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**Kent L. Brisby**  
**TECHNICAL WRITER/EDITOR**

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## Skill highlights

- Proficient at editing to optimize content, incorporating minimalism and structured authoring as appropriate. In marketing, training, and even reference materials, sometimes less is more.
- Broad experience in creating user documentation for printed, online, and product-integrated delivery, utilizing XML/SGML, conditional text, and a variety of content management tools and strategies.
- Expert at converting functional specs, marketing requirements, design specifications, and other marketing and engineering documents into user-centered documentation.
- Skilled at interviewing developers, customers, and marketing personnel for product and use information, to guarantee documentation that meets the needs of users ranging from undergraduate students to technical field personnel to research scientists.
- Expertise in planning development projects and teams, including constructing budgets, to optimize productivity of multiple writers across multiple time zones. Able to propose, track, and report progress to public, team members, colleagues, and executive leadership as required.
- Tools include MadCap Flare, FrameMaker, InDesign, WordPress, Dreamweaver, Microsoft Office products, Camtasia, plus legacy tech including WebWorks Publisher, RoboHelp, MS Project, PageMaker, FileMaker, Interleaf. Graphics tools include Photoshop, Flash, FreeHand, Illustrator, Fireworks. Less typical business software expertise includes Final Cut, DVD Studio Pro, Soundtrack Pro, Dramatica Pro, and more. Experienced working on Windows, UNIX, Linux, and Macintosh operating systems.

## Experience

**Publications Writer/Manager (contract)** Digital Media Arts Showcase 2013 ~ Present  
Startup interfacing students with digital media professionals. Designed marketing and user documentation, customizing and managing website and blog for a variety of client profiles, including teachers, students, sponsors, judges, and media.

**Technical Writer** Rigaku Automation 2012 ~ 2013  
As sole technical writer, maintained documentation for array of protein crystallography hardware and software, including training and tutorial materials. Piloted web distribution of documentation. Also evaluated and implemented first use of MadCap Flare for single-sourced documentation for print, electronic, and web.

**Technical Writer (contract)** eMolecules, Sweetwater Schools, more 2007 ~ 2012  
Assisted developing or maintaining technical, marketing and collateral documentation for web. Prepared reports, grant support, and new project proposals in both written and digital forms, including printed, web, and video documentation. (Samples on request.)

**Principal Scientific/Technical Writer** Accelrys Software 2004 ~ 2006  
Lead writer for new product release involving the bulk of company resources for two years. This required massive repurposing of existing documentation, as well as creating nearly as much new material, and conversion to a new integrated delivery system (QT-based) being developed and tested as we worked.

**Technical Writer/Manager** Biosym, Molecular Simulations 1995 ~ 2004  
Initially the only technical writer, led department growth to handle development and publishing of all user documentation, over a period when the product line tripled through mergers and acquisitions, and the primary delivery medium migrated from binders of 3-hole-drilled pages to product-integrated and online distribution.

Additional contract work has included grantwriting, scriptwriting, and design projects (samples on request).

## Education

BA in English  
Whitman College  
Walla Walla, Washington