Instructions for Authors & Authoring Tools

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Authoring Tools are on the rise

• Collaboration is on the rise
  -> more authors per paper

• Open access is on the rise
  -> new ecosystems for publishing
Prior to cloud-based authoring tools:
Authoring tools allow one version of the document, accessible by all

1. Authors
2. Reviewers
3. Publishers
4. Readers
Worldwide Growth...

8 million documents
700 thousand authors
180 countries
in 4 years
Publishing Ecosystems – growth authors want

- Publishing *Platforms* now becoming Publishing *Ecosystems* - providing a suite of writing, disseminating, search, reading and sharing components.

- These ‘ecosystems’ can be obtained by allowing multiple interfaces, apps, components, products, technologies or services to connect and work together.
Publishers are now differentiating between AX vs UX

- **AX** - Author Experience
  - Somebody who creates content by means of technology
- **UX** – User Experience
  - Somebody who consumes content

- Different needs – both important for a successful publishing ecosystem.
- Technology integrations are key
- Authoring Tools should integrate and provide that enhanced AX.
- Clear and simple instructions for authors a part of AX
Example of instructions for authors using an authoring platform

- Showing:
  - How instructions to authors are provided throughout authoring experience – right where the authors are writing
  - Instructions to authors can be customizable
  - Documents can be checked for adherence, prior to submission
Simplified instructions can begin by providing authoring templates.

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- Pre-submission checks can be done to ensure instructions are followed correctly
- Additional instructions and declarations on publisher submission page
- Final instructions upon completion and in an email to the author.

- All instructions are with the author throughout the process.
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