



CRedit — the Contributor Roles Taxonomy

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CReditT: Origins and Approaches

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The Origins of CRediT

What Is CRediT?



The Contributor Roles Taxonomy is a high-level taxonomy of 14 roles used to represent the contributions typically made to scientific scholarly output.

<https://casrai.org/credit/>



The Need for CRediT



- Research is increasingly collaborative
- Number of authors per paper is rising
- Norms differ by field about the placement and significance of the order of authors
- We fail to capture the true contributions in a transparent and structured manner





The ATLAS Experiment at the CERN Large Hadron Collider

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Funding Acquisition

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Supervision

Validation

Visualization

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Writing – Review &

Editing



A Few Notes on Roles



- An author can have more than one CRedit role
- Multiple authors can each have the same CRedit role
- CRedit allows for the designation of *lead*, *supporting*, and *equal* degrees of contribution



Development Timeline



2012

2013

2014

2015

2020

Workshop
co-hosted by
the Wellcome
Trust and
Harvard
University

Testing of
the draft
taxonomy
with recent
authors

Publication
of *Nature*
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outlining the
proposed
taxonomy

First
adoption by
Cell Press,
PLOS, and
others

Adoption by
120+ journals



Three Publishing Approaches to CRediT

Mandatory  *Recommended*  *Variable*

Mandatory Approach



- Contribution details required for all authors
- CRediT is the required format
- Example: PLOS, eLife

Author Contributions

The contributions of all authors must be described. PLOS has adopted the CRediT Taxonomy to describe each author's individual contributions to the work. The submitting author is responsible for providing the contributions of all authors at submission. We expect that all authors will have reviewed, discussed, and agreed to their individual contributions ahead of this time. Contributions will be published with the final article, and they should accurately reflect contributions to the work.

Contributor Role	Role Definition
Conceptualization	Ideas; formulation or evolution of overarching research goals and aims.



Recommended Approach



- Contribution details required for all authors
- CRediT itself is encouraged but optional; authors choose the format for contributions
- Example: Cell Press / Elsevier

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Variable Approach



- Contributions statements are optional and vary depending on journal editorial offices
- The use of CRediT itself is encouraged in cases where authors list their contributions
- Example: The MIT Press



A Few Technical Notes

on the capture of metadata

Full Metadata Capture



- Submission system enables author(s) to select CRediT roles
- CRediT roles passed to Production and assigned to authors in the article XML (supported by JATS 1.2 and Elsevier's DTD)
- CRediT roles are presented in the published paper and included in the underlying metadata

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No Metadata Capture



- Authors provide CRediT roles within their submitted manuscripts (Word, LaTeX, etc.)
- No capture in submission system or in article XML
- CRediT roles are published in Contributions statements but differ greatly in structure and machine-readability

...cant differences in responsiveness for three conditions. A multiple comparison test was also performed using the Tukey-Kramer method (** $p < 0.005$ and *** $p < 0.001$).

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ORCID and living standards (including CRediT!)



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ORCID and standards

- ORCID is an open, not-for-profit organization run by and for the research community. Standards are an essential part of that!
- Contributorship badges prototype project



Contributor roles

Works

- author
- assignee
- editor
- chair-or-translator
- co-investigator
- co-inventor
- graduate-student
- other-inventor
- principal-investigator
- postdoctoral-researcher
- support-staff

Funding

- lead
 - co-lead
 - supported-by
 - other-contribution
- Only possible to add via Member API!
 - Usage stats?



Problems with contributors and roles

Why are they not in the UI? (They were but we removed them)

1. It was confusing for end users
2. Adding other people to works on your own ORCID record has implications we've still not worked out (but we're working on it!)

BONUS: Publishers could ask other contributors for roles, collect their iDs and update their ORCID records. 

Work types and the need for living standards

- We adopted CASRAI work-types at the same time as contributor roles
- Over the years we've had to expand the list of work-types to accommodate our user and member needs (annotation, physical-object, software)
- **How do we know the community as a whole needs it? Where do we draw the line?**
- How we do this is tricky. **Wouldn't it be great if some central body could help the community do this together?**

Living standards

Requirements:

1. **Evolve** over time. There's a **community** of practice organized & processes to update it
2. **Persist!** (CASRAI work types just disappeared from the website! 🤔)

It's really hard to get the balance right. CRediT has 14 roles. It could have 140. What is the right size?



The future

- We're adding **contributors** back into the UI!
- We're adding **CRediT** to the list of currently supported roles and phasing out existing roles
(**Challenge:** we can't remove/map previous roles easily, but we will map CRediT to our existing list for older API versions)
- We really, REALLY want CRediT to be a **living standard** so we don't hit the same problems as we've had with CASRAI work types!



Thank you!



CRediT: today and tomorrow

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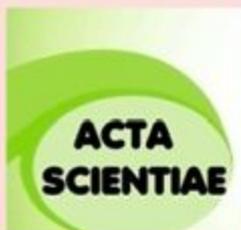
Today

- CASRAI, NISO and Program Committee working collaboratively to standardize
 - Process completion coming expected by July 2020
- Support and track current publisher and institutional adoptions
- Funding solicitation from research funders to better resource
- Support and track tech integrations

CRedit is in adoption by dozens of organizations, across hundreds of publications

BMJ Journals

 **PLOS**

 **ACTA
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F1000



**University
of Glasgow**

CellPress

WormBase

Integrations

Manuscript submission & peer review systems

- Editorial Manager
- Scholar One
- eJournal Press
- ReView
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Other platform tools

- Rescognito
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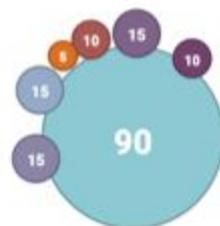
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Tomorrow

- Finalize standardization of the 14 role taxonomy 'as is'
- Standing committee 'kick off'
- Manage *community-driven* expansion of CRediT roles
- Analysis of contribution-related data
 - Geographic trends
 - Gender trends
 - Discipline/ subject area trends

Join us!

All are welcome to:

- Adopt
- Integrate
- Participate
- Feed back.



Thank you!

Breakout groups



1. **Governance:** How can we keep this an open, community-led standard? (Alison)
2. **Research:** What research do we need in order to shape the future direction of CRediT? (Gabe)
3. **Infrastructure:** What technical infrastructure is needed to support further adoption and use of CRediT? (Gabi)

Discuss your question and report back on up to three specific ideas from your group.

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