

# Technology Article or Tutorial

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## Objectives

This assignment is to develop communication skills by either writing an original article about a technology topic or creating an original tutorial about a software development topic.

1. The article or tutorial should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words.
2. There will be time in class on November 12 for peer review of your first draft.
3. For the article, you will need to cover a topic outside the University of Texas. Please do not write an article about a startup or app created by a current student or professor at the university. If students happen to work at the startup, that is fine.
4. For the article, please talk to one source either over the phone, or in person. Please find at least two other sources. At least one of these sources should be an expert in the topic.
5. For the tutorial, please cover a topic that is related to something we have done in class so far - iOS, Android, or Version Control. Please do not replicate something we have done as an assignment in class.
6. For the tutorial structure, generally follow the Digital Ocean Technical Writing Guidelines - <https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/digitalocean-s-technical-writing-guidelines>. Do not worry about their formatting or terminology guidelines.
7. For the tutorial, you will need to include at least three screenshots to help the reader. Please provide a caption for the screenshots. If you include code, please format it with a monospace font (such as Courier or Typewriter)
8. Please ask the instructor about your topic before you get too deep into the assignment.
9. Please define an audience for this article or tutorial - for instance, is it a general interest article about how to get started with Bitcoin? Or is it a tutorial for beginning Android programmers?
10. Provide a list of three credible web sites, magazines, newspapers, or other professional technology blogs that would publish an article or tutorial similar to your assignment. Please include two or three roughly comparable articles or tutorials for each - these may be longer than this assignment, which is ok.
11. Please submit the assignment on Canvas as either Microsoft Word, Pages, or PDF.

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## Prerequisites

No prerequisites needed.

## Grading Evaluation

Name	Points	Description
Number of Words	10	The article is between 1,000 and 1,500 words
Topic is Preapproved	20	Your topic was approved by Jeff before you turned in the assignment.
Article or Tutorial is well written	30	This is subjective.
Sources/Screenshots	15	The article has three sources that meet the guidelines, or the tutorial has three screenshots that meet the guidelines
Defined Audience	10	There is a defined audience for this article or tutorial, and the writing generally matches that audience.
Publications, Websites, or Blogs	15	There are three places that could publish this article, and there are comparable URLs provided.
<b>100</b>		