

June 24, 2011 Freelance Friday #EFAChat
Topic: The Freelancing Life
46 contributors

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@EFAFreelancers: Welcome to our first Freelance Friday! Use the #EFAChat hashtag to join the discussion.

@WriterRuth: #EFAChat: Might miss some of the EFA Twitter chat today; dinner has just been served. Will try to chime in before the hour is up.

@EFAFreelancers: This month's topic is: The Freelancing Life. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: I'll be asking some questions to get the chat started. Feel free to jump in any time! Just remember to include the #EFAChat hashtag.

@WriterRuth: #EFAChat: One thing about the freelance life can be a wacky schedule. Back with you all in a bit. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: No problem @WriterRuth-- join us when you're able to! #efachat

@literarychica: RT @EFAFreelancers: Welcome to our first Freelance Friday! Use the #EFAChat hashtag to join the discussion.

@CCCopyEditor: Using TweetGrid wasn't working so I'm here via TweetChat. It's a whole new world out there! #EFAChat #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: You may want to use this link to follow #EFAchat: <http://t.co/mmMrQYY> if you're new to twitter chats.

@EFAFreelancers: Let's start off with some introductions first. Where is everybody from, and what do you do? #efachat

@wilcoxediting: @writerruth Please enjoy your dinner, Ruth! No worries if you don't finish in time. We'll be doing this again in one month! #EFAChat

@EFAFreelancers: I love TweetChat -- I'll have to check out TweetGrid, haven't heard of it before. #efachat

@KOKEdit: Hi, everybody. I'm a medical copyeditor living on Long Island in NY State. #EFAChat

@EFAFreelancers: Nice thing about TweetChat is that it will add the hashtag for you at the end of your tweet. #efachat

@CCCopyEditor: From California, living in Idaho, I copyedit, proofread, and index scholarly manuscripts and journals. #efachat

@likedadsays: #efachat I was just about to go on a bike ride, Friday at 1 pm. Can you tell I'm a freelancer? I'm in Denver, finishing grad school.

@EInspirations: Hello! I am an editor, indexer, and proofreader near Richmond, VA, but from Northern VA. #EFACHat

@wilcoxediting: Hello. I'm a writer and editor of fiction out of Tucson, Arizona. #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: Speaking for myself (@kimberlycreates) I'm a proofreader and copyeditor, living in WI, moved from CA, originally from VA! #efachat

@SVB_Editor: Hello! I live near Buffalo, and I alternate between copyediting and writing. #EFACHat

@TheWriteRoom_NJ: Editing and writing in nj #efachat

@DusiaEditor: Hi! I'm an editor/proofreader from Calgary, AB, looking forward to chatting!nn #efachat

@BioScientific: Hi! I'm Nicky, medical writer/editor in Boston #EFAchat

@wilcoxediting: @likedadsays Sounds like the good life! #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: How long have you been freelancing and how did you get started? #efachat

@FastEditing: Hi! I'm an editor in Silver Spring, MD, specializing in dev editing and copyediting for Catholic and uni presses. #efachat

@literarychica: @EFAFreelancers I taught writing for a while, but recently decided to try my hand t freelance editing and writing. #efachat

@EInspirations: I have been freelancing since 2001--began working in-house for a magazine while moonlighting to build my business--went FT in 2007 #EFACHat

@KOKEdit: @EFAFreelancers I've been freelancing 16.5 years. Started 2 weeks after birth of 2nd child bcz I couldn't bear commuting anymore. #EFACHat

@SVB_Editor: Freelancing since 2002, started because I couldn't stand my office job anymore. #EFACHat

@CCCopyEditor: I've freelanced for 10 years, begun when I quit my cube farm job to have a baby. Got my first gig from a coworker of my husband. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: @literarychica No need to to @ msg me specifically -- just add the #EFACHat hashtag and everybody in the chat will hear you. :) #efachat

@likedadsays: #EFACHat 3 months. I'm scared. help...

@KOKEdit: @likedadsays Don't worry. You have lots of experienced freelancers here to cheer you on! #EFACHat

@TheWriteRoom_NJ: Just returned to freelancing with a collaborator/partner. Writing/editing for 20 yrs #efachat

@FastEditing: Started freelancing part-time in 2001 (dissertations), left my job to do full-time freelancing (new niche market) last fall. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: (@kimberlycreates) I've been freelancing PT since 1998, and full time since this year. #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: @EFAFreelancers Since 12/18/08, after 2nd pub-industry layoff in 2 y. Figured recession would kill FT jobs; nothing 2 lose by trying #efachat

@EInspirations: Beginning to freelance does take some hard work, but with determination, you will get there. Don't give up! #EFACHat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers About 8 years total. Been in publishing for -gasp- 20 years now #EFACHat

@anne_maclachlan: Hi - am new to this. Thanks for the opportunity! I'm a longtime freelancer based in Southern California. #EFACHat #efachat

@CCCopieditor: @likedadsays It's scary but fun! Networking like this can help tremendously. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: .@likedadsays That's what we're here for! Lots of support and resources!\n #efachat

@TheWriteRoom_NJ: Wow most of us in same situation. #efachat

@AuntJill: Hi e'buddy. I live in Montgomery County north of DC. I edit genealogy reports, biomedical articles, novels and nonfiction. #EFAchat #efachat

@SuzanneChampion: I've freelanced in editing, writing, and translating on and off for about 10 years. Leaning more in that direction. #EFACHat

@MelaniePerry: @EFAFreelancers #EFACHat I'm from St.Louis. I primarily edit texts about #AutoCAD & write about #CAD & #CAFM , but, any science or tech.

@likedadsays: @KOKEdit Yeah? I don't think of you guys cheering me on when I get EFA joblist emails and I know who I'm up against #EFAchat

@wilcoxediting: I'm four years into freelancing, been editing 10. Got my MFA in Alaska and moved to Tucson. Set up shop here in 2007. #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: related question: How did you find your first client? And how do you keep finding clients? #efachat

@BioScientific: Started about 7 yrs ago - still not 100% freelance but now building toward it #EFAchat

@EFAFreelancers: If you're just joining us, welcome to Freelance Friday. Jump in any time! Use #EFACHat hashtag in your tweets to join in! #efachat

@KOKEdit: @likedadsays But EFA joblist opps aren't the only ones out there. #EFACHat

@SuzanneChampion: And though I grew up on the East Coast I'm in Silicon Valley now. #EFACHat

@agreatheight: I'm a psychology editor in Sonoma County CA, just north of San Francisco. I've been freelancing for about 12 yrs. #EFACHat #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: You can also follow the chat here: <http://bit.ly/iUxyqN> And TweetChat will append the hashtag for you. #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers First client was a former employer. #EFACHat

@CCCopieditor: @likedadsays I got my best client from the EFA JobList just after joining at the beginning of my career, so you never know! #efachat

@anne_maclachlan: @EFAFreelancers Many years ago, got started by bugging local monthly re typos etc. 'til they let me edit; then assigned me stories. #efachat

@MelaniePerry: #EFACHat I began writing in 2004, I eased into editing over the next few years until that became my primary work (no complaints, I love it).

