



# Hey Tech Writer! Time to Write!



# Let's Get Started

You have everything you need to get started. It's not going to be perfect the first time around, but that's why you tweak and make edits.

## **Do you have an idea of what you're going to write? You only need to choose 1.**

- Will you write content for one of the companies mentioned in module 1b?
- Will you write content for one of the ideas shared in the ideas lesson in module 1c?
- Will you write content for one of the companies that pay you to learn about their users ? See module 1c.
- Will you write content for a product (software/app) that you use at your current job?
- Will you write content for a product (software/app) you've used at a previous job?

## **Who are you writing for?**

- What does your user need help with? See "Analyze your user" in module 1a.
- Will you write help center content for the user? See module 1a.
- Will you write software instructions for the user?
- Will you write user-interface copy on the app for the user? See the last two lessons in module 1a.

## **You're not a {product} expert, how will you learn about the product you're writing about?**

- Who can you turn to when you have questions? See the "Gather resources to create technical content" lesson in module 1.
- Does the product have existing content that you can reference? See module 5.
- Are there similar products that have existing content you can reference?

## **Do you have an idea of what the final product will look like?**

- Are you using the 10 Steps to Creating Technical Content resource? See module 1b.
- Have you checked out the "Answer Key" module in the course to get ideas?
- Have you researched style guidelines or other documents to get more ideas? See module 5.

## **Where will you share your portfolio sample?**

- Are you sharing what you're learning and applying on LinkedIn? See the professional bait lesson in module 3.
- Do you have a co-worker, friend, or colleague you can share your portfolio sample with?
- Once you get feedback, do you have a checklist to reference? See the 7Cs in module 1.
- Do you know how you're going to format your portfolio sample? See module 1c.
- Do you know how you're going to link it to your resume? See module 2.
- Are you going to use the 4-ingredient tech writing resume secret sauce to add it to your resume? See module 2.

