JAMS

Journal & Article Management System

Supporting academic journal publishers of all sizes

JAMS is a digital platform supporting your workflows to stay on top of each single manuscript.

Robust Submission System

JAMS strings together all the steps throughout submission, peer-review, revision, and editorial decision in one place to keep everything on track.

Tailored Production Services

JAMS production services take your accepted manuscripts through proof-reading, typesetting and XML conversion on the fast lane, all the while ensuring that quality is not sacrificed along the way.

A Website to Jump-start your Journal

Focus on editorial work and put the website management on autopilot. JAMS provides an out-of-the-box website to host your journal and manage your volumes and issues.

Billing Infrastructure

JAMS offers a hassle-free billing module to collect APCs for gold OA journals. It fully integrates invoicing into the overall workflow, and lets you manage vouchers and discounts for further flexibility in pricing.

Our Values

Through our experience in open access publishing, MDPI has developed simple and efficient processes that have become the backbone of JAMS.

We aim to be:

Efficient

All steps from submission to publication are managed from a single web-based software.

Scalable

Our services can be used by publishers of all sizes, including those with a single journal, university presses, or larger enterprises.

Intuitive

We strive to make the interface both highly functional and user-friendly, especially for newcomers.

Configurable

We offer tailored services based on your needs. Our software is modular, to allow flexibility in the editorial process. An API allows for transfer of manuscripts at any stage.

Cost Effective

Submission systems can be a large outlay for any publisher. Our simple, straightforward service includes technical support and is competitively priced.

The Submission Workflow

JAMS handles the complete editorial process, including:

- Article submission;
- Peer review and editorial decisions;
- Author revision and resubmission;
- Invoicing of Article Processing Charges (APCs);
- Production – All processes from acceptance to final publication;
- Different levels of access for editorial staff members, including editorial board members, handling editors, managing editors and publishing managers;
- Manage users and keep a database of reviewers and editors.

Configurable Editorial Process

You can configure the JAMS editorial process to suit the needs of your journal and editors. Email templates for regular actions can be added, edited and removed. Available steps include initial checks before peer review, reviewer invitation, author revision, final editor decision and all production steps, among others. We can also accommodate blind or open peer review. Contact us if you have specific needs.

Author Submission

Authors follow a simple, step-by-step form to submit their articles in five stages: manuscript information, author information, suggested and excluded reviewers (optional), manuscript upload, and confirmation.

Editor Decision

For final decisions, editors are sent a link to a password-protected page containing all files, review reports and author responses.

Peer Review

Handling editors can see the status of invited reviewers on a dedicated article page. New and previously invited reviewers can be added without leaving the page. Reviewers can upload their reports via a unique link and do not need to log in.

In-Built Email Templates

Handling editors can select from standard email templates. They can be added, removed and modified at any time via an email management page. Emails are displayed to the editor before sending to enable further personalization of the message.

Scilit: A Powerful Database Integrated into JAMS

We offer tools to increase efficiency in the editorial process, including access to Scilit which is a comprehensive content database for scholarly publications. It features a database of over 150 millions scholarly articles and offers many functionalities for publishers, authors and organizations.

Reviewer Search

Scilit can be integrated into the JAMS platform to work in parallel with the journal's own reviewer database. Put in a few keywords and the Scilit search engine will retrieve a list of potential reviewers, along with their contact details and titles of papers they have published.

Scitations

Keep authors informed about papers in your journal that cite their work. The Scitations function sends an email to authors of cited papers informing them about the new publication. The function parses the bibliography of a published article and identifies the corresponding author of cited papers. If a record and email address are found in Scilit, the author of the cited paper is notified by email.

Reviewer Blast (Conflict of Interest Checker)

Editors want to avoid inviting reviewers that have a conflict of interest with authors. Scilit can perform an automatic check based on author names and/or email addresses, and return a percentage match. By linking to the original publication, editors can verify the full details for themselves. In JAMS, reviewers with a potential conflict of interest are highlighted in red.
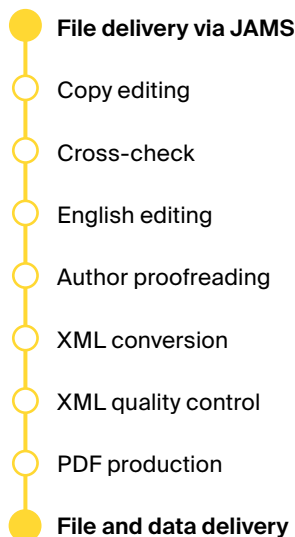
Scilit Rankings

Ranking of top publishers, journals, countries, citations by number of journal articles published.

Scifeed

Authors can stay up-to-date with the latest research from all publishers by using customized searches. They receive daily or weekly notifications of papers that match their criteria as soon as it is added to Scilit, often within hours of publication.

Production Services: from Acceptance to Publication

JAMS incorporates a comprehensive production process. To support your journal, some or all of these steps can be handled by MDPI Production staff. The workflow can be configured for production to be done externally, or through a fully-managed production process where accepted papers (in word or LaTex format) are returned as formatted PDF along with full-text JATS-XML. Steps in the process are as follows:

Papers can be prepared for publication within 7 days (excluding author proofreading) and we offer a 6 day per week service. All steps can be handled by our production staff, with a combined experience of over a million manuscripts.

Features include:

- Production from Microsoft Word or LaTeX;
- 99.9% accuracy of XML files and 99% accuracy typesetting and formatting of references in PDF files;
- Professional language editing by native English speakers (optional);
- Access to the JAMS submission website to track your articles.

We will work with you to design a unique workflow that produces the professional level of production that readers and authors expect.

- **File delivery via JAMS**
- Copy editing
- Cross-check
- English editing
- Author proofreading
- XML conversion
- XML quality control
- PDF production
- **File and data delivery**

Production Steps

Copy-editing and Editorial Cross-check

Our team of professional copy-editors ensure that accepted manuscripts comply with the style of your journal. Articles in Microsoft Word or LaTeX format can be edited.

English Editing

Our network of native English-speaking editors perform English editing on accepted manuscripts. Editing covers general text and grammar use, and commonly used terms. We typically take a light-touch approach, to keep the author's voice as much as possible, but please contact us if you have specific requirements.

Author Proofreading

Proofreading prior to publication is performed on the edited Word or LaTeX version of the manuscript, so authors can directly make the changes they want to see.

XML Conversion

We offer XML (extensible markup language) conversion with high levels of accuracy and short completion times. To convert Word or LaTeX files to XML,

MDPI has a team of experienced XML editors. We use advanced software tools built by our in-house IT team to produce standard JATS XML files. Our industry-automated processes and quality checking procedures ensure that we can handle large volumes of work in a short space of time. We work to high standards and achieve over 99.9% accuracy.

Output Formats

XML can form the basis for several output formats, including PDF, HTML, LaTeX, and Epub. Semi-automated processes developed by our in-house team ensure a high quality final product.

PDF files undergo additional copy-editing to ensure quality and full compliance with the journal's editorial style.

Data Delivery

A number of different outputs can be delivered alongside the final versions of files. These can be retrieved via JAMS's API. If you have a specific need not already covered, please get in touch.

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