The Problem

- Across the supply chain, serial content, packaged in files, is exchanged multiple times during the lifecycle of the content.
- Extensive variety in the packaging and description of the files during transmittal contributes to:
  - Cost inefficiencies
  - Delayed availability of content
  - Poor quality
    - Completeness of content
    - Discoverability of content
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Recommendations

Manifest file
Structure of packages
Package format
Exchanging packages
Conformance levels
Conformance Levels

0  Manifest file must contain:
   • Files in the package
   • Relative location of files
   • Serial item identifier

1  Manifest file must also contain:
   • Media type for files
   • Checksum and checksum type
   • Relationship to other files in package

2  Package must also contain:
   • Metadata files
   • Publication info
Guidelines

Material Inclusion/Exclusion

Validation

File Naming

Consistency

• Consistency in File Naming
• Consistency of Delivered File Types
• Consistency with Serial Item Identifiers
As a simple Zip package

ZIP file: XYZv.18i4-08161021-1469331.zip
↳ File: manifest.xml
↳ Dir: ISSN-A_v1n1
↳ Dir: ISSN-A_v1n1_DOI1
↳ Dir: graphic
↳ File: DOI1.fig0001t.jpg
↳ File: DOI1.fig0001f.jpg
↳ File: DOI1.fig0002t.gif
↳ File: DOI1.fig0002f.jpg
↳ File: DOI1.pdf
↳ File: DOI1.xml
↳ Dir: ISSN-A_v1n1_DOI2
↳ Dir: suppl
↳ File: DOI2.suppl00001.pdf
↳ File: DOI2.suppl00002.pdf
↳ File: DOI2.pdf
↳ File: DOI2.xml
↳ Dir: ISSN-A_v1n1_DOI3
↳ Dir: graphic
↳ File: DOI3.fig0001f.jpg
↳ File: DOI3.pdf
↳ File: DOI3.xml
↳ Dir: ISSN-B_2014

As a BagIt package

Bag ZIP: XYZv18i4.20140916.zip
↳ File: bagit.txt
↳ File: manifest.txt
↳ Dir: data
↳ Dir: ISSN-A_v1n1
↳ Dir: ISSN-A_v1n1_DOI1
↳ Dir: graphic
↳ File: DOI1.fig0001t.jpg
↳ File: DOI1.fig0001f.jpg
↳ File: DOI1.fig0002t.gif
↳ File: DOI1.fig0002f.jpg
↳ File: DOI1.pdf
↳ File: DOI1.xml
↳ Dir: ISSN-A_v1n1_DOI2
↳ Dir: suppl
↳ File: DOI2.suppl00001.pdf
↳ File: DOI2.suppl00002.pdf
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