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- Discounted rates at all SIGDOC events, including a reduced registration fee for the annual conference
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- Members only quarterly newsletter available online via the SIGDOC Website
- Broad professional contacts and valuable networking opportunities
- For graduate students, the chance to compete in the annual SIGDOC Graduate Student Competition
- Special discounts and offers on courses, books, and complimentary international conferences

### How to Join

- Visit [www.sigdoc.org](http://www.sigdoc.org)
- Click the "Quick Join" link
- You do not have to be a member of ACM to join SIGDOC.

### Annual Rates

- Professionals: \$35
- Students: \$25

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Design of Communication

### About SIGDOC

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## About Us

SIGDOC is the Special Interest Group (SIG) on the Design of Communication (DOC) of the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM). Founded in 1975 by Joe Rigo.

SIGDOC focuses on the design of communication as it is taught, practiced, researched, and conceptualized in various fields:

- Technical communication
- Software engineering
- Information architecture
- Usability

SIGDOC has positioned itself to emphasize the potentials, practices, and problems of multiple kinds of communication technologies, such as Web applications, user interfaces, and online and print documentation.

Look inside this brochure to learn more about our mission and interests.

## Membership

Today, the members of SIGDOC include information design professionals, educators, software engineers, researchers, Web designers, system developers, usability specialists, computer scientists, user interface designers, and information technology specialists.

## Our Mission

- Promoting the professional development of our members
- Encouraging interdisciplinary problem solving related to online and print documentation and communication technologies
- Providing avenues for publication and the exchange of professional information
- Supporting research that focuses on the needs and goals of humans in technological contexts
- Supporting the development and improvement of communication technologies, including applications, interfaces, and documentation.

## Areas of Interest

- Design, development, and dissemination of online and hardcopy information
- User-centered and activity-centered design of communication and communication technologies
- Usability engineering
- Content management
- Technical communication processes and products
- Pedagogies, practices, research, and theories relevant to any of these areas

## Conferences

SIGDOC holds an annual conference, typically during September or October. SIGDOC members and non-members are encouraged to submit papers and attend the conference to engage in the latest research from the field. All papers are peer-reviewed by members of the program committee. The conference proceedings are published by ACM Press.

## Sponsored Awards

SIGDOC sponsors a number of awards, recognizing outstanding contributions to the field. Awards are presented at the SIGDOC conferences.

### *Rigo Award*

Presented to an individual for a lifetime of significant work in the design of communication.

### *Diana Award*

Presented to an organization which has collectively made an impact on the field.

### *Graduate Student Competition*

Provides winning students subsidized participation in the SIGDOC conference and the opportunity to publish and present their work.