



## Is Technical Writing Something For You?

**Not many know exactly what technical writing is or how to find a job in that career field. There are several different kinds of Structured Query Linguists (SQL) and just as many SQL positions. If you enjoy critical thinking and have a talent with computers you may want to consider a SQL career. If you are self motivated and work well alone this job is a perfect fit. Computer programming and improving and developing internet software will be a major part of your work load.**

You will need a degree to be considered for a minimum SQL position. This position will require one of the following associates or bachelors degrees: computer science, information systems, or information science. A degree in information science will only qualify you for an entry level job. MBA degrees are the most preferred in this work field and will be eligible for premium job placement. Most of the classes required for this career are computer and technology classes. However, business statistics and data analysis classes will probably be required as well. If these are classes you don't enjoy or struggle in, you should consider that while making a career choice. They shouldn't be the determinate, but the type of classes you are required to take will be similar to the type of work you'll be doing. For advanced job placement and optimal pay additional certification in specific software programs and databases is recommended. Some of these certifications have online programs and are easy to obtain while others are a bit more extensive. A SQL salary is affected by the level of education and certification you require. If you are looking to make this your career it would be a very good choice to become certified and receive an optimal level of education. Promotions and advancements may be determined on an educational level as well.

This career is relatively new and is on the rise, branching out into more career options and opportunities. The average starting salary in 2006 was \$64,000 and was on the rise. The job's projected rise is 37% higher than the average job. There are many different career paths within an SQL writing job such as: [SQL engineer](#), [SQL architect](#), SQL analyst, [SQL developer](#), and an SQL technical writer.

It can be difficult to find information or job placement in this career. There are online job searches and consultants that can

give you information or current job placement opportunities. The online courses will give you a tutorial of the job and what will be required of you.

If you think that you would enjoy a leisure work setting, computer programming, and data entry then this would be a great career choice. You can get certified while still in high school and learn some of the software programming information. Learn all you can before you start at a university level. Any preparation and efforts made prior to entering the work force will help you immensely as you find your way in this technology oriented career. One such preparation that would be beneficial is a passport. Although many positions are stationary and don't require travel, management positions and other technical positions will. Being travel savvy and comfortable will help with adjusting to a traveling position. It is possible to request a traveling position and often times you will get paid more by taking it. Although the hours are long and you will have to be able to perform on little preparation, it can be just as rewarding if not more.

Before making any career decisions, you should find out the pros and cons and make sure you enjoy the work. There are some positions as SQL writers that are part time but for the most part they are full time positions. There is a lot of opportunity to work your way up and potentially become part of the administrating staff. Another important aspect that should be considered is if the position has any benefits. Some offer health and work benefits and others don't. You shouldn't feel like you have to settle when it comes to your career. You should especially not settle if you are qualified with a 4 year degree and experience because you will always have options. Make sure you have fully investigated the requirements and the work field before making a decision. Talk to career experts



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completely. This is a good career to get involved in with a good job outlook and starting salary.

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