@jamesfraleigh: 1st client was co. that laid me off, for noneditorial work they suddenly had nobody to do :) Began writing for them 2 months later. #efachat

@KOKEdit: First client was former employer. Now I get 'em through word of mouth, my web site, Twitter, LinkedIn, referrals from colleagues. #EFACHat

@EInspirations: My first client was a speaker at a class. I kept in touch, and years later he gave me a job. Lots of stubbornness and determination #EFACHat

@TheInspiringBee: Hi. I'm a writer, editor and all around creative bee over in California. #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: @likedadsays Make sure you're on the membership directory too! I have a great client who found me there! (@kimberlycreates) #efachat

@CCCopieditor: First client came through personal recommendation, others through the EFA JobList or doing online searches and cold e-mails. #efachat

@wilcoxediting: @likedadsays You can do it! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZ2HcRI4wSk> #EFACHat

@DusiaEditor: I started full-time freelancing in 2000 in prep for staying home with my newborn--haven't looked back! #efachat

@KOKEdit: Yes, EFA membership directory is definitely a good place for potential clients to find you. #EFACHat

@EInspirations: I now get much of my work through referrals, my website, and social networking. #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: (@kimberlycreates) My first client was someone I met via a social media site. n #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Been writing for them since. Got next client from fmr coworker, 3rd from that referral, and current longterm client thru EFA list. #efachat

@DusiaEditor: How many other Canadians in on the chat? I've been an EFA member for a few years, and it's been very beneficial. #efachat

@FastEditing: .@likedadsays Focusing on my area of specialty and working my contacts has kept me busy. EFA joblist rarely has jobs that fit me. #efachat

@MelaniePerry: #EFACHat ... got started just because the work needed done, and I was both willing and able.

@EFAFreelancers: (@kimberlycreates) Clients have also found me through my web site and the EFA directory. #efachat

@KOKEdit: @kimberlycreates So cool that you got your first client through social network! I loves me some social media. :-) #EFAChat

@CCCopyEditor: @DusiaEditor Do you have many colleagues in your area? Ever thought of starting an EFA chapter? I'm the Chapter Development Chair. #efachat

@lavawater: I'm still in cube life in central CA. Need to get out. Looking for tips!! #EFAChat

@EFAFreelancers: Sometimes it's just a matter of being in the right place, at the right time! #efachat

@literarychica: @KOKEdit That's where I have trouble. The only clients I've had are people I know. Haven't had luck finding other clients so far. #EFAchat

@SVB_Editor: I found my first client through publisher's website. Referrals, EFA job list have helped me land other clients #EFAChat

@FastEditing: Got my first client through colleague of a colleague. Opened the floodgates to more doct. candidates, then switched markets. #efachat

@KOKEdit: @lavawater Build up your network now, while you're still in Cube Land, so things will be easier when you go freelance. #EFAChat

@EFAFreelancers: @lavawater You found the right place for that! Our web site has great tips and many of our members do as well! #efachat

@CCCopyEditor: @lavawater Join groups like EFA, target your marketing to your interest/experience, join lots of discussions like this! #efachat

@DusiaEditor: @CCCopyEditor Haven't run into anyone local who's also a member, but I admit I haven't tried very hard #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers Absolutely. One right place, right time connection has turned into dozens of jobs via referraln #EFAChat

@wilcoxediting: My first client was a memoirist in Alaska who sent a call for an editor out through the English Dept. We still work together. #EFAChat

@jamesfraleigh: Also had friends not in publishing keeping eyes open for publishing-style work at their or other publ. or nonpubl. co's. #efachat

@FastEditing: I have gotten serious leads through Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and my EFA listing.
@KOKedit #efachat

@KOKEdit: @literarychica You need to get to know more people. I find professional e-mail lists, such as EFA's and Copyediting-L, helpful. #EFAChat

@PurplePenning: RT @EFAFreelancers: If you're just joining us, welcome to Freelance Friday. Jump in any time! Use #EFAChat hashtag to join in!

@Donanza: We are a freelancing community, offering projects of various scales, prices and fields from all over the net <http://www.donanza.com> #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: Since we're talking about cube lie ... How did you know when it was time to quit your day job? #efachat

@agreatheight: Began working with graduate students on dissertations/theses, now mainly do projects with established authors/researchers. #efachat

@FastEditing: RT @kokedit: Build up your network now, while you're still in Cube Land // Yes, this worked great for me also. #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers That's a hilarious story (cube -> freelance), but one I don't tell in public. #EFAChat

@CCCopieditor: Although my cube farm paid more than my husband's, it was killing my soul. We agreed raising a baby & freelancing was much better! #efachat

@DusiaEditor: @EFAFreelancers I think when your day job quits you, that's when you take the leap of faith and start freelancing... #efachat

@FastEditing: On quitting day job: I got sick, to be blunt. Decided it was time to reprioritize, and I'd been building good market. Jumped! #efachat

@PurplePenning: @EFAFreelancers Initially cold-emailed managing eds and took editing tests. Once experienced, I got clients from referrals. #efachat

@EInspirations: It was time to quit because I finished my master's, bought a house, and had a lot of freelance work keeping me up all night. #EFAChat

@EFAFreelancers: @virtuallori Remind me to get that story from you later!n #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Huge ups to building network while FT. Too few "perm" employees do so, even for networking for next FT job. #efachat #efachat

@KOKEdit: Was time to leave cube life when boss wanted to fire coworker bcz she couldn't work OT bcz was time to get child from daycare! #EFAChat

@MelaniePerry: #EFAChat My first needed a tech editor ASAP as hers had backed out at the last minute. 75% of my gigs come that way, most will repeat biz.

@likedadsays: I've gotten offers through my job at a university writing center #EfaChat

@wilcoxediting: I'd just gotten my MFA and wanted to use the editing skills I'd been building, but my husband was in music school in Tucson. #EFAChat

@DusiaEditor: RT @jamesfraleigh: Huge ups to building network while FT. --> AGREE - excellent tip! #efachat #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers First time cube -> freelance was because of a cross-country move. Lined up clients before leaving cube. #EFAChat

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@MelaniePerry: #EFAChat a good way to land gigs is writing in a tiny niche & having your name passed around.

@SVB_Editor: It was time for me to quit when I was so bored with work that my performance was suffering. #EFACHat

@literarychica: @KOKEdit Thanks for the suggestions. I'll keep that in mind. I'm also trying to figure out my niche so I can focus on that market. #EFACHat

@wilcoxediting: @virtuallori LOL that's so mysterious. Now I really want to know. ;) #EFACHat

@CCCopyEditor: I couldn't have homeschooled this last year, or worked toward a second BA, if I were still at the cube farm. Freelancing ROCKS! #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: Don't forget to use the #EFACHat hashtag so we can all hear you! You can also follow the chat here: <http://bit.ly/iUxyqN> #efachat

@4ndyman: #EFACHat Anyone successfully make the jump from cube to freelance WITHOUT A SIGNIFICANT OTHER TO HELP PAY BILLS? No net is scariest part.

