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## How Does Engineering Writing Differ from Other Technical Writing?

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Integrates varying language systems:

- English text
- Mathematical equations
- Tables
- Line drawings
- Other graphics

Elevates the importance of English because there's so little of it—the English text deals mainly with discussions that don't fit neatly into the graphics:

- Explanations of criteria
- Recommendations
- Transitions
- Introductions of the graphics
- And so on

Uses three typical formats:

- outline—instructions, specifications
- running text—academic articles, business letters
- heading and paragraph format—instructions, evaluations