Electronic Journal Publishing: Current Practices

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Introduction

◆ Part 1: Metadata publishing

◆ Part 2: Workflow transition

◆ Part 3: NLM DTD

◆ Appendix: Word 2007



Part 1: Metadata Publishing

- ♦ Why metadata is important
- ◆ Changing metadata sources
- ◆ Metadata quality issues
- ◆ Importance of metadata accuracy



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Why Metadata Is Important

- ◆ Discovery in the print world (1660 to 1999)
 - Correspond with colleagues
 - Visit a research librarian
- ◆ Discovery in the electronic world (2000 to ...)
 - emails/blogs with colleagues
 - PubMed
 - Web of Science or Scopus
 - Specialized databases
 - Google Scholar
- ◆ The "amateur" searcher vs. the trained librarian



Changing Metadata Sources

- Print world
 - Trained indexers manually rekeyed from print journal
 - Indexers understood requirements for their system
- ◆ Online world
 - Metadata originates with publishers
 - Many translations
 - Peer review → Production System → XML file →
 XML schema for indexer
 - Last translation done by publisher, not indexer



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Metadata Quality Issues

- ◆ Librarians (indexers) understand their metadata requirements; publishers do not
- ◆ Example
 - PubMed
 - Indexed by librarians
 - Publisher data proofed by librarians
 - Not perfect, but often considered authoritative
 - CrossRef
 - Data supplied by publishers
 - Consistency and accuracy is a problem



Metadata Differences

◆ White, K. P., Speechley, M., Harth, M., and Ostbye, T. (2000). Co-existence of chronic fatigue syndrome with fibromyalgia syndrome in the general population--a controlled study. Scandinavian Journal of Rheumatology 29, 44– 51.



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Importance of Metadata Accuracy

- ◆ Accurate metadata allows
 - Accurate indexing
 - Sophisticated relationship mappings
 - Readers to find valuable information
 - Traffic on your web site



For Better Metadata...

- ◆ Understand recipient requirements
- ◆ Build quality control systems
- ◆ Review process changes carefully
- ◆ Continually spot-check (beyond regular checks)



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Part 2: Workflow Transition

- ◆ A little history
- ◆ The online imperative
- ◆ Paper workflows
- ◆ Electronic workflow 1.0
- ◆ Electronic workflow 2.0



