



## Cool Tools for Tech Writers for Less than \$100

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Monday, January 28, 2008 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
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Technical writers write, yes - but producing information requires a number of other tools that aren't specifically for publishing. We need to create and edit graphics, create wikis, manage knowledge - as well as perform more non-traditional functions such as creating audio files and icons. We can also be required (or desire) to set up systems for backing up our machines, controlling our source files, and tracking bugs.

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Registration and payment are required by 9:30 PM January 24th. After the 24th, those registered and paid will receive a toll-free phone number and a URL for the meeting.

#### System Requirements:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0, Mozilla Firefox 1.5 for Windows/Mac/Linux, or Safari 2.0 for Macintosh
- Internet connection of minimum 56K for application sharing, 128K for broadcasting video

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### Agenda

Monday, January 28, 2008

- 7:00 PM - 8:10 PM **Presentation**
- 8:10 PM - 8:30 PM **Questions and Answers**

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### About Nicoletta Bleiel



Nicoletta (Nicky) Bleiel is a Senior Information Developer at ComponentOne. She has more than 11 years experience in technical communication. She has written for products in the documentation, media, industrial automation, simulation, and pharmaceutical industries.

She is a Director at Large of the Society for Technical Communication and presented at the STC Annual Conference, regional conferences, and chapter meetings. She has also presented at the last four WinWriters UA conferences and LavaCon.

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**Member (Student)**


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**Member (Volunteer)**


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**\$5.00**
**Non-Member**


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**\$20.00**
**Non-Member (Student)**


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**\$15.00**
**Non-Member (Volunteer)**


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**\$10.00**
**STC Society Office**


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**\$5.00**

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We regret that we cannot offer refunds for late cancellations or for no-shows.

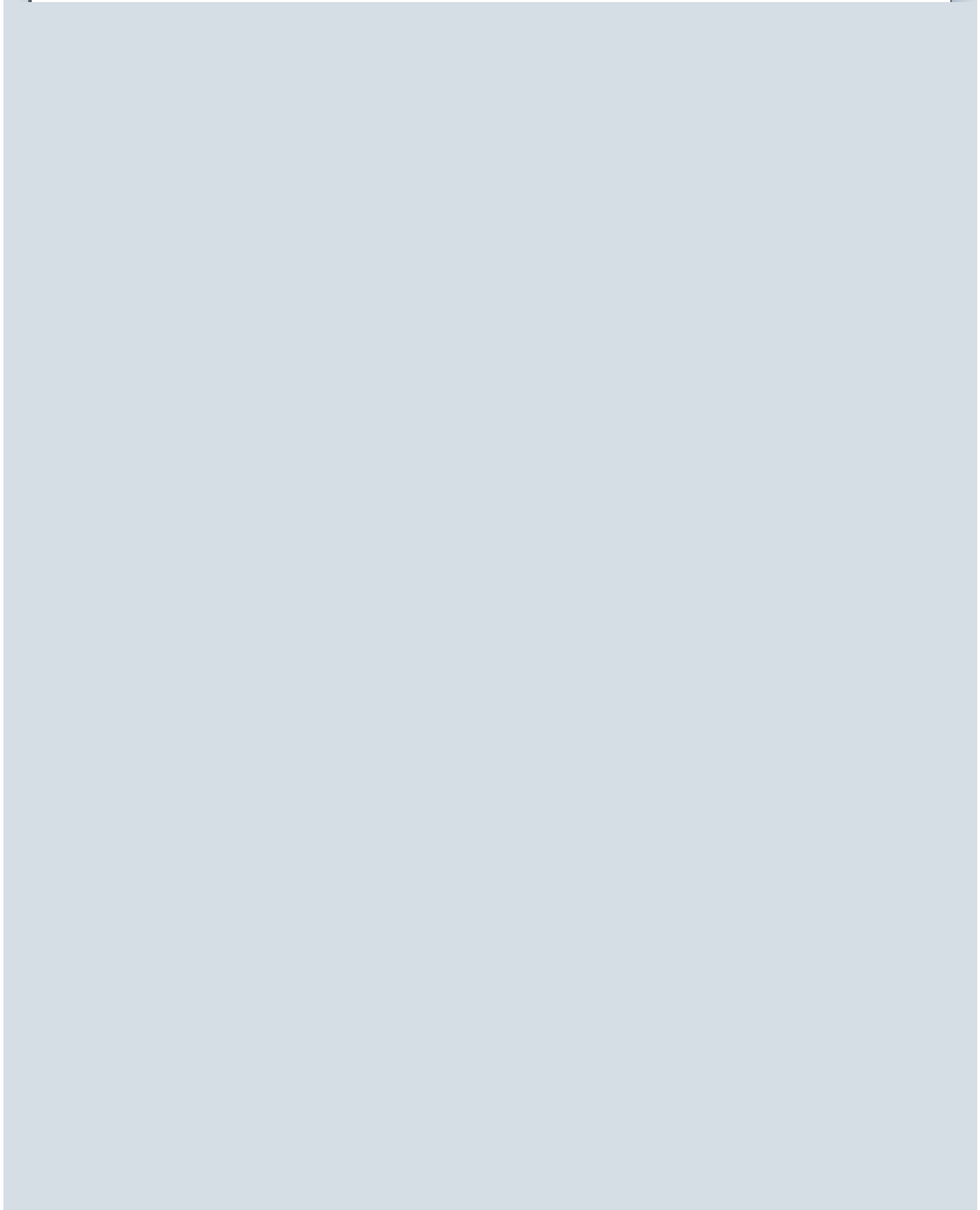


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### What is a technical communicator?

Technical communicators translate technical information into language that is easily understood by the user. They convey scientific and technical information precisely, accurately, and clearly. Technical communication is recognized as an essential occupation in business and government.

Technical communicators work in many industries including hardware and software development, science research, government and defense contracting, publishing, marketing, and more.

### About the WDC Chapter



The Washington, DC Chapter (WDC), the Capital Chapter, is one of the largest in the Society with over 600 members. Our members share their expertise with the community and with newcomers to the technical communication field in many ways:

- Networking
- Professional development seminars
- Job announcements, a talent pool, and employment resources available on our Web site
- Annual technical communication competitions with opportunities to compete at the international level
- Discussion lists
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Scholarships for high school and college students
- Mentoring and community service activities

Our chapter is active and exciting, and you help keep it that way! Volunteering builds your network and gives you new skills to highlight on your résumé.

Learn more about the Washington DC STC Chapter at <http://www.stcwdc.org>.

### About STC



The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is a Section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational, scientific, and charitable organization dedicated to furthering the art of communicating technical information. STC offers its members the industry leadership and education, professional networking, and information required for supporting all aspects of the rapidly evolving world of technology. STC is the world's largest professional organization serving the technical communication profession. The Society is over 53 years old, with 150 chapters, 20 SIGs, and over 18,000 members world wide.

STC members include:

- Consultants
- Educators and students
- Graphic artists and designers
- Human factors engineers

- Information planners
- Instructional designers
- Interface designers
- Journalists and publishers
- Managers and supervisors
- Marketing and public relations communicators
- Multimedia artists
- Photographers, film, and video production specialists
- Researchers
- Software engineers
- Technical communicators
- Technical, medical, and scientific illustrators
- Technical, medical, and scientific writers and editors
- Translators
- Web designers, developers, and webmasters

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### Get Involved

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Like to see your name in print? Plan events? Judge a competition entry? We offer long-term, short-term, or one-time-only commitments. Whatever your strength and interest, the Washington, DC Chapter has an outlet for you!

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