

How to Use Technology to Make Your Editing Process Simple and Efficient

We will begin in just a moment.



What we'll cover today:

- What happens during the editing process
- Why technology is helpful for self-editing
- Using technology to support story (developmental) editing
- Using technology to support line editing
- Questions

Part 1

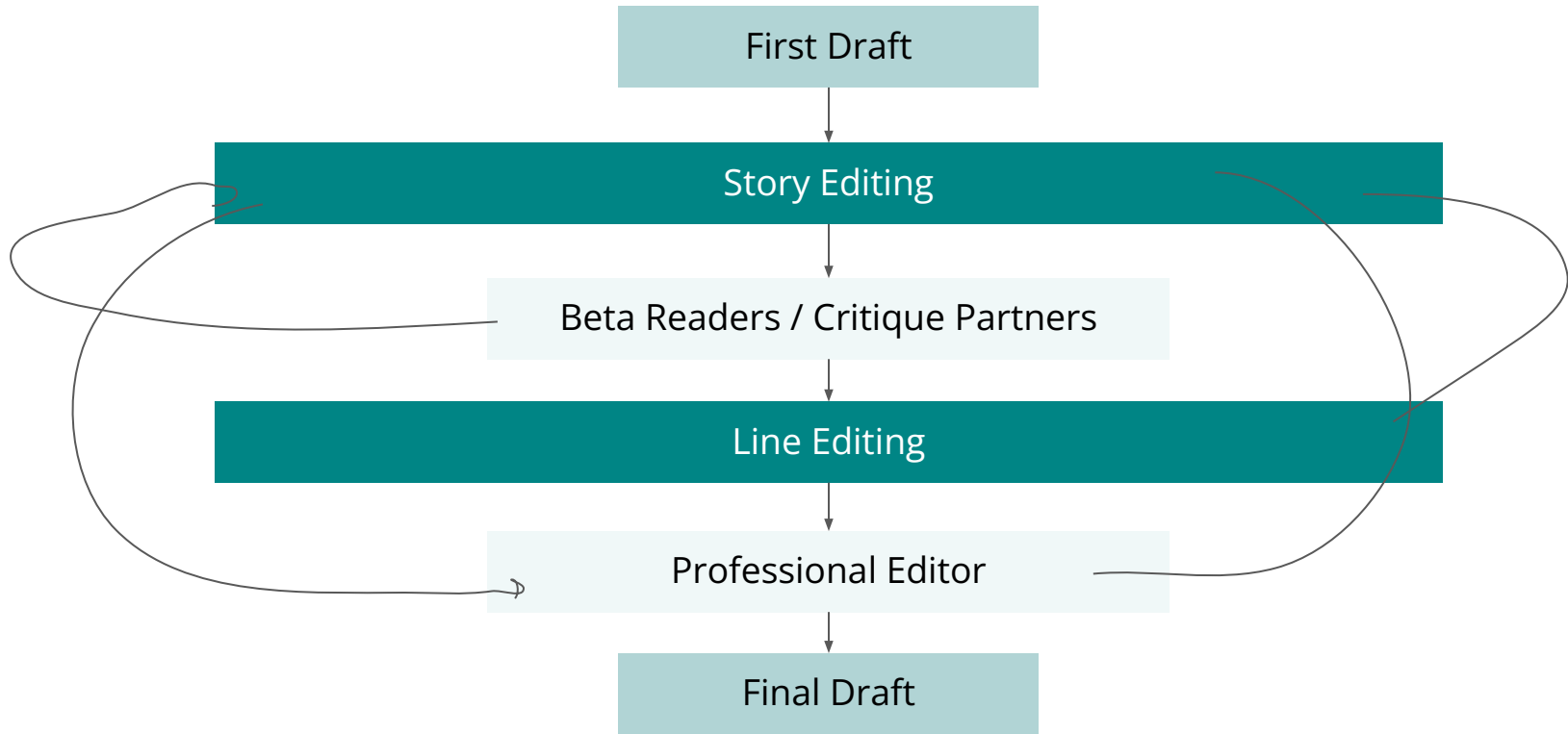
What happens during the editing process

Editing is where your story comes to life.

During the editing process, you will examine every aspect of your story: your plot, characters, settings, word choice, structure, and more.

Many writers dread the editing process because they're not sure what to expect. Let's look at a linear editing journey.