@ErinRagan: I worked in-house as a med journal editor, met my husband and relocated, so started freelancing for that same company... 12 yrs ago #EFACHat

@alaltenburg: #efachat sorry just jumping into the chat now. Had an issue with the software today.

@kpsourcerqueen: @lavawater I look for freelancers & indep contractors, I go where ever I think they hang out #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers Let's just say that if someone wrote that situation as a soap opera script, no one would believe it. #EFACHat

@PurplePenning: @EFAFreelancers When FT job was less than 20% editing and no longer matched my job description, it was time to go. #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Def. get business cards and hand them out while explaining what U do. Could find their way into surprisingly useful hands. #efachat #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: No worries @alaltenburg -- feel free to jump in any time!n #efachat

@FastEditing: RT @melanieperry: #EFACHat a good way to land gigs is writing in a tiny niche & having name passed around. // Yes, or editing in tiny niche.

@anne_maclachlan: @kpsourcerqueen I think your Twitter following just leaped ... :-D #efachat

@virtuallori: @4ndyman First time, yes. Until biggest client pulled all work in house w/o warning. Diversify, spread eggs to many baskets. #EFACHat

@jamesfraleigh: @PurplePenning a very clear-eyed reason; too few realize the toll that job shift&mission can creep take on job satisf. #efachat #efachat

@alaltenburg: #EFACHat as soon as I figure out what the discussion is

@wilcoxediting: @kokedit Signs of impending doom, eegads. Good for you for getting out of there! #EFACHat

@lavawater: @kpsourcerqueen I don't even know where to begin in CENTRAL CA. All the action seems to be in southern or bay area. #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: .@FastEditing brought up niches -- do many of you find you specialize or generalize?
#efachat

@ErinRagan: I've found freelance editing jobs online in a variety of places over the years... all legit, even!
lol #EFAchat

@EInspirations: I have a spouse as a "net" but that is scarier. He has one person who can get rid of him. If
one client drops me I still have others #EFAChat

@CCCopieditor: @literarychica Finding your niche can be serendipitous. I thought I'd do medical editing,
ended up scholarly, so who knows? #efachat

@FastEditing: .@purplepenning Agreed -- was promoted a couple of times and no longer did hands-on,
front-line editing. Watched others. Missed it. #efachat

@ErinRagan: @EInspirations Such a great point!!!! #EFAchat

@anne_maclachlan: @lavawater @kpsourcerqueen Lava, you can go remote; lots of clients are open to
that. #efachat

@maheshrmohan: @EFAFreelancers I like generalize, although I'm good with tech or medical-oriented
material. #EFAChat

@KOKEdit: New freelancers might like my marketing tips, which I originally tweeted as series in 2009:
<http://url.ie/c18a> #EFAChat

@MelaniePerry: #EFAChat I landed a columnist position after a writer interviewed me about social media
use then he was promoted to editor & remembered me.

@maheshrmohan: Yes, @KOKEdit has a lot of valuable information! #EFAChat

@ErinRagan: I 2nd that!! RT @maheshrmohan: Yes, @KOKEdit has a lot of valuable information!
#EFAChat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers Niches: started out mostly academic nonfic; still do that but do much more
trade nonfic & some fic #EFAChat

@jamesfraleigh: I list specialties on rez, but express interest in new fields & tell clients that basic skills
translate 2 new subj matter #efachat #efachat

@CCCopieditor: @lavawater It can be easier to start local, but after that first client, all of mine have been
remote. #efachat

@wilcoxediting: @virtuallori Perhaps you *should* write it up as a soap opera script and cash in on that
drama! #EFAChat

@KOKEdit: @maheshrmohan Thanks! Copyeditors' Knowledge Base is here:
<http://www.kokedit.com/library.shtml> #EFAChat

@WriterRuth: #EFAChat: I'm a generalist in topics & types of work; my "specialty" = top quality in
whatever I'm working on at any given moment. #efachat

@carolcdt: @EFAFreelancers #efachat When adjunct hours budgeted so low it seemed to take more time
to dress, drive, park, drive, etc. than to work.

@anne_maclachlan: @EFAFreelancers @FastEditing I specialize in maritime writing, ocean conservation etc. but often work outside that niche. #efachat

@PurplePenning: @4ndyman 1st time I went FT freelance was w/o a partner bill-payer. Rough but doable. I got sucked back in to cube life tho. #EFAchat

@SVB_Editor: I haven't aimed at a particular specialty. By chance I'm doing lots of business & marketing-related work now. #EFAChat

@alaltenburg: What are your favs? @ErinRagan I've found freelance editing jobs online in a variety of places over the years...all legit, even! lol #EFAchat

@DusiaEditor: I do have to say that @KOKEdit is *the* go-to resource person - thanks for all you do Katharine! #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: (@kimberlycreates) I started out in sf/f publishing, but am now generalizing more. #efachat

@MelaniePerry: #EFAChat ~sigh~ I haven't made the leap yet. Planned to after baby2, but, hubby ended up at home instead. It's worked out well, though. :-)

@KOKEdit: @anne_maclachlan Maritime writing--how cool is that?! :-) #EFAChat

@literarychica: @CCCopieditor I'm sort of the opposite, hehe. Academic writing is my forte, but as an interpreter I did mostly medical calls. #EFAchat

@WriterRuth: #EFAChat: New FLers should benefit from my booklets - "Freelancing 101" from the EFA, "Get Paid to Write!" from me. #efachat

@ErinRagan: Anyone been freelancing for years and now wondering about going back to work outside of the home?? #EFAchat

@PurplePenning: @4ndyman This time around I'm more prepared and determined. I have a partner bill-payer but make a livable income by myself. #EFAchat

@FastEditing: My spouse is also a net, but agree with @EInspirations that this can be scarier, not all roses and easy living. #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: my writing exp. on website shows niches, but hitting deadlines/wordcounts/topic works 4 any writing area. i lead with that #efachat #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: Reminder: No need to @ msg -- just include #EFAChat to be included in the chat. :) #efachat

@FastEditing: RT @dusiaeditor: I do have to say that @KOKEdit is *the* go-to resource person - thanks for all you do Katharine! #efachat // RT b/c YES.

@anne_maclachlan: @KOKEdit It is! I love it; have a background in tall ship sailing and a passion for oceanography and marine life. #efachat

@lavawater: Dang it! Keep forgetting the #EFAChat!!

