



# Centre for Biosystems Science and Engineering Seminar

## Technical Writing

3-5 PM, 27th June 2016,  
Seminar Hall, MRDG, Biological Sciences Building.

### Dr. Karthik Ramaswamy,

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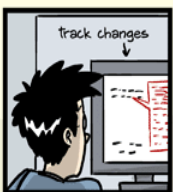
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How well you do in any profession depends, in large part, on how well you communicate. Effective communication is particularly important in science because your success as a researcher is determined by the number and quality of your research publications. You may be doing dazzling research in your labs or have brilliant ideas in your head, but they are not of much use if you cannot communicate them effectively.

The speaker will try to convince you that writing, including technical writing, is a craft. And like any other craft, it is something you can all learn to do, but requires hard work. The talk will encompass a discussion on how you can write keeping in mind the reader. Readers, it turns out, have some expectations when they read. Luckily for us, many of these expectations can be manipulated—in a good way of course—using certain principles that you can apply to your writing. This will ensure that your writing comes across as clear, direct and concise.

### About the speaker

Karthik Ramaswamy was an evolutionary biologist in his previous life. These days he spends his time writing and talking about science. Among other things, he edits *Connect*, the magazine of the Indian Institute of Science, and also teaches a course on scientific writing at the Institute.