing campaign eBook. Wrote video scripts, provided the voiceover, and produced how-to videos.
- **Wax.io (2019)** Contributed to blockchain blog articles.

03/2019 – 06/2019

**Technical Writer II**

**LivePerson**

Wrote SDK and API guides for mobile messaging app.

01/2018 – 01/2019

**Technical Writer II**

**Microsoft**

Worked collaboratively with the Microsoft Edge and Windows networking core teams. Wrote and edited UX microcopy and UI strings. Conducted content audits to identify areas for potential improvement. Used qualitative and quantitative data to make data-driven decisions.

07/2017 – 12/2017

**Technical Writer, Contractor**

**Oculus/Facebook**

Developed internal cross-functional workflows and process documentation for a virtual reality R&D environment.



## Skills

Technical Writing

Content Strategy

UX/UI Writing

Information Architecture

Project Management

Instructional Design

DITA/oxygen

Markdown

Git/GitHub

Agile/Jira/Azure DevOps

Bootstrap 5

JavaScript

HTML/CSS

Figma/Adobe XD

## Work Experience (cont'd)

08/2016 – 05/2017

### Software Technical Writer

GE Healthcare

Worked collaboratively with customers and support to update the outdated installation and upgrade guides. The rework resulted in more successful upgrades and reduced customer support calls.

09/2015 – 07/2016

### Technical Writer II

Amazon

Wrote internal feature announcements and task-oriented procedure guides for warehouse employees.

03/2015 – 09/2015

### Technical Writer, Contractor

Charter Communications

Worked collaboratively with video-on-demand and networking engineers to write standard procedures. Wrote Python scripts for system administration tasks.

01/2014 – 10/2014

### Technical Writer

SolidFire, a NetApp company

Wrote release notes, configuration and troubleshooting guides, white papers, and solution briefs for the cloud storage solution. Also, wrote and edited UX microcopy and UI strings.

12/2012 – 12/2013

### Technical Writer, Contractor

Sybase/SAP

Wrote installation, configuration, and API guides for a mobile money app.

07/2012 – 01/2013

### Technical Writer, Contractor

CarpeDatum

Wrote design specifications and instructor-led training guides for enterprise planning and budgeting software. Also, wrote and edited UX microcopy and UI strings.

## Achievements

- Wrote shell scripts to automate API content publishing.
- Built custom MadCap Flare authoring environments for GE Healthcare, Amazon, and SolidFire.