Frequently Asked Questions

Editoria is the open source, browser-based books production tool developed by the Collaborative Knowledge Foundation (Coko) in collaboration with University of California Press and California Digital Library. Editoria is powerful in its ability to save presses time and cost in workflow thanks to collaboration tools, and automated typesetting.

Editoria is 100% reliant on its community for support and sustenance. This means that the answer to most questions is that everything is possible, if the community identifies a problem and prioritizes solving it.

Q: Does the HTML out of Editoria support accessibility including the use of Alt tags?
A: We are working with Benetech to fully understand and plan for accessibility. This development is on our development roadmap.

Q: Does Editoria support multiple languages?
A: Yes. Editoria supports any language supported by the user's browser. Editoria also supports special characters. This said, language support is an area that needs thorough testing for the many edge cases and rare cases that exist. This is an ideal opportunity for a community member to show leadership and help organize and optimize.

Q: Does Editoria include an asset manager for images and multimedia files that may need to be inserted into text?
A: This is on our development roadmap.

Q: Does Editoria generate and export EPUB3?
A: Yes, currently however it is not available via the user interface. This is on our development roadmap.

Q: Where can I find the development roadmap?
A: The roadmap, which is a 'moveable feast', fully controlled by the user community, can be found within the project's readme on gitlab.

Q: Can Editoria integrate with other tools and services?
A: Yes. Editoria's architecture is all API-orientated and can be easily extended for third party service integration.

For more information, visit https://editoria.pub

Q: Can notes be moved to backmatter (rather than footnotes)?
A: At this moment no, but it is on the Editoria roadmap. Options will include same page, back of book, or margin notes.

Q: What's the cost to use Editoria?
A: Using the code to create an instance of Editoria truly is free. Our hope is that organizations that find it useful, will contribute the customizations and additional development code back so that others can use it. We also hope that adopters will help organize and attend community gatherings and participate in discussion and problem solving with the community.

Q: Can Editoria export BITS XML (or other) for chapter files and books?
A: It can. The first conversion is from .docx to HTML, and from there, it's up to presses to decide what to do with the highly structured, source HTML.

Q: Can I use Editoria for journals workflow?
A: It's possible, but would not be ideal. Coko has developed an open-source tool that is optimized for journals workflow, called xPub. xPub, like Editoria, is modular, so that organizations can develop their own non-hardcoded workflows, mixing and matching modules that other organizations have developed and shared, or create and integrate their own. More at https://coko.foundation/use-cases/

Q: Where can I view or access the Editoria code?
A: https://gitlab.coko.foundation - this is the repository where the code is stored. This is also where you will find issues, commits, and the project's readme.

Q: How can I be sure that the code is clean with so many organizations potentially contributing to it?
A: All contributed code is reviewed by Coko developers before merging.

Q: Who can I ask for help while installing?
A: https://mattermost.coko.foundation - this is Coko's chat channel. In addition to help, you'll find smart people talking about interesting things, all ready to welcome you into the community!

Q: Are hosted/serviced options available for smaller or otherwise resource constrained publishers?
A: Yes. In addition to self-hosting, other options exist. Connect with Community Manager Alison McGonagle-O'Connell to discuss.

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