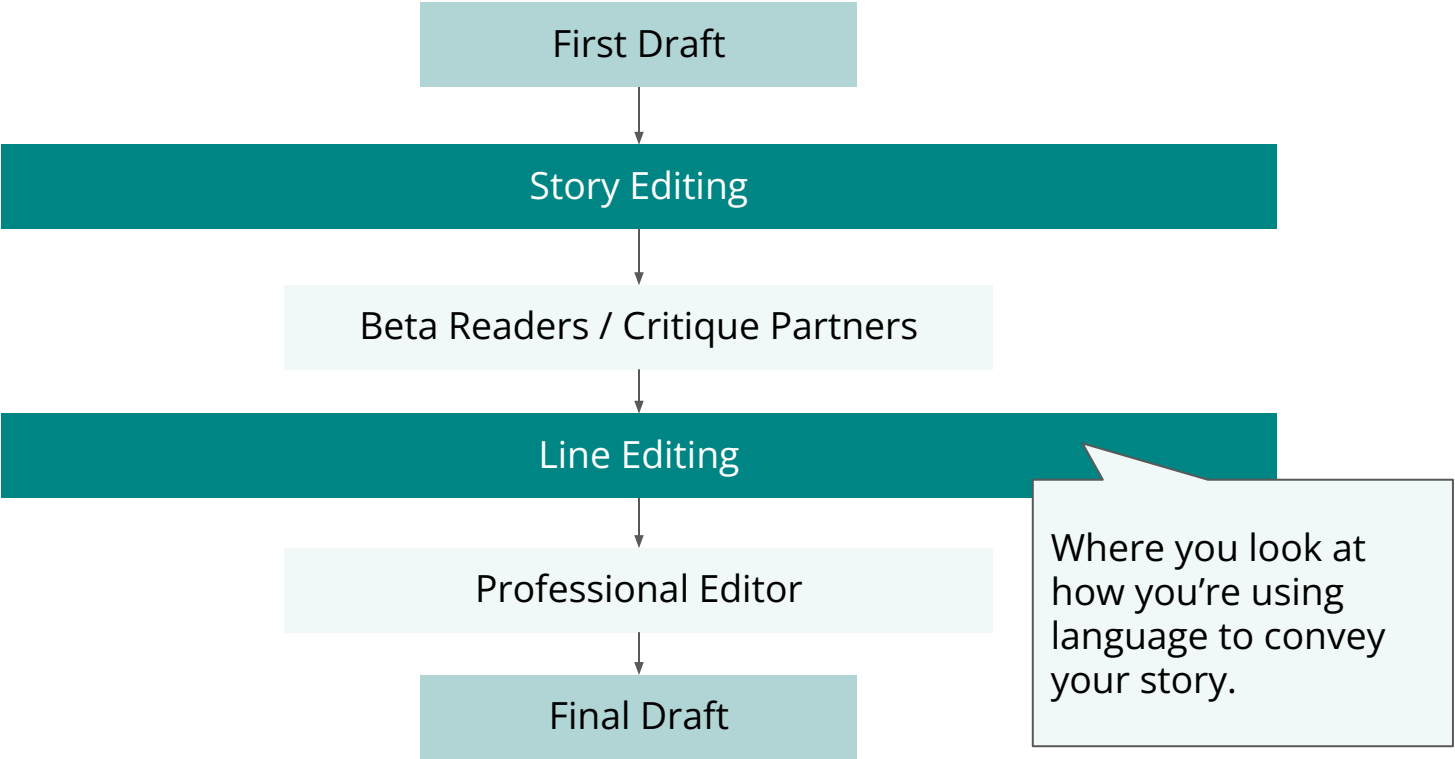
What makes a good editing process is up to you.

Some writers prefer to work by themselves the entire time. Some writers like to work with other people the entire time. Some like to use technology, some do not. Some will go through one round of revisions, some will go through dozens.

That's all okay!

Where you look at
your plot, characters,
and world.





Part 2

Why technology is helpful for editing

Technology can help save time and money when editing.

Editing is challenging. It's hard and expensive to find resources. Technology can help:

- Provide instant feedback
- Polish before you use a human editor
- Share difficult-to-find information

Using technology when you edit is a spectrum.