@jamesfraleigh: maritime writing! would never have imagined. but i'll bet people in that field know who to go to! #efachat #efachat

@KOKEdit: *I* was my cabinetmaker spouse's net when recession knocked his biz for a loop! #EFAChat

@CCCopyEditor: @ErinRagan I consider going back to FTE work all the time, but nothing in my area pays half as much as freelance editing. #efachat

@WriterRuth: #EFACHat: ErinR-wouldn't go back to in-house for anythg. Good friend just lost in-hs dream job w no warning. Yuck! #efachat

@DusiaEditor: My hubby/net just had his contract term'd, so I'm in the suddenly 'scary' camp myself-- fortunately, too busy to worry 'bout it :) #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers But if you do @ msg, you keep you stream clean for the rest of your followers. That's why I do it. n #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: Several ppl talking about resources -- @KOKEdit among them. What are some of your other favorite resources? #efachat

@FastEditing: RT @writerruth:My "specialty" = top quality in whatever I'm working on. // Hear, hear. This keeps clients coming back, too. #efachat

@CCCopyEditor: @lavawater, go to <http://tweetchat.com/room/efachat> and you won't have to remember the hashtag! #efachat

@ErinRagan: @alaltenburg Fave place to find freelancing opps, or fave clients? #EFACHat

@PurplePenning: Agree! Definitely check out her site! MT @DusiaEditor: @KOKEdit is *the* go-to resource person - thanks for all you do Katharine! #efachat

@agreatheight: Be creative in looking outside your "niche" for projects. Just finished a contract gig with Yelp, very different from prior work. #efachat

@DusiaEditor: @lavawater if you use TweetChat, it adds the #efachat for you #efachat

@WriterRuth: #EFACHat: Maritime writing/oceanography/conservation sounds fascinating. Very cool specialty! #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: @virtuallori Aaah! Thank you, I didn't know that. Learn something new every day! #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: RT @DusiaEditor: @lavawater if you use TweetChat, it adds the #efachat for you #efachat

@SVB_Editor: @FastEditing @purplepenning At my last job I tried to avoid promotion: more \$\$, but much more responsibility. #EFACHat

@TheWriteRoom_NJ: #efachat great insight and suggestions. Have to jump but hope to join another chat soon

@ErinRagan: I'm famous for saying I hate my WAH/freelance job. I think it's made me antisocial and weird in the last 12 yrs! lol #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: (@kimberlycreates) Even before I was a member, I referred to the-efa.org frequently. Other great resource: CE-L mailing list. #efachat

@alaltenburg: my blog is all about my working full time while transitioning to freelance. <http://t.co/NwqqVG3> #efachat

@DusiaEditor: Memberships have been good resources, networking, a website to point to, and word of mouth. Any others? #efachat

@ErinRagan: although, obviously there are LOTS of benefits, too. Like staying home with my kids all these years! #EFACHat

@Einspirations: Would I go back to in-house? Never! I love working around my 2YO son's schedule. We get to have so much fun together! #EFACHat

@WriterRuth: #EFACHat: Fave place 2 find clients/projs - networkg w colleagues, referrals fr clients. Never know where new projs will come from. #efachat

@lavawater: @CCCopyEditor playing through my iPhone at lunch. Easier this way! #EFACHat

@CCCopyEditor: Fave resources: I could not function w/o the online CMOS and MW-11. Also, Amazon's Look Inside and Google Books. #efachat

@alaltenburg: @EFAFreelancers @kimberlycreates I find the mailing list overwhelming as I try to figure out how it works. #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers I would have to be close to eating cat food w/ no clients in sight to work in house again. #EFACHat

@PurplePenning: @EFAFreelancers Still "specializing" in academic editing -- books for university presses. But exploring other niches. #efachat

@ErinRagan: Love Google Books! Soo helpful, esp. when editing a 2nd ed. of something!! #EFAchat

@wilcoxediting: @jamesfraleigh True, we must always broaden our scope and exprnce. I have also had a lot of success specializing. Delicate balance! #EFACHat

@DusiaEditor: Bwahahaha! RT @virtuallori: I would have to be close to eating cat food w/ no clients in sight to work in house again. #efachat

@ErinRagan: lol RT @virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers I would have to be close to eating cat food w/ no clients in sight to work in house again. #EFACHat

@virtuallori: @CCCopyEditor YES -- Google Books & Amazon Look Inside! #EFACHat

@KOKEdit: RT @virtuallori: I would have to be close to eating cat food w/ no clients in sight to work in house again. //Hear, hear! #EFACHat

@alaltenburg: #efachat I find craigs list is one of my favorites and most productive.

@AuntJill: Freelancer since ~1978, EEl taught me to edit & proofread. <http://t.co/07DEvHW> Much W-2 & 1099 until 2000, but less work since. #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Resources: FB discussions w fellow editors. We tend to use FB more often than email for quick confabs 2 replace cube huddles. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: (@kimberlycreates) Yes, they can be overwhelming at times! #efachat

@WriterRuth: Workg at home has never made me feel antisocial or isolated, thanx to belonging to organizations, getting out in the neighborhd. #efachat

@CCCopyEditor: How did editors check citations, page refs., etc. before Google Books and Look Inside? I can't imagine. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: If you're just joining us, welcome to Freelance Friday. Jump in any time! Use the #EFAChat hashtag in your tweets to join the discussion.

@PurplePenning: Hee-hee! RT @virtuallori: I would have to be close to eating cat food w/ no clients in sight to work in house again. #EFAChat

@carolcdt: #efachat I should perhaps try to specialize, but work comes from myriad of sources and can't afford to cut any of them off at this point.

@jamesfraleigh: @wilcoxediting True on balance point. Breaking out is also good for testing one's self & caching new sources if old ones fade #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: You can also follow the chat here: <http://bit.ly/iUxyqN> (TweetChat will add the hashtag for you, as well) #efachat

@ErinRagan: @alaltenburg I have found a few clients via Craigs List, surprisingly enough! Everyone always talks about the scams on there! #EFAchat

@SVB_Editor: @ErinRagan I felt antisocial and weird enough when I was working in offices. Freelancing's the life for me! #EFAchat

@lavawater: Really? Craigs list? #EFAChat

@DusiaEditor: I was just gonna mention! RT @CCCopyEditor: How did editors check citations, page refs., etc. before Google Books and Look Inside? #efachat

@FastEditing: RT @cccopeditor: Resources: Could not function w/o online CMOS, MW-11, Amazon's Look Inside, Google Books. // Yes, same. #efachat

@ErinRagan: @SVB_Editor See, I'm NOT antisocial, that's the problem! lol I really miss interacting with people... sometimes! ;) #EFAchat

@DrFreelance: Howdy all. Another vote for cat food>cubeworld here #EFAChat

@alaltenburg: I find I feel isolated even while working in a cube farm. I am the only technical writer. #efachat

@agreatheight: How many of you specialize in more than one style manual? My expertise is in APA style, but often need CMOS or AP familiarity. #efachat

@wilcoxediting: @writerruth Snap! What a great pitch! #EFAChat

@jamesfraleigh: FT opp would have to be very good to match benefits of FL'ing, even w cost of buying health ins factored in. But not nonzero % #efachat

@ErinRagan: I use too many style manuals!! Switching between styles kinda makes my head spin sometimes! #EFAchat

@KOKEdit: @agreatheight I'm an AMA and CMOS gal. #EFAChat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers Resources: Editorium macros: <http://www.editorium.com/> #EFAChat

@EInspirations: I specialize in CMOS and AP. The hard part is having projects in CMOS 15 and CMOS 16--can't work on those the same day! #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: (@kimberlycreates) I spec in CMOS but also have AP. Most of my work is still fiction though, too. #efachat

@alaltenburg: @lavawater #efachat indeed craigs list. Also try <http://t.co/mrGrvyZ> they post gigs from craigs list as well.

