1. Record Nr. UNINA9910298548403321 Autore Wallwork Adrian **Titolo** User Guides, Manuals, and Technical Writing [[electronic resource]]: A Guide to Professional English / / by Adrian Wallwork New York, NY:,: Springer New York:,: Imprint: Springer,, 2014 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-4939-0641-0 Edizione [1st ed. 2014.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (170 p.) Collana Guides to Professional English Disciplina 808.042802465 Soggetti Success in business Occupations Popular works Careers in Business and Management Popular Science, general Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di contenuto Part I. Structure and Content of a Manual -- Title, Table of Contents, About, Introduction, Product Overview, What's in the Box -- Key Features -- Installation: Getting Started -- Instructions: Procedures --Troubleshooting -- Warnings and Recommendations -- Updates, Warranty, Contact Details -- Part II. Writing Clearly, Concisely and Unambiguously -- Writing from a Reader Perspective -- Avoiding Redundancy and Long Sentences -- Word Order -- Terminology --Avoiding Ambiguity -- Automatic Translation -- Part III. Layout and Order of Information -- Layout -- Headings -- Punctuation --Capitalization -- Abbreviations and Acronyms -- Bullets -- Figures, Tables and Captions -- Dates and Numbers -- Giving Examples --Referencing -- Spelling -- Part IV. Typical Mistakes -- Comparisons --Definite Article (The), Indefinite Article (A, An), One -- Genitive --Infinitive vs. Gerund -- Negotiations -- Passive vs. Active -- Pronouns -- Vocabulary. Sommario/riassunto This book is intended for anyone whose job involves writing formal documentation. It is aimed at non-native speakers of English, but

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