A Little History

- ◆ Gutenberg
- ◆ Oldenburg
- ◆ Linotype
- ◆ Photon
- ◆ PostScript



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TRANSACTIONS
A C C O MP T

OF THE SERVICE
UNIONAL SERVICE
IN C S N O R S

CONSTRUCTOR

W O R L D

For The Service



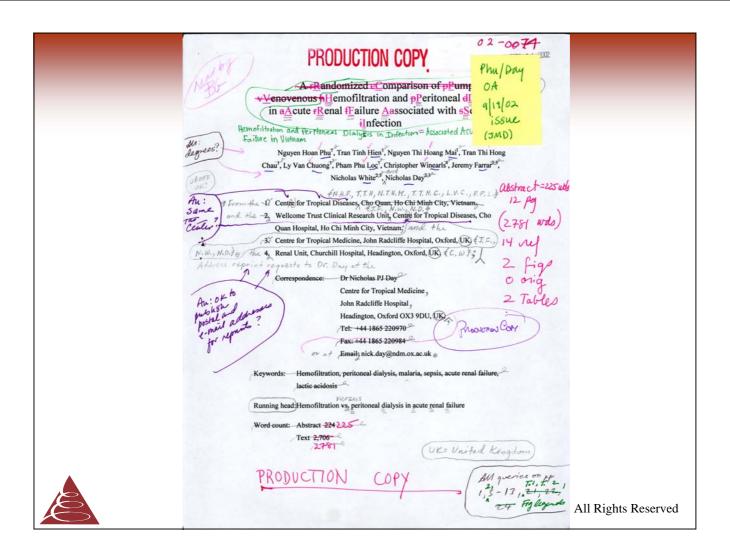


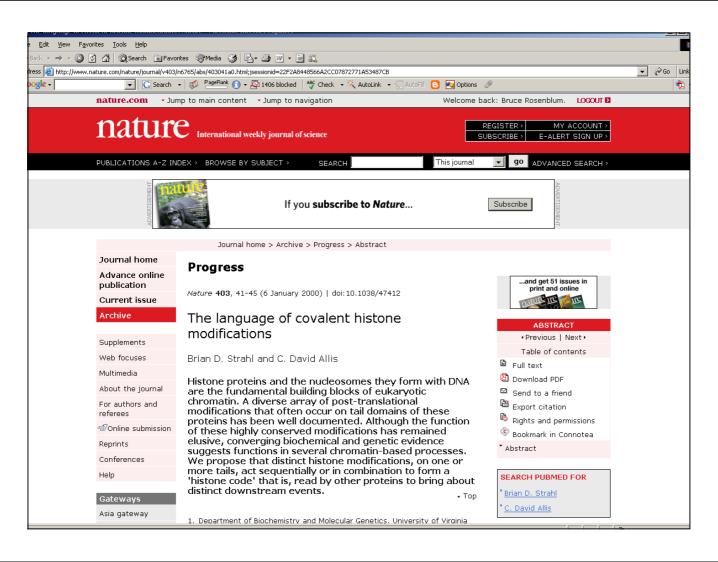
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Last Fifteen Years...

- ◆ More change than the last 500
- ◆ Starting points are different
 - 1992: Paper
 - 2007: Electronic files
- ◆ Ending points are different
 - 1992: Print
 - 2007: Print, PDF, CD-ROM, XML, HTML







Original Paper Workflow

- ◆ Submit and edit on paper
- ◆ Keyboard for typesetting
- ◆ Proof
- ◆ Typeset corrections
- ◆ Print





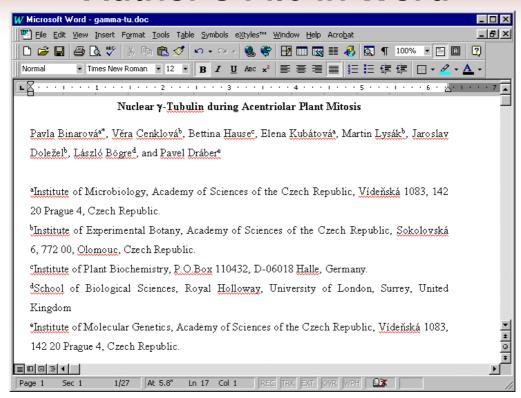
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Electronic Workflow 1.0

- ◆ Author submit electronic or paper
- ◆ Convert to "coded" file
- ◆ Edit coded file
- ◆ Typeset from coded file
- ◆ Re-key tables and math
- Proof and typeset corrections
- ◆ Print and create PDF
- ◆ Create SGML



Author's File in Word





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Coded File Example

<ATL>Nuclear γ -Tubulin during Acentriolar Plant Mitosis</ATL> <AUG>Pavla Binarová^a*, Věra Cenklová^b, Bettina Hause^c, Elena Kubá^a, Martin Lysák^b, Jaroslav Doležel^b, László Bögre^d, and Pavel Dráber^e</AUG> <AFF>^aInstitute of Microbiology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Vídeňská 1083, 142 20 Prague 4, Czech Republic.</AFF> <AFF>^bInstitute of Experimental Botany, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Sokolovská 6, 772 00, Olomouc, Czech Republic.</AFF> <AFF>^cInstitute of Plant Biochemistry, P.O.Box 110432, D-06018 Halle, Germany.</AFF> <AFF>^dSchool of Biological Sciences, Royal Holloway, University of London, Surrey, United Kingdom</AFF> <AFF>^eInstitute of Molecular Genetics, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Ví deň ská 1083, 142 20 Prague 4, Czech Republic.</AFF> <COR>*To whom correspondence should be addressed. E-mail <UNL>binarova@biomed.cas.cz</UNL>; fax 420-2-4752384.</COR> <RRH>Running title: γ-Tubulin in Plant Mitosis/RRH>



Electronic Workflow 1.0 Summary

- Advantages
 - Better than paper
 - Avoided SGML tool limitations
 - Minimized Training costs
- ◆ Disadvantages
 - Three file conversions
 - Error-prone editorial workflow
 - Errors discovered in SGML creation