@CCCopieditor: @ErinRagan I had no fellow word nerds in the cube farm, so I was more antisocial and unhappy there. I was the office weirdo. #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: @writerruth O yes on the point re getting out into town. Or opening a window. Or controlling one's one AC. #efachat

@carolcdt: @EFAFreelancers #efachat Do more academic than anything else, but I've seen a real decrease in last 2 years. Freelancing FT since 04.

@KOKEdit: RT @virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers Resources: Editorium macros: <http://www.editorium.com/> // Yes, yes, yes! Did I mention "yes"? #EFACHat

@ErinRagan: Really!! RT @lavawater: Really? Craigs list? #EFACHat

@DusiaEditor: I've worked with more styles that I can recall off the top of my head--including in-house! Luv CMOS the best tho. #efachat

@RivaReading: CMOS for me, but I sometimes need to use AP. One client is devoted to Words into Type. #EFAchat #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: What do you love about freelancing? What is your biggest challenge as a freelancer? #efachat

@TouchofTulip: I'm following a discussion on the freelance life #EFACHat

@CCCopieditor: @agreatheight I am expanding to APA to try to get more clients but CMOS is imbedded in my psyche. #efachat

@WriterRuth: I cd make friends w a lamppost, but still hv 2 make some of the effort 2 interact w other people and remain usual sociable self. #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Base proficiency in APA, learning CMOS16, AMA; willing 2 learn more as needed, incl house styles. #efachat

@DusiaEditor: I have to include Canadian Press Caps & Spelling, being a Canuck... #efachat

@alaltenburg: to look for work but not to post myself looking for work. @ErinRagan @lavawater Really!! RT @lavawater: Really? Craigs list? #EFACHat

@lavawater: @CCCopieditor @ErinRagan ditto!! #EFACHat

@SVB_Editor: My main clients now tend to have their own style guides--or no style at all! n#EFACHat

@ErinRagan: @CCCopieditor Oh, yeah. I worked with a bunch of word nerds. We were all weirdos, I guess! lol #EFAchat

@FastEditing: I do miss being able to hop up from my desk to go physically ask a colleague something. But don't miss the rat race in general. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: (@kimberlycreates) Love getting paid to read. Hardest thing for me is balancing social/work life. #efachat

@CCCopieditor: Editorium products YES! Just used one of the indexing ones recently in addition to FileCleaner etc. Love them. #efachat

@KOKEdit: What I love about freelancing: working in shorts & bare feet & not having to sit in boring meetings! And no pantyhose. #EFACHat

@ErinRagan: Love editing in my jammies. Love flexibility, esp. with my kids. #EFAchat

@EInspirations: Love: making my own schedule, working on a variety of projects, "meeting" many people, reading about many things #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: (@kimberlycreates) Yes! No meetings! #efachat

@WriterRuth: Love abt freelancg - everything! Biggest challenge = doing the billing (wish \$ would just magically appear), filing, recordkeepg. #efachat

@alaltenburg: @EFAFreelancers #efachat I love the ability to make my own schedule for the day around other activities and working in different locations

@FastEditing: Love about freelancing: Pick/choose projects, balance work-life, cultivate great repeat clients, chase cats, wear jeans & t-shirts. #efachat

@DusiaEditor: Yay! No pantyhose (sorry, guys!). And having my four-legged assistants to cheer me on... #efachat

@CCCopieditor: Love getting paid to read, being with my kids. Hate not getting paid and not having tax withheld and having to find new clients. #efachat

@DrFreelance: I asked in a FLer chat last week, so at risk of repeating...what's the duration of your longest-term client & how did u acquire? #EFACHat

@jamesfraleigh: Biggest challenge is networking. EFA is a very welcoming crew, though, and always good for suggesting new ways to network. #efachat

@BioScientific: I consider myself a broad specialist! #EFACHat

@luluchadora: Resources? Verifying quoted material in a matter of minutes by using Google Books to see the original text is pretty handy. #efachat

@wilcoxediting: @kimberlycreates I didn't know that. sf/f is one of my favorite genres. Would love to talk shop w/you sometime! ;) #EFACHat

@DusiaEditor: But who has a hard time turning away from the monitor and tuning out work (I know I do). Have any tricks to do this? #efachat

@FastEditing: Biggest challenge: Saying no -- especially to good regular clients when simply too booked. Still getting comfortable w/this. #efachat

@lavawater: Sweet! RT @ErinRagan Love editing in my jammies. Love flexibility, esp. with my kids. #EFAchat

@CCCopyEditor: @DrFreelance Longest term client is 7-ish years, got through the EFA JobList! #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers Schedule flexibility. No micromanagers. n #EFAChat

@carolcdt: @EFAFreelancers #efachat Mostly use Chicago, but often have to impose a style on smaller jobs...AP or CMOS. Have never used APA.

@maheshrmohan: Another vote for enjoying the flexibility of the schedule! #EFAChat

@ErinRagan: Hate not having co. health insurance, etc. And biggest challenge is disciplining myself to actually WORK!! #EFAchat

@wilcoxediting: @jamesfraleigh So true! Good to have that affirmed. #EFAChat

@jamesfraleigh: Loves: Making own schedule, no hierarchy of distant bosses to induce bruxism, swearing, Dorito abuse. #efachat

@FastEditing: My longest-term client has been 6 years off/on. Started as PhD candidate, then she got professorship, then tenure. #efachat

@SVB_Editor: My first publishing client lasted over 5 years. Its work just dribbled away. I don't miss it much; didn't pay so well. #EFAChat

@KOKEdit: @DrFreelance My longest-term client found me through my ad on web site of Council of Science Editors. Others found me there too. #EFAChat

@BioScientific: Love controlling my workflow! Biggest challenge now is trying to get to do it FT #EFAChat

@CCCopyEditor: @DrFreelance I lied, 4-ish years is the longest client I've had. #efachat

@ErinRagan: @FastEditing Totally agree. It IS hard to say no. In fact, most of the time when I try to say no, they don't take that answer! #EFAchat

@virtuallori: @FastEditing Yes! Saying no took a long time to learn. Had to do it last week, and it was still hard to do. #EFAChat

@EFAFreelancers: @DRFreelance (@kimberlycreates) I have clients I've worked with for years, but no contract, only individual projects=2 wk turnarnd #efachat

@carolcdt: @DusiaEditor #efachat I do, especially when juggling more than one at a time or on tight deadline that prevents a readover next day.

