



## **Emily Nashif**

### **Technical Writer**

### **Class of 2001**

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What Is Google? Founded in 1998 by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, Google is the world's largest search engine, and also provides e-mail, online mapping, office productivity and video sharing services. The scope of Google's mission is to organize the entire world's information and make it universally accessible and useful.

Emily Nashif has her dream job as a technical writer for Google, which is headquartered in Mt. View, California. She is part of a team of writers who support the teams and engineers who help Google run efficiently. She helps workers inside the company communicate better with each other or document what they do. She might also teach them to write better or to develop programs and applications that keep the internal work of the company running more efficiently. For example, if a team at Google is writing an important document for a new project, Emily might be asked to review it and give them feedback. Emily's job is definitely both challenging and fun.

Emily earned her Bachelor of Arts in English, with minors in Writing and Japanese from Oregon State University after graduating from Waiakea in 2001. She worked at varied jobs to earn money for tuition, including clean-up at a bakery, customer service at a grocery store as well as many technical writing and web design jobs. She also was a Writing Assistant at the Center for Writing and Learning at OSU, coaching fellow students on good writing, good project planning and successful career and/or grad school planning. After graduation, her first job was at a search marketing company where she created online advertising campaigns for other companies. She was laid off due to changes in the market nine months later.

After losing this job, she worked hard to upgrade her resume and writing samples and gained new work experience by doing temporary technical writing work. A friend who had interned at Google gave her a referral, and after a long interview process and visiting the Mountain View Google campus, Emily was hired.

While at WHS, Emily worked on the school's early webpage and contributed to the literary magazine. She credits English teachers, Mrs. Cherlyn Chong, Mrs. Janet Iokepa and Mrs. Shellie Naungayan as being big influences on her career. She chose to major in English in college because she enjoyed and was good at reading, writing and critical thinking.

Although her degree is in English, Emily's hobbies and interests are heavily computer related. She still uses Linux at home, and while in college, ran her own web server and website, learned programming and scripting languages and taught herself html and css, just for fun---all of which helped her when applying at Google. Because she spends so much time on her computer at work, her current interests and hobbies are now more creative. She paints, draws and writes fiction. She takes art classes at the local community college. She plays video games, especially World of Warcraft. The only television she watches are good shows that are available on Hulu.com or Netflix.

Emily simply loves to live life to the fullest. When asked: "Who are you?" one of the answers she gave was that she is a politically-interested, cautiously optimist idealist who tries to do something meaningful and fulfilling in her life every day.