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The Online Imperative

- ◆ Researchers today
 - Work online
 - Expect fast publication
 - Expect electronic publication before print
- Publishers must
 - Meet researcher expectations
 - Or see the best manuscripts sent to other journals



Electronic Workflow 2.0

- ◆ Submit electronic file
- ◆ Edit in Microsoft Word
 - TeX converted to Word
- ◆ Convert Word to XML
 - math and tables, too
- ◆ Typeset from XML
- Proof and typeset corrections
- Post article PDF and XML online when ready
- Print and mail issue



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Electronic Workflow 2.0 Summary

- ◆ Advantages
 - Minimizes format conversions
 - Minimizes Training costs
 - Allows online publication before print



Part 3: NLM DTD

- ◆ NLM DTD background
- ◆ NLM DTD today
- ◆ Integrated XML publishing



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NLM DTD background

- ◆ 2001: Many proprietary DTDs
 - Version proliferation was uncontrolled
 - The DTD "version of the week"
- ◆ Publishing partner interchange
 - Mildly frustrating
 - Numerous bi-lateral conversions
- Libraries were concerned with eJournal archives



PDF Archive Issues

- ◆ PDF Advantages
 - Preserves exact look
 - Near-universal acceptance
- ◆ PDF Disadvantages
 - Proprietary format
 - Lacked semantic markup
- Not a useful archive format



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XML Archive Issues

- ◆ XML Advantages
 - Human readable
 - Standards-based
 - Non-proprietary
 - Well... sort of
- ◆ XML Disadvantages
 - SGML/XML was a Tower of Babel
 - Publisher nuisance was a library headache



The Study

- ◆ E-Journal Archival DTD Feasibility Study
 - Harvard University E-Journal Archiving Project
 - September to December 2001
- ◆ Cross-sectional analysis of 10 scholarly DTDs
 - Analysis of conversion problems
 - Analysis of quality problems
- http://www.diglib.org/preserve/hadtdfs.pdf



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Study DTD Recommendations

- ◆ Standards-based (XML, Unicode, CALS, MathML)
- Modular and extensible
- ◆ Permit multiple markup models
 - e.g. MathML/TeX math or XHTML/CALS tables
- ◆ Optional preservation of generated text
- Well documented



DTD Development Group

- ◆ Funded by
 - National Library of Medicine
 - Mellon Foundation
- ◆ Developed by
 - Jeff Beck (NCBI)
 - Deborah Lapeyre (Mulberry Technologies, Inc.)
 - Bruce Rosenblum (Inera Inc.)
- ◆ Started: April 2002; First release: April 2003



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Project Methodology

- ◆ Document Analysis
 - Reviewed hundreds of journals
 - Special focus on non-life sciences titles
- ◆ DTD Analysis
 - Reviewed more than 35 journal publishing DTDs
- ◆ Feasibility Study
 - DTD Comparison
 - Conversion Issues



The NLM DTD

- ◆ Use for all scholarly disciplines
 - Document analysis focused on non-life sciences
 - e.g. Archeology, Physics, Economics, History...
- ◆ Flexible markup of special semantic cases
 - Open ended elements, e.g. <named-content>
 - Numerous attributes, e.g. list-type
- ◆ Freely customizable
 - Freely available
 - No copyright



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Modular Design

- Shared core modules
 - display elements
 - list elements
 - reference elements
 - etc. (~25 modules, plus MathML and ISO entities)
- ◆ Different top level modules to define
 - Top element hierarchy
 - Parameter entities for element models
 - Degree of strictness in models



NLM DTD Today

◆ Used by

- Publishers (a small sampling)
 - BioMed Central, CFA Institute, Croatian Medical Journal, CSIRO, Haworth Press, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Science, Society for General Microbiology, World Health Organization...
- Aggregators
 - Atypon, Highwire, Ingenta
- Archives
 - PubMed Central, British Library, Library of Congress, Portico (6060+ journals participating from 45 publishers)



