

# *Rick Palkovic*

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## *Objective*

Technical Writing and Document Design

## *Experience*

Wrote and illustrated on-line articles to engage software developers. Wrote and designed software user's guides, reference manuals, tutorials, and programming guides; hardware maintenance manuals; marketing collateral, advertising copy, and magazine articles. Audiences ranged from naive to sophisticated readers.

## *Publications*

For a listing of publications, with links to the most recent, see [rickpalkovic.com/publications.html](http://rickpalkovic.com/publications.html).

## *Education*

M.S. Electrical Engineering, Ohio University, Athens, OH  
B.S. Mathematics, Ohio University, Athens, OH  
Engineering Studies, General Motors Institute, Flint, MI  
Mathematics, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

## *Professional Experience*

### *Technical Writer*

Sun Microsystems, Inc., Palo Alto, CA  
Marimba, Inc. Mountain View, CA  
Adobe Systems Incorporated, San Jose, CA  
FlashPoint Technologies, San Jose, CA  
Stüder Editech Corporation, Menlo Park, CA  
Varian Associates, Palo Alto, CA  
Votan Corporation, Fremont, CA  
AIDA Corporation, Santa Clara, CA

### *Publications Manager*

Kevox Corporation, Foster City, CA

### *Senior Design Engineer*

Kevox Corporation, Foster City, CA  
Quantic Industries, Inc., San Carlos, CA

### *Member, Technical Staff*

Hughes Aircraft Co. Fullerton, CA  
Rockwell International Corporation, Anaheim, CA

## *Special Knowledge Areas*

### *Computer Languages*

Limited programming experience in Java, JavaFX, Javascript, PHP, Ruby, HTML, Postscript, Fortran, FORTH.

### *Operating Systems*

Solaris/OpenSolaris, MacOS X, Windows

### *Publishing Software*

Microsoft Office, OpenOffice/StarOffice, Adobe FrameMaker, Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, etc.)

### *Logic Design*

Designed and documented TTL, ECL, and CMOS circuits and systems.

### *Analog Design*

Designed and documented data acquisition, avionics, communication, and audio circuitry and systems.

### *Chemistry*

Documented the theory and techniques of chemical analysis using elementary particle bombardment, with special attention to X-ray fluorescence microscopy (XRF).

### *Project Management*

Researched and published on the topic of quantitative methods in project management and statistical production control techniques.

## *Awards and Commendations*

### *Society of Technical Communications (STC)*

*SPARCworks/TeamWare Solutions Guide*, (February 1995).

*Introduction to SPARCworks*, Achievement Award, Spring 1993.

*Building Programs with MakeTool*, Merit Award, Spring 1993.