

## What is a Technical Communicator?

Technical communicators can fill many different roles, holding titles such as:

- Technical Writer
- Web Designer
- Technical Illustrator
- Business Analyst
- Documentation Specialist
- Technical Translator
- Information Developer
- Technical Editor
- Indexer
- Technical Trainer / Instructor

Technical communicators present information in a way that is useful and accessible. They help design effective communication for an increasingly technical world. They must be able to convey scientific and technical information accurately, clearly, and concisely. Technical communication is an important part of business and plays a role in nearly every industry. As more businesses recognize the value of technical communication, the field continues to grow and expand into new areas. For people interested in both technology and written, oral, and visual communication, technical communication is one of the few careers that allows the pursuit of these otherwise disparate areas.



## Join Today

To join the Society for Technical Communication and the Orlando Chapter, please visit the STC website at [www.stc.org](http://www.stc.org). The website provides details on annual membership dues as well as an online membership application.

STC membership is based on a calendar year. New members joining on or after January will pay prorated membership dues based on the number of months remaining in the year (including the month in which they join).

STC dues are tax deductible. STC membership dues are non-refundable and non-transferable. A portion of each member's dues is rebated to the local chapter. See the membership application for further details and requirements.

For more information about STC Orlando, contact one of the chapter leaders listed on our web site at [www.stc-orlando.org](http://www.stc-orlando.org).

## Joining the Society for Technical Communication: Orlando Chapter



[www.stc-orlando.org](http://www.stc-orlando.org)



## About the Society for Technical Communication

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is an individual membership organization dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of technical communication. It is the largest organization of its type in the world, with more than 80 active chapters. In addition to the Society's leaders, each local chapter elects a set of chapter-level officers.

Our chapter is active, exciting, and always willing to provide leadership opportunities for like-minded members. Volunteering builds your network and helps you develop new skills that you can add to your resume. We offer long-term, short-term, and one-time-only commitments. Regardless of your area of interest or level of commitment, STC Orlando has a place for you!

If you've never attended one of our monthly chapter meetings, we invite you to attend our next meeting free of charge. Upcoming meeting dates, times, and topics can be found on our website at [www.stc-orlando.org](http://www.stc-orlando.org).

## Professional Development

The Orlando Chapter of the STC is one of the fastest growing chapters in the Society and one of the most dynamic and innovative in all of STC. Whether you're just beginning your technical communication career, want to fine-tune your skills, or are interested in management, the chapter has much to offer.

- Standard monthly meeting date and time
- Monthly programs targeting member interests
- Job listings, employment resources, and access to the STC salary survey
- An active member distribution list with members sharing professional advice
- Chapter newsletter
- Internationally known and innovative mentoring program
- Community outreach, including college scholarships and high school writing competition
- Variety of member educational opportunities
- Networking with professional subject-matter experts
- Opportunity to join Society-level special interest groups (SIGs)
- Strong advocacy for overcoming disabilities with ties to the international AccessAbility SIG

Joining STC and the STC Orlando Chapter is one of the best career investments you will ever make!

## Networking: Much More than Technical Writing

In today's challenging job market, the value of professional networking cannot be overstated. Gone are the days when sending resumes and making follow-up phone calls were enough to land a job. As employers are faced with a deluge of resumes from online postings, they increasingly turn to people they know for recommendations to narrow the applicant pool. This is why networking has become such an essential component in any job search. But where to begin?

For some (especially those of us working in fields that require endless hours of writing, editing, and other introverted activities), the idea of walking into a room full of strangers and trying to mingle is about as appealing as the idea of walking into a room full of hungry, brain-eating zombies. That's why the Orlando Chapter strives to make meetings relaxed and unthreatening. Although we often conduct icebreaker activities to get everyone acquainted (the cheesy-but-fun variety), your level of participation is entirely up to you. So, you're welcome to sit shyly in the back corner until you're comfortable enough to let your inner social butterfly out. Plus, your first meeting is free!

Don't miss this invaluable opportunity to network with technical communication professionals in a friendly and stress-free environment.

**The Orlando Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication was formed in 1977 and is dedicated to serving the needs of technical communicators within the greater Orlando area and beyond.**