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Review Board

- Review board initiated for DTD maintenance
 - Jeff Beck (Moderator), National Library of Medicine
 - Alex Brown, Griffin Brown
 - Mark Doyle, American Physical Society
 - Beth Friedman, Data Conversion Laboratory
 - · Linda Good, Cadmus Communications
 - Kathryn Henniss, HighWire Press
 - Laura Kelly, National Library of Medicine
 - Debbie Lapeyre (Tag Set Secretariat), Mulberry Technologies, Inc.
 - Nikos Markantonatos, Atypon Systems, Inc.
 - John Meyer, Portico
 - Jules Milner-Brage, HighWire Press
 - Tom Mowlam, BioMed Central
 - Evan Owens, Portico
 - Bruce Rosenblum, Inera, Inc.
 - B. Tommie Usdin, Mulberry Technologies, Inc.
- Meets ~4 times/year by conference call



NLM DTD Versions

◆ Version 1.0: April 2003

◆ Version 1.1: November 2003

♦ Version 2.0: August 2004

◆ Version 2.1: June 2005

◆ Version 2.2: May 2006

◆ Version 2.3: May 2007

◆ Version 3.0: Expected early 2008

NISO registration with 3.0



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NLM DTD Suite Family

- ◆ Original
 - Green (archiving), e.g. ISSN optional
 - Blue (publishing), e.g. ISSN required
- ◆ Today
 - Green (archiving)
 - Blue (publishing)
 - Pumpkin, for NLM authoring
 - Book, for different metadata and wrappers
 - Historical Book, for digitizing older books



Integrated XML Publishing

- XML source drives
 - Composition and PDF
 - HTML web pages
 - Metadata deposits
 - PubMed Central → PubMed
 - CrossRef via CrossRef Schema or NLM DTD
 - Publisher interchange
 - Archive



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Why Adopt The NLM DTD?

- ◆ Domain neutral
- ◆ Independently developed
- ◆ Common structural framework
- ◆ Well-documented
- ◆ Continually maintained
- ◆ Widely adopted
- Standard



XML Drives Workflow 2.0

- ◆ XML is a meta language
- ◆ More important:
 - XML drives integrated workflow
 - XML drives the business processes
 - XML drives new products
 - XML drives new knowledge
 - XML drives knowledge preservation
- ◆ XML can transform scholarly publication



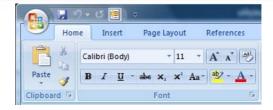
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Appendix: Word 2007

- ◆ User interface
 - Out: Menus, Toolbars
 - In: Ribbons, Task Panes



- Citation Manager
 - Equation Editor
- XML File Format
- New add-in model





Equation Builder

- ◆ MathType available for years
 - Equation Editor is slimmed version of MathType
- ◆ New Equation Builder based on Microsoft paper:
 - http://www.unicode.org/notes/tn28/UTN28-PlainTextMath.pdf
 - "Linear format" vs. "Built-up format"
 - Designed for ease of equation entry



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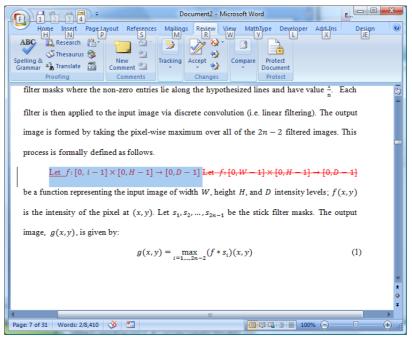
Equation Builder Export Support

- ◆ MathML supported
 - Corrects our statement at XUG 2006
- ◆ No TeX support
- ◆ No graphic support (EPS or GIF)
 - May impact InDesign or Quark workflow



Equation Builder Problems

◆ Unreliable Save As RTF





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Incorrect MathML Transformation

◆ Two equation editors produce different MathML

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◆ Test to determine if differences are significant!



Word 2007 Preparation Guide

- Short term
 - Prepare systems to receive DOCX files
 - Update author instructions
- ◆ Medium Term
 - Communicate strategy to management and staff
 - Check with suppliers and test external solutions
- ◆ Long term
 - Test and redevelop in-house macros
 - Test full workflow with Word 2007 before live deployment
 - Train staff before deployment



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