Editorial Workflow

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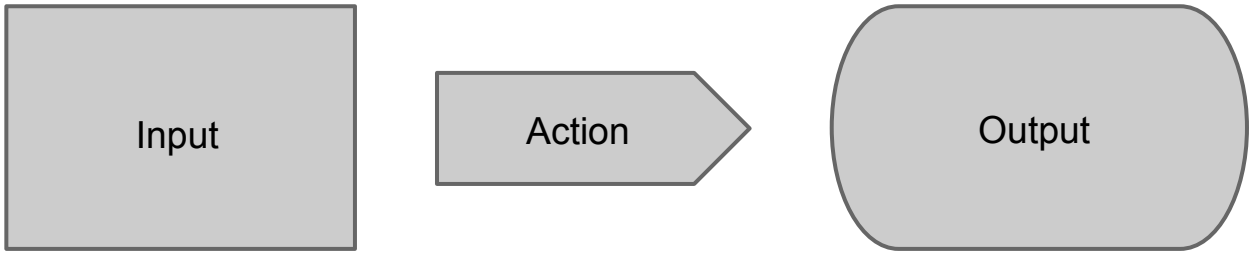
In the strictest sense - a workflow is a series of inputs, transformations, and outputs.



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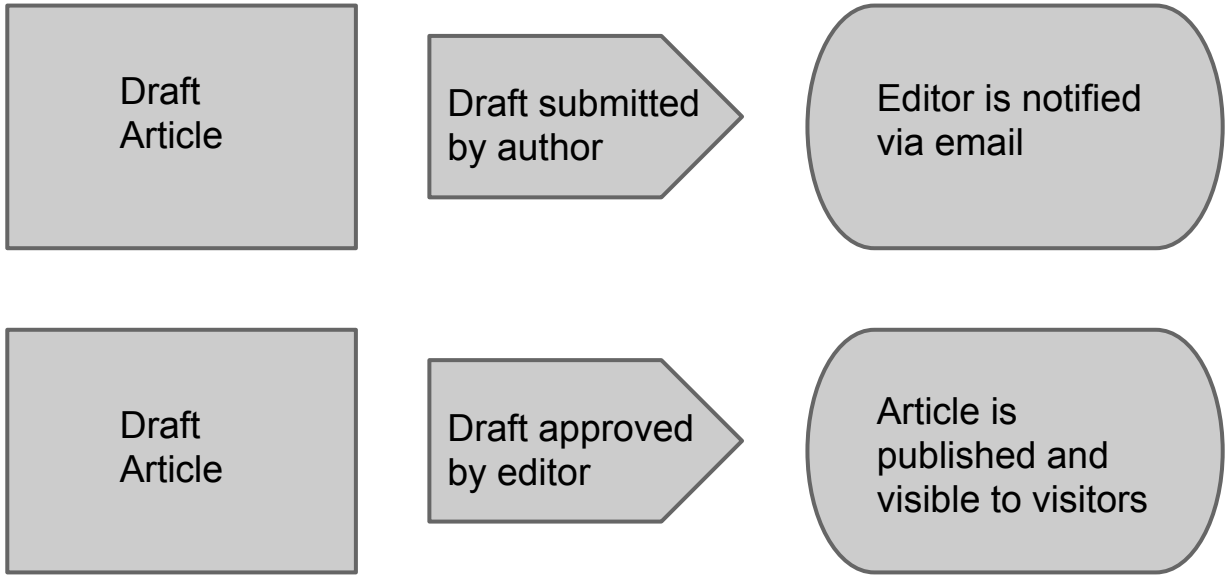

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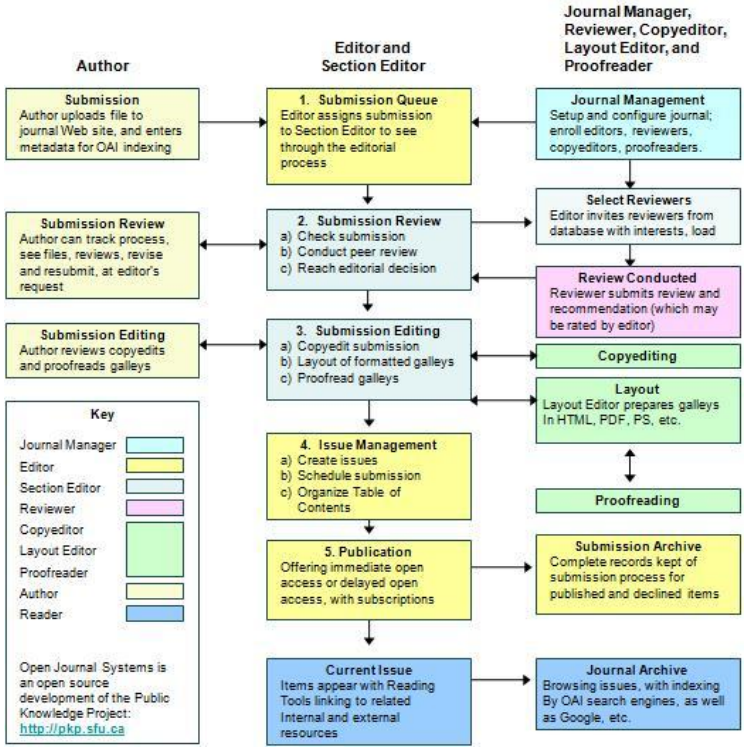
The more players and stages, the more complicated the workflow



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