@FastEditing: Ooo, software resources: Editorium, EditTools, and PerfectIt. Need right tool for right job, but powerful when used well. #efachat

@wilcoxediting: @erinragan I might go in house at some point, but with so much more confidence now that I know I can make it on my own. #EFAChat

@carolcdt: @DusiaEditor #efachat Then I wonder in bed and in the shower...did I do so&so??

@AuntJill: Met PhD 990, did brochure in 2 days, ended up being 1/3 of his 3-person company for 10 yrs till it closed. We had lunch yesterday. #efachat

@EInspirations: I said no to a client once, so they offered me a different project! I felt bad and said yes to that one. #EFAChat

@ErinRagan: Longest client was my 1st and I worked w/them for 11 yrs. Sooo awesome to break away from them, finally. #toxic #EFAchat

@CCCopieditor: @DusiaEditor Getting off the comp is hard, but my kids do a pretty good job of pulling me away. #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers Longest-term: since 1997. Freelanced for them, was hired on, moved & went freelance again, still work w/ them #EFAChat

@EFAFreelancers: @luluchadora Don't forget to use the #EFAChat hashtag to be heard by everybody in the chat :)

@DusiaEditor: LOL - right there with ya! RT @carolcdt: Then I wonder in bed and in the shower...did I do so&so?? #efachat

@ErinRagan: @EInspirations I've had that happen before, too!!! #EFAchat

@WriterRuth: Longest-running client: 23 yrs! Writing 4 a trade assn. - mag & NL articles, bklet, conf NLs. Got 1st asst. thru professional org. #efachat

@anne_maclachlan: @EFAFreelancers You offer group health insurance for member freelancers, no? Lack of HI is a huge drawback to freelancing. #efachat

@KOKEdit: @carolcdt @DusiaEditor Ever have editing/proofreading/writing/indexing/etc. dreams? I do. #EFAChat

@SVB_Editor: I try to avoid being too solidly booked. I can never be sure what might turn up. #EFAChat

@DrFreelance: @CCCopieditor hey, no fibbing on twitter :) #EFAChat

@EFAFreelancers: If you're just joining us, welcome to Freelance Friday. Jump in any time! Use the #EFAChat hashtag in your tweets to join in.

@catslovert: RT @DrFreelance - Howdy all. Another vote for cat food>cubeworld here #EFAChat

@EFAFreelancers: Don't forget to use the #EFAChat hashtag in your tweets so we can all hear you! You can also follow the chat here: <http://t.co/LCePJEF>

@MelaniePerry: #EFAChat Biggest challenge? Freelance work is always feast or famine. Either the well is dry, or you're drowning & turning away work.

@SheraMO: I use AP style. Some CMOS. But I tend to do more journalism. Copywriting clients don't know to specify usually. #efachat

@ErinRagan: YES!!! RT @anne_maclachlan: Lack of HI is a huge drawback to freelancing. #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: @SVB_Editor Another delicate balance. I like to fit in new clients even if it makes for longer days, so I'm on another list. #efachat

@DusiaEditor: WOW - amazing! RT @WriterRuth: Longest-running client: 23 yrs! Writing 4 a trade assn. - mag & NL articles, bklet, conf NLs. #efachat

@CCCopieditor: @jamesfraleigh LOL at Dorito abuse and swearing as freelance benefits #efachat

@virtuallori: @KOKEdit Dreams? All the time. Nightmares? Once in a while. :-) #EFAChat

@wilcoxediting: @erinragan Also, my life changed when I started renting an office. Working at home can get tough after a while. #EFACHat

@lavawater: Sadly, I must return to cube hell. Thank you all. Looking forward to more #EFACHat

@ErinRagan: Agreed!! Although, seems more steady lately. RT @MelaniePerry: #EFACHat Biggest challenge? Freelance work is always feast or famine.

@EFAFreelancers: We only have about fifteen minutes left and this chat is going so well I don't want to end it! #efachat

@carolcdt: @KOKEdit #efachat Yes! Have dreamed I keep changing a word/punctuation and it keeps changing back and this goes on and on =8-O

@KOKEdit: @MelaniePerry But freelancing doesn't have to be feast or famine if you market yr services every day. No dry spell here in years. #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: What is the one thing you WISH you had known before you started freelancing? #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: @SVB_Editor Oh, the Doritos were the consequences of dealing w. those sorts of bosses! But the swearing w/o audience is def. a + #efachat

@ErinRagan: @wilcoxediting Renting an office would be HEAVEN. I've been taking laptop to library, just to work away from home. #EFACHat

@agreatheight: Appreciate making my own schedule & decisions about work priorities, overall flexibility like working from home, coffeeshops, etc #efachat

@DrFreelance: For the record, mine was in 2000, cold call, still one of my faves. They're 1 of the 1st I called b/c company name starts with "B" #EFACHat

@luluchadora: LOVE: Meeting great authors, working from anywhere, reading & learning a TON, owning my own biz, picking my projects #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Wish I'd known that I could have started earlier in my career and thrived at it! #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: (@kimberlycreates) I wish I were better at networking, and had a stronger professional network in place before I was laid off. #efachat

@FastEditing: RT @kokedit: Ever have editing/proofreading/writing/indexing/etc. dreams? // Oh gosh yes. Usually after a day of repetitive tasks. #EFACHat

@KOKEdit: RT @jamesfraleigh: Wish I'd known that I could have started earlier in my career and thrived at it! //Ditto. #EFACHat

@EIspirations: I wish I had known that it is not as scary as I thought it would be. "You're gonna make it after all." #EFACHat

@DrFreelance: How about some love for having a dog as your only co-worker? #EFACHat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers How to market myself other than word of mouth. (Still where most of my clients come from.) #EFACHat

@SVB_Editor: There seem to be hundreds of things I wish I had known before I started freelancing!
#EFACHat

@jamesfraleigh: @ErinRagan @wilcoxediting I sometimes scan office rental signs in my area, wonder what they'd cost. Not quite yet; someday? #efachat

@alaltenburg: #efachat I wish I would have known how much I would spend dreaming about the projects before I started. ;-)

@luluchadora: Yep, sticking to a 9-5, M-F schedule has been (& continues to be) a goal this year. Some weeks it works, others it's a challenge #efachat

@AuntJill: Does anybody have W-2 jobs a while and then freelance a while?n #efachat

@KOKEdit: RT @EInspirations: I wish I has known that it is not as scary as I thought it would be. "Youre gonna make it after all." //Ditto. #EFACHat

@DusiaEditor: If I could only teach her to reply to emails... RT @DrFreelance: How about some love for having a dog as your only co-worker? #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Pets! Yes, having pets in one's workspace, @DrFreelance; excellent point! #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: @kokedit Re editing dreams: Only when I was in-house. It was a nightmare. I actually woke up screaming! (@kimberlycreates) #efachat

@CCCopieditor: RT @KOKEdit @jamesfraleigh: Wish Id known that I could have started earlier in my career and thrived at it! //Ditto//Ditto for me. #efachat

@ErinRagan: Or two dogs! lol RT @DrFreelance: How about some love for having a dog as your only co-worker? #EFACHat

@MelaniePerry: @DrFreelance #EFACHat 3 years, I was interviewed for an article and made a point of mentioning I was a writer & editor.