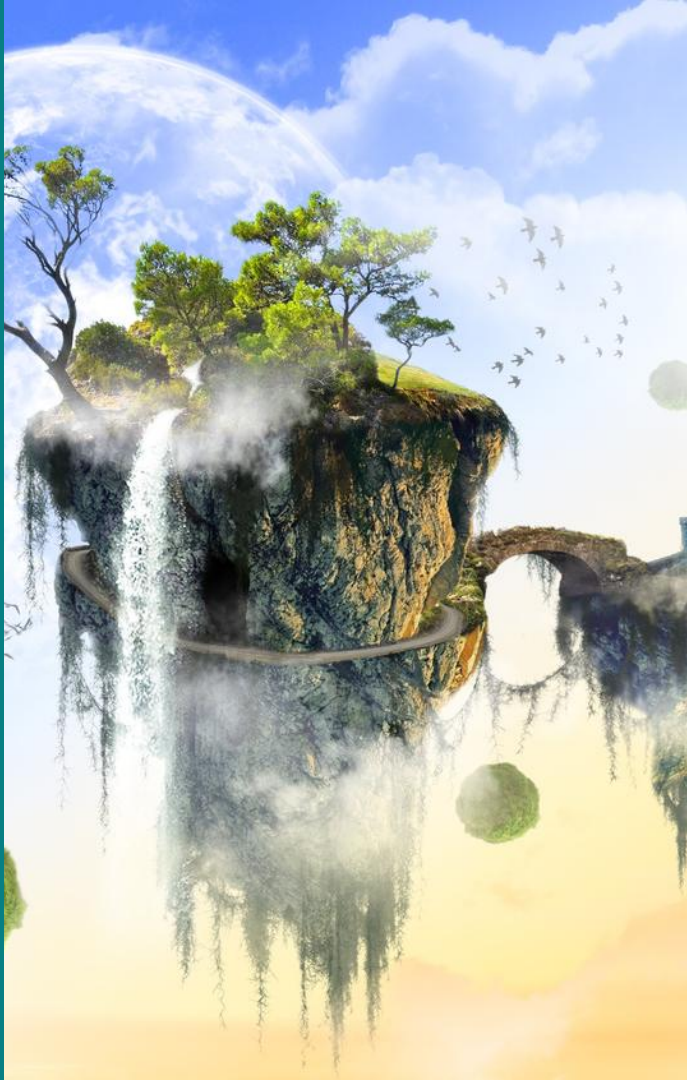
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Using technology to support story editing



What Happens During Story Editing:

- Evaluate your manuscript and the story you're telling
- Substantive look at the structure and development of your story or argument



What To Look For While Editing Your Manuscript:

Setting:

- Your characters will grow out of the world you create.
- Does your setting have not only an engaging location, but use of time, date, objects, and senses?



What To Look For While Editing Your Manuscript:

Characters:

- Your characters are what your audience will relate to.
- Do your characters have clear goals and a recognizable point-of-view?



What To Look For While Editing Your Manuscript:

Scene:

- Your scenes must progress at an effective and engaging pace.
- Do you have effective arcs in each scene?

Technology can support with story editing

There are many ways technology can support with story editing, depending on your goals and what you're comfortable with.

Technology can do everything from give you more information about how to improve your setting to tell you whether or not your characters are engaging.

