

INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE RESOURCES

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There are many resources out there for learning about information architecture (IA) and the role of Information Architect. Here is a list of resources I found helpful and informative for learning more about this role.

Please note: this information is accurate as of June 1, 2018. Links may have changed.

Organizations and online resources

Information Architecture Institute (IAI). A global community for making information clearer.

Center for Information Development Management (CIDM). Content development best practices and trends.

Association for Intelligent Information Management (aiim). A professional organization for intelligent information management.

LinkedIn Groups.

- **IA groups:** Boxes and Arrows, Information Architecture Experts, Information Design,
- **UX groups:** User Experience
- **Content Management groups:** Enterprise Content Management Industry Association, CMS User Group
- **Information Development groups:** Technical Writing & Content Management, Technical Writer Forum, Technical Writing Professionals
- **Content Strategy groups:** Content Strategy, The Content Wrangler Community

Books

Information Architecture: For the Web and Beyond. 4th ed. by Jorge Arango, Louis Rosenfeld, and Peter Morville

Thinking in Systems: A Primer by Donella Meadows

Content Everywhere: Strategy and Structure for Future-Ready Content by Sara Wachter-Boettcher

How to Make Sense of Any Mess by Abby Covert

Articles and blog posts

“How Information Architecture Works” by Stephanie Crawford

“Between data, information and content” by Excolo

“So What is the Difference Between Information and Content” Colleen Jones

“Content Strategy: Understanding the Difference Between Data, Information and Content” by Ahava Leibtag

“Understanding IA” [Prezi slides] by Peter Morville

“Information Architecture 3.0” by Peter Morville

“What is the difference between data, information, and content?” by Rishabh Nigam

“What is Information Architecture?” by Dawn Schlecht

“Information Architect” by Techopedia

“Information Architecture” by R.E. Wyllys

Events

Content Management Strategies/DITA North America Conference. An annual conference for learning about DITA and its support and usage, including IA support practices.

IA Summit. The preeminent conference for practitioners and academics who confront the systemic challenge of creating and managing digital user interfaces and rich information environments.

World IA Day. An annual event coordinated by the Information Architecture Institute.

Information Architecture Conference. An annual event coordinated by the Information Architecture Foundation.

EurolA. The leading Information Architecture (IA) and User Experience (UX) conference for Europe.

The Information Architecture of Pant (Design/Content). A conference focused on bringing designers and content strategists together.

DITA Strategies provides information architecture support of the DITA implementation process for learning and training, technical content, customer support, and marketing content across a range of industries.

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