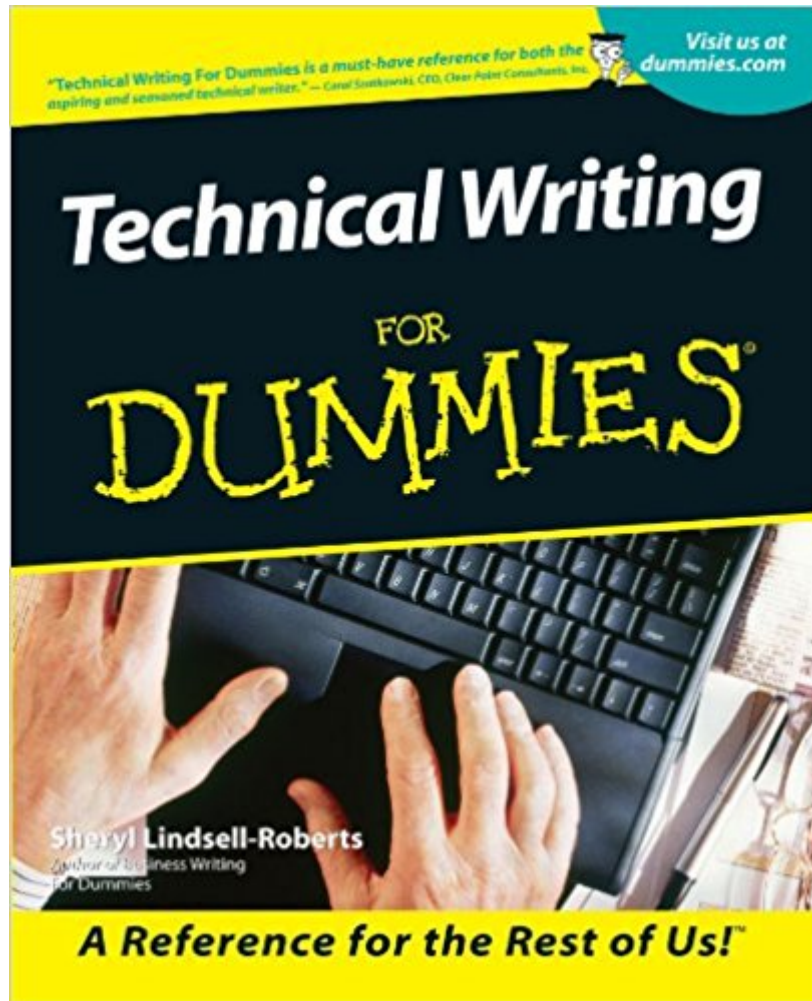




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- Plan your project in a technical brief
- Fine-tune and polish your writing
- Work collaboratively with your reviewers
- Create great user manuals, awesome abstracts, and more
- Write first-rate electronic documentation
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- Types of technical documents, including user manuals, abstracts, spec sheets, evaluation forms and questionnaires, executive summaries, and presentations
- Writing for the Internet "covers doing research online, creating multimedia documents, developing computer-based training and Web-based training, and writing online help
- Combining examples, practical advice, and priceless insider tips on how to write whiz-bang technical documents, *Technical Writing For Dummies* is an indispensable resource for newcomers to technical writing and pros looking for new ideas to advance their careers.

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