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Technical Writing · Observability Systems · Developer Docs Gainesville, FL · (813) 230-0685 · <u>alex.catalano2@gmail.com</u> <u>https://alexcatalano.com</u> • See full portfolio, writing samples, and project logs.

PROFILE

Technical writer and systems analyst focused on developer documentation, observability tools, and internal clarity. I build documentation frameworks that support fast-moving teams, surface critical system behavior, and keep the user experience clear from end to end.

EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL *B.S. Journalism, Minor in Education* · 2010–2014 Focus in reporting, media structure, and systems communication

Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL

A.A. Liberal Arts · 2007–2010 Concentration in photography and visual storytelling

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Florida

Application Developer Analyst I / Technical Writer · Dec 2022 – Present

- Built NOX, a structured documentation system for project tracking and continuity
- Authored SOPs, changelogs, and live system logs across Angular, WordPress, and legacy apps
- Collaborated with developers to document APIs, service behavior, and backend workflows
- Supported migration planning and decision capture through modular onboarding tools
- Documented service behavior, REST endpoints, and logging patterns in Angular + PHP environments
- Wrote internal support docs for real-time error diagnosis and data workflows

University of Florida

Web Developer II · May 2019 – Dec 2022

- Led CMS migrations and maintained custom WordPress themes across departments
- Created documentation and dashboards to reduce friction for non-technical users
- Designed backend workflows, analytics tools, and support systems

University of Florida

Web Developer I / Web Manager / Maintainer · 2014 – 2019

- Migrated content into CMS (T4), trained end users, and maintained WordPress infrastructure
- Developed internal guides, visual workflows, and documentation assets
- Supported multiple departments with website builds, media prep, and publishing standards

SKILLS

Documentation & Process Writing

SOPs · onboarding guides · changelogs (NOX) · visual mapping **Observability & Dev Docs** API responses · logging behavior · error tracking · live system reporting **Technical Systems** Markdown · Git · WordPress · Angular · REST APIs · SQL (developing) **Tools** VS Code · JIRA · SharePoint · Adobe Suite · custom CMS platforms **Analysis & Workflow** Requirements gathering · backend mapping · stakeholder communication

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Photo Editor — The Independent Florida Alligator Managed visual operations for the nation's largest student-run newspaper. Trained in editorial clarity, narrative precision, and deadline-driven publishing.

Welding & Fabrication — Rustic Steel, Tampa, FL

Worked in shop-floor metal fabrication. Learned templating, tool safety, and procedural thinking through real-world production.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

NOX — Developer-Focused Logging Framework Built a modular documentation system modeled on developer changelogs, internal logs, and versioned service notes. Used by devs and analysts to track migrations, data flow, and behavior changes.

PaCE Transitions — *Signature & Notification Tool* Built a roster validation app with email notifications and advisor approvals.

WordPress — *Custom Search & Analytics* Developed a PHP-based tool to surface search data and optimize IA strategy.

RECOGNITION

Student Excellence Award — Hillsborough Community College Recognized for creative and technical support to the Theatre Department.

Institutional Recognition — UF IFAS Acknowledged for leadership on a high-impact CMS migration.

Guest Lecturer — Florida Dance Education Organization (2008, 2009) Spoke on visual media for performance documentation.

💬 Based in Florida, open to relocation

Portfolio available at alexcatalano.com.