

Trends in Technical Communication: Some Resources

Where to learn about trends and related fields

- ❖ **Twitter:** #techcomm #ux #ia #ua #stcorg #dita
@rjacquez/techcomm (A list of many tech comm folks on Twitter:
http://rjacquez.com/a_growing_list_of_technical_co/)
- ❖ **LinkedIn Groups (many!)** (do a search on your interest! STC, STC SIGS, other....)
- ❖ **Blogs (a gazillion!)** One starting point: <http://notebook.stc.org/links>
- ❖ **STC SIGS:** (UUX, Content Strategy, IA, Single Sourcing, IDL,)
<http://stc.org/membership/member-benefits/communities/category/sigs>

Other organizations

- ❖ **IAI:** Information Architecture Institute: www.iainstitute.org
- ❖ **ASIS&T:** Information Society for the Information Age: www.asis.org
 - Sponsor the **IA Summit**; this year March 30-April 3: <http://2011.iasummit.org>
- ❖ **BayCHI:** Bay Area Computer-Human Interaction: www.baychi.org
- ❖ **IXDA:** Interaction Design Association: www.ixda.org
- ❖ **iSchool:** UC Berkeley School of Information: <http://www.ischool.berkeley.edu>
 - This weekend (March 5 & 6) - InfoCamp: <http://infocampberkeley2011.eventbrite.com>
- ❖ **UPA:** Usability Professionals Association: www.upassoc.org
- ❖ **ISPI:** International Society for Performance Improvement: www.ispi.org
- ❖ **ASTD:** American Society for Training and Development: www.astd.org
- ❖ **eLearning Guild:** www.elearningguild.com

Topic-Based Authoring

- ❖ Topic-Based Authoring Workshop: Getting Your Feet Wet (from Linda Urban)
http://urbancreations.com/workshops/topic_based_authoring.htm
This workshop focuses on skills and techniques that are **not** tied to technology

DITA

- ❖ **DITA.XML.org** community site: www.dita.xml.org
- ❖ **OASIS DITA Technical Committee** wiki: <http://wiki.oasis-open.org/dita>
- ❖ **DITA Infocenter:** www.ditainfocenter.com
- ❖ **DITA News:** www.ditanews.com

.... (lots more)

DITA discussion lists

- ❖ **DITA Users:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dita-users>
- ❖ **FrameMaker DITA Users:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/framemaker-dita>
- ❖ **DITA Wiki Interest:** dita-wikis@yahoogroups.com (lead by Don Day)

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