@SheraMO: LOVE flexibility of freelancing. Interviewed recently for day job, mostly for benefits & camaraderie. Met 1st client networking. #efachat

@FastEditing: More on resources: Who has >1 monitor? I added a 2nd monitor last year and cannot imagine how I survived without. Not portable tho. #efachat

@AuntJill: I used to dream in WordPerfect as if it were a language. #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers Wish my cats were better at filing... #EFACHat

@carolcdt: @EFAFreelancers #efachat First academic client developed from publisher of authored work.

@jamesfraleigh: 1 or 2 anxiety dreams from the usual lineup, but f'lancing has taught me that fear usu means I'm doing something right. #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Way way more nightmares when in-house. Usu due to internalizing officemates' anxieties. #efachat

@ErinRagan: Another challenge: lack of communication w/the other side! Like they forget we freelancers are out there?? #EFACHat

@FastEditing: I wish I'd known that work-life balance would be hard. Did not anticipate having more work than I can handle. Good prob to have tho #efachat

@anne_maclachlan: Worst editing psychosis for me was adjusting the RGB in my own dream. Seriously. Couldn't get the sky the right color. #efachat

@DusiaEditor: Not so much re editing, but about keeping style guides separate... RT @kokedit: Ever have editing/proofreading/writing/ dreams? #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: @AuntJill I FL'ed PT while working W-2 job, then went FT a while, then back to W-2 until I was laid off. (@kimberlycreates) #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: In add. to pets, plants. Lots of 'em here; had them at all FT jobs except last 1; they were banned. An abhorrent policy. #efachat

@CCCopyEditor: Possibly my favorite thing about freelancing: can work anywhere with my laptop. Couch, back deck, library, etc. etc. #efachat

@carolcdt: @KOKEdit #efachat It's funny, but I still have more dreams about library reference work than I do about freelancing, even after 7 years.

@EFAFreelancers: @anne_maclachlan LOL That is completely awesome though. #efachat

@WriterRuth: Hubby makes sure I take vacations, breaks. Love workg fr home. Don't wk in coffee shops/cyber cafes-going out even 4 errands=fun. #efachat

@wilcoxediting: @erinragan Office space is definitely worth looking into. Depends on cost of living in your area and income, but so worth it! #EFAChat

@BioScientific: Oldest client is my 1st ever one - my then boss put them in touch with me. Still get individ projects now #EFAChat

@ErinRagan: @CCCopyEditor Where's your fave spot to work?? I'm still trying to figure this out! lol #EFAchat

@SVB_Editor: My coworkers are cats. They don't need to be good at filing. A little distraction is good enough for me. #EFAChat

@RivaReading: I wish I'd not waited until I thought I had every i dotted before quitting day job. Should have started sooner. #efaChat #efachat

@ErinRagan: @wilcoxediting I would love that... would feel more like a "real" job to me, I think. #EFAchat

@alaltenburg: @jamesfraleigh #efachat that is an excellent point!

@DusiaEditor: Isn't that the truth! RT @WriterRuth: Dont wk in coffee shops/cyber cafes--going out even 4 errands=fun. #efachat

@DrFreelance: @virtuallori my chocolate lab is no good at filing either, but she forces me to extricate from desk for walk/water/potty/food/fetch #EFAChat

@agreatheight: Didn't realize the time/effort necessary to make connections with prospective clients, which of course, we don't get paid for. #efachat

@wilcoxediting: @jamesfraleigh @ErinRagan Once you go office, you know who the boss is. #EFAChat

@CCCopyEditor: @ErinRagan Mostly I work on my couch or at the library when my kids must get new books before they explode. #efachat

@carolcdt: @FastEditing #efachat Yes, some jobs absolutely require two monitors, even with one super wide one.

@jamesfraleigh: Setting up vacation time is a more recent challenge as I've gotten busier. Have scheduled breaks tho'; need to recharge. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: @CCCopyEditor I've worked @ kitchen table, basement desk, bedroom desk, on the sofa, in bed, in the car, at the library... #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers I love my home office; wouldn't want to have an outside office. Coffeeshop it once in a while, but usu too noisy. #EFACHat

@SVB_Editor: @FastEditing I use 2 monitors. Quite helpful to me. I'm not sure I could handle more. #EFACHat

@EInspirations: When my son was first born, my fav place to work was in bed on a bed desk. That way, I could easily hear my son cry. #EFACHat

@SheraMO: Wish I had known how hard it would be to get work from nat'l mags. Never return emails or fone calls. After Recession, I gave up. #efachat

@ErinRagan: Table tucked away in kitchen is my current fave spot. Library is great, too, but not usually motivated to GET there! #EFACHat

@CCCopyEditor: Downside to the laptop: screen size. Why can't they make a screen that unfolds twice as big? #efachat

@BioScientific: Like KOK, wish I'd known I could've done it sooner #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: @CCCopyEditor Mostly I work at my bedroom desk now. Out of the flow of the house, but not isolated from it like in the basement. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: What is the one piece of advice you would give to a friend considering the freelance life? #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Mini breaks can be nourishing too. I've traded half weekdays for half-Sat/Sun to get out, meet friends, seize 1-time events. #efachat

@virtuallori: @DrFreelance Our cats are too lazy for that. But they make good wrist warmers in the winter. #EFACHat

@ErinRagan: It's my dream to have my very own OFFICE (in the house) one day! #EFACHat

@wilcoxediting: @drfreelance Yes, except when she's a cat and she sneaks out and makes you spend an hour chasing her. Happened to me 2day. #EFACHat

@WriterRuth: I started freelancg years ago while in fulltime job. Converted then-ft job to fl contract when decided to fl ft. Never regretted. #efachat

@EInspirations: The bed made my back sore, so now I often go into my office--my son has a big enough mouth now that I can easily hear him. #EFACHat

@carolcdt: @EFAFreelancers @CCCopyEditor #efachat When I work at my desk I have better ability to concentrate and stay closed off from rest of world.

