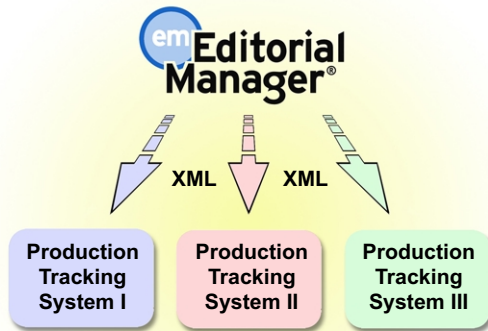


**Introduction**

Editorial Manager has been designed with a modular architecture so that it can be integrated with a variety of third-party production tracking systems. The benefit of this approach is that it provides the journal/publisher with business flexibility to select “best of breed” production and editorial systems for each stage of the publishing process. This means that a journal/publisher wishing to change production system or print vendor can do so without being forced to also change its editorial system.



**Content Transfer Options**

Once a manuscript has been accepted for publication, Editorial Manager offers two methods for transferring the manuscript content and metadata to your preferred Production Tracking System:

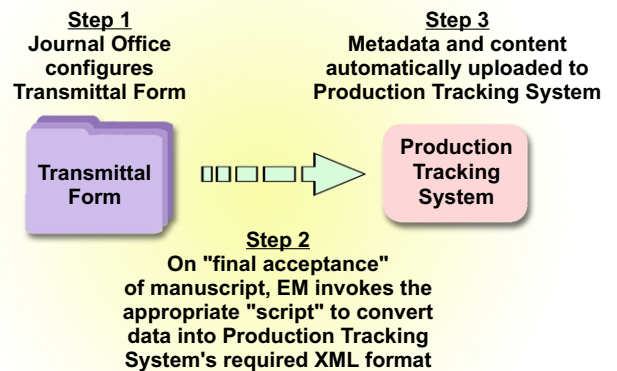
- Manual Transfer
- Automated Transfer

**Manual Transfer**

Manual Transfer is generally used by journals with few submissions, or journals that do not have a production tracking system that can accept automatic data uploads. In the case of Manual Transfer the journal office configures Editorial Manager to send a notification email to the production department after final acceptance. The production staff are provided with a log-in to Editorial Manager so that they can download the manuscript metadata and source files in ZIP format.

**Automated Transfer**

Editorial Manager (2.0) includes a configurable Transmittal Form that enables Journal Offices to identify exactly which metadata fields and which content items are to be uploaded into the Production Tracking System. Using the EM’s PolicyManager administration tool, the Journal Office is able to “invoke” the required scripts that undertake the task of converting the data into the XML format required by the production tracking system.



**Open Industry Standards**

Aries Systems Corporation recognizes that the transfer of content between production and editorial systems would be greatly facilitated by the emergence of an XML-based industry standard. Such a standard would eliminate the risks of journals becoming “locked-in” to proprietary systems, and would enable the selection of “best of breed” technology for each phase of the publishing process. For this reason, Aries Systems Corporation has proposed the development of an open industry standard called SMXF (Submission and Manuscript Exchange Format) and has made a commitment to develop its systems to conform to such a standard. For more information about SMXF please send email to: [smxf@editorialmanager.com](mailto:smxf@editorialmanager.com)

If you would like more information about how Editorial Manager can be configured to interface with your Production Tracking System, please send an email to: [marketing@editorialmanager.com](mailto:marketing@editorialmanager.com)

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