



Call for papers: Write for "The D Journal"

The D Journal is a new online magazine for software developers, aiming to increase awareness and understanding of the D language, Walter Bright's evolution of C/C++ (see <http://digitalmars.com/d/>)

The magazine will be published every second month - at <http://thedjournal.com> - starting September 2002.

We are looking for a variety of contributions, and would prefer them to conform to the following styles:

Articles

Articles take a relatively detailed look at a subject, and examine it depth. Articles should be written assuming that the audience is comprised of experienced software engineers but who know little or nothing about D itself.

In addition, for the relatively inexperienced, the article should contain references to explanatory material or, even better, contain sidebars – separate sections within the article in which a concept is elucidated. By not forming part of the flow of the article, experienced readers can get to the crux of the article, whilst inexperienced readers can find the background information needed for a fuller understanding of the article in the sidebars.

Articles can be on any topic related to D, but should preferably include technical content, accompanied by working source code.

Word count: 2000-4000 words

Format: plain text files only. Separate paragraphs by blank line. Separate file for each sidebar.

Code figures: any readable format. **No tabs** (convert all tabs to spaces before submitting). A separate file is required for each figure listed in the article text (name the files Figure1.d, Figure2.d etc.). Code may be edited for brevity, but will not be unnecessarily reformatted. The code should not contain lines which exceed 60 characters in width.

Code archive: This is the full code of which some/all appears as Code Figures. There are no constraints whatsoever on this code, except that it compiles and has the functionality described in the article. The code will be compiled and executed by the technical editor(s) prior to the article being accepted. You are advised to place copyright notices in the code.

Tables: Plain text file (**no tabs**) formatted correctly. Preferably accompanied by an Excel spreadsheet in order that we may better follow your original intent

Illustrations: We currently do not have facilities for rendering illustrations beyond simple image formats, so can only accept illustrations in JPEG, GIF, PNG or other common (and browser-compatible) image formats

Biog: the author is required to provide a valid email address, such that feedback and other correspondence can be facilitated. We would prefer the author provide full name and a brief biography (experience, interests, qualifications), but this is not required

You may optionally wish to include a Word Document representing the article (main text, sidebars, figures, tables & illustrations) as a whole, in order to better help us follow your original intent

Opinion Pieces

Opinion Pieces structurally the same as articles, but here we're interested in (well argued) points over programming and programming language practise, philosophy and idiom.

Be controversial!

Tech Tips

Tech Tips describe a less deep look at a subject area, or should examine a small topic in depth. Tech Tips should be written assuming that the audience is comprised of experienced software engineers but who may know little or nothing about D itself.

Tech Tips should contain references to any necessary explanatory subject matter not contained with the tip.

Tech Tips can be on any topic related to D, but should preferably be more technical and “day-to-day practical”. They may be accompanied by source code (which should be working).

Word count: 400-800 words

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Notes

Notes are succinct simple snippets of wisdom. Most notes should be written aimed at inexperienced developers or those new to D.

Word count: one sentence – one paragraph

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You could get your name in lights!