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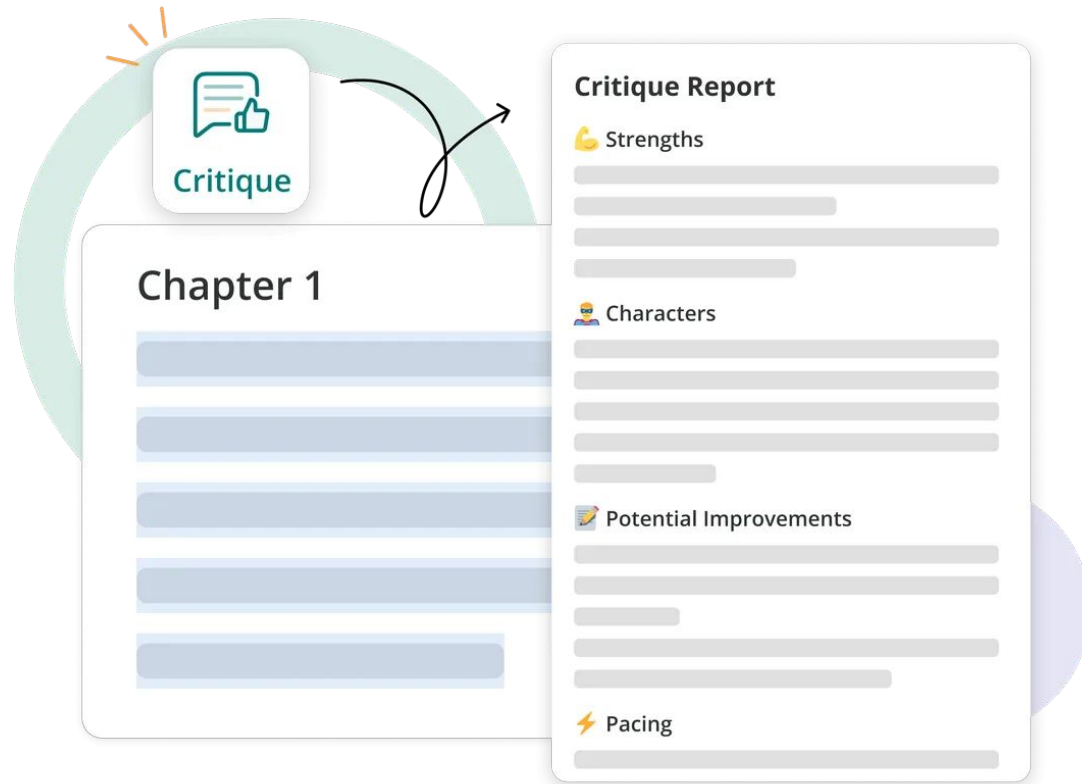
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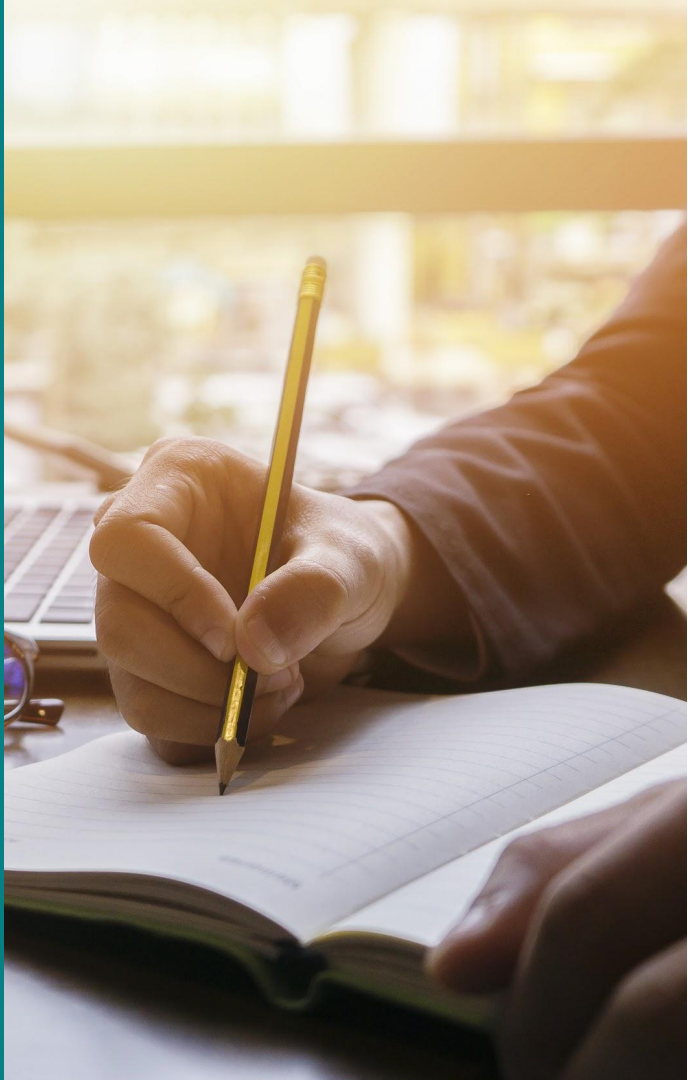
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Using technology to support line editing



What Happens During Line Editing:

- When you look at the use of language to tell a clear and engaging story
- Assess word choice, readability, style
- Overall goal of clarity



What To Look For While Editing Your Manuscript:

Clarity:

- Are your subjects and verbs the stars of your sentences?
- Is your writing readable for your audience?
- Are you choosing specific words that explain exactly what you're trying to say?



What To Look For While Editing Your Manuscript:

Engagement:

- Have you kept up the pacing?
- Have you eliminated echoes and repeats?
- Have you used enough sensory words?

Technology can support with story editing

There are many ways technology can support with line editing, depending on your goals and what you're comfortable with.

Technology can do everything from helping you simplify your sentences to identifying places where you have repeated yourself.



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Question:

What are your biggest problems when writing?

Thank you!

Are there any questions?

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