@jamesfraleigh: 95% of time I work from desk in living room of apt. I can proofread from easy chair, but only for an hour or two. #efachat

@CCCopyEditor: Kitchen table (like right now) and bedroom desk and recliner while vacationing with relatives also have hosted my working life. #efachat

@FastEditing: .@svb_editor @carolcdt I would actually like a 3rd, trying a couple of options to turn my iPad into a 3rd monitor. #efachat

@SVB_Editor: I only work in my home office now. My computer setup is too clunky to move easily. #EFAChat

@AuntJill: .@virtuallori @DrFreelance Kitteh rests her head on my hand and naps. I edit with the other, no problem. #efachat

@KOKEdit: RT @ErinRagan: It's my dream to have my very own OFFICE (in the house) one day! //Yes! My office has been in kitchen for 16 yrs! #EFAChat

@ErinRagan: Advice: Be disciplined enough to stick to a daily schedule. And train yourself to "turn it off" and have time away from work! #EFAchat

@WriterRuth: Advice to anyone starting out: Never give up, don't whine/complain, be open to advice, give back as much as you receive. #efachat

@virtuallori: @EFAFreelancers Advice: Diversify clients. Spread the eggs around a bunch of baskets. #EFAChat

@BioScientific: Do it!!! #EFAChat

@DusiaEditor: Having an 'office space' at home (even if it's just a dedicated desk) is *most* important-- when I sit at my desk, it's work time... #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Slowly warming to 2nd monitor; editing text, refs at same time or comparing PDF proofs 2 Word MS would be easier. #efachat

@Daveahand: Multi monitors are great for layout, design etc. Don't know how practical for text only apps.n #efachat

@CCCopyEditor: My cat does not deign to assist me in any way except alerting me to birds and squirrels that need attention outside. #efachat

@Elinspirations: Advice: Expect to fail, but learn from those failures, and try again. #EFAChat

@wilcoxediting: Wish I had known when I started that undercharging is bad for every single person in the equation. #EFAChat

@jamesfraleigh: Advice: Don't let "insecurity" of f'lance work stop you. FT work these days no more secure for many folks. For some, less so. #efachat

@Daveahand: @DusiaEditor Sitting at a desk helps me focus. Too easily distracted otherwise. #efachat

@CCCopyEditor: Advice to newbies: Focus on what you love. Use your fear to motivate and inspire you. Find colleagues ASAP. #efachat

@EInspirations: I love multiple monitors. I keep my email up on one and my current project on the other. #EFAChat

@ErinRagan: Ditto! RT @Daveahand: @DusiaEditor Sitting at a desk helps me focus. Too easily distracted otherwise. #efachat

@carolcdt: @EFAFreelancers #efachat You'll not magically avoid problem people, overtime, working when sick/tired, etc., so keep expectations realistic

@virtuallori: @wilcoxediting: Wish I had known when I started that undercharging is bad for every single person in the equation. #EFAChat // AMEN, sister!

@WriterRuth: Here's wishing the best of luck, quality and quantity of projects, and extremes of income to all here! #efachat

@DusiaEditor: This is a whole topic in itself...RT @wilcoxediting: Wish I had known when I started that undercharging is bad<snip>. #efachat

@KOKEdit: Advice: Know that you must market yr services every single day, @ least in some small way. There's no boss to hand you work. #EFAChat

@jamesfraleigh: @BioScientific: Agreed w "Do it"! @CCCopyEditor Yes to motivation/inspiration of fear. #efachat

@kpsourcerqueen: RT @TouchofTulip: I'm following a discussion on the freelance life #EFAChat

@agreatheight: I'm more productive working at home, but enjoy meeting like-minded freelancers at coffeeshops, etc. I like the mutual support. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: Just a couple of minutes left. Today's chat has been amazing! #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: Thanks so much for joining us today for our first Freelance Friday #EFAChat!

@alaltenburg: #efachat once I got two monitors at my full time job, I am spoiled. Hard to work on just the laptop at home, but I do it.

@EFAFreelancers: A transcript of today's chat will be available later -- more details will be available soon. #efachat

@CCCopyEditor: @wilcoxediting ...undercharging is bad for every single person in the equation. // Still learning that lesson. #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: Feel free to keep chatting with the #EFAChat hashtag, but the transcript of today's chat will be ending here. #efachat

@maheshrmohan: RT @CCCopyEditor: @wilcoxediting ...undercharging is bad for every single person in the equation. // Still learning that lesson. #efachat

@EditorMark: Arriving late, finding all my Twitter pals already at #efachat. Started 3 years ago after a layoff. Miss newspapers, but love freelance life

@ErinRagan: So thrilled that I happened upon it!! RT @EFAFreelancers: Thanks so much for joining us today for our first Freelance Friday #EFAChat!

@EFAFreelancers: Thank you again for joining in the #EFAChat today! #efachat

@luluchadora: Just because you're not in an office, professionalism still makes an impact. Market creatively, manage your time, set solid goals. #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Also: Failure is natural, productive, and is the fertilizer of future success. Applies to FT, flance, college, or retirement. #efachat

@cmewriter: Word. RT @wilcoxediting: Wish I had known when I started that undercharging is bad for every single person in the equation. #EFACHat

@DusiaEditor: Had so much fun this hour!!! Thanks! #efachat

@WriterRuth: Great insights from all. Gotta run - invoices to send, interview to do. A great weekend to all! #efachat

@jamesfraleigh: Many thanks to all for advice + to @EFAFreelancers for the forum! #efachat

@anne_maclachlan: Thanks so much for the chat and for the intro to so many fascinating writers and eds! #efachat

@EFAFreelancers: @EditorMark It's never too late on Twitter! Feel free to continue chatting with the #EFACHat hashtag if you wish. #efachat

@PurplePenning: RT @wilcoxediting: Wish I had known when I started that undercharging is bad for every single person in the equation. #EFACHat

@wilcoxediting: RT @cccopieditor: Advice to newbies: Focus on what you love. Use your fear to motivate and inspire you. Find colleagues ASAP. #efachat

@ErinRagan: Lots of new freelance editor peeps to follow now! yippee!!! #EFACHat

@carolcdt: @EFAFreelancers #efachat Thanks for doing this. It's great to feel connected.

@Daveahand: RT @luluchadora: Just because youre not in an office, professionalism still makes an impact. Agree!!! #efachat

@agreatheight: @EFAFreelancers Enjoyed today's #EFACHat!

@CCCopyEditor: Thanks to @EFAFreelancers for setting up this chat! #efachat

@KOKEdit: This chat so rocked! Must get back to editing now. Toodles! #EFACHat

@DrFreelance: @CCCopyEditor ah, yes, forgot about the watchdog feature. She alerts me to horrifying dangers such as UPS or FedEx delivery #EFACHat

@SVB_Editor: Whee! Twitter chats can be exhilarating. Thanks for the company and the sage advice! #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers: Oh, one last thing: If you're a member, and not on our Twitter list, give us a shout with the #EFAMember hashtag! #efachat

@ErinRagan: YES!!! Thank you! :) RT @Carolcdt: @EFAFreelancers #efachat Thanks for doing this. It's great to feel connected.

@FastEditing: Have to run out for an errand now. Great chat, everyone, see you next month! And thanks to @efafreelancers for moderating. #efachat

@EditorMark: So, er, what did I miss? #efachat

@virtuallori: Thanks for the chat, @EFAFreelancers and participants. Back to lesson plans for me... #EFAChat

@wilcoxediting: RT @jamesfraleigh: Don't let "insecurity" of f'lance work stop you. FT work these days no more secure for many folks... #efachat Word!

@EFAFreelancers: Thanks again everybody. This was a wonderful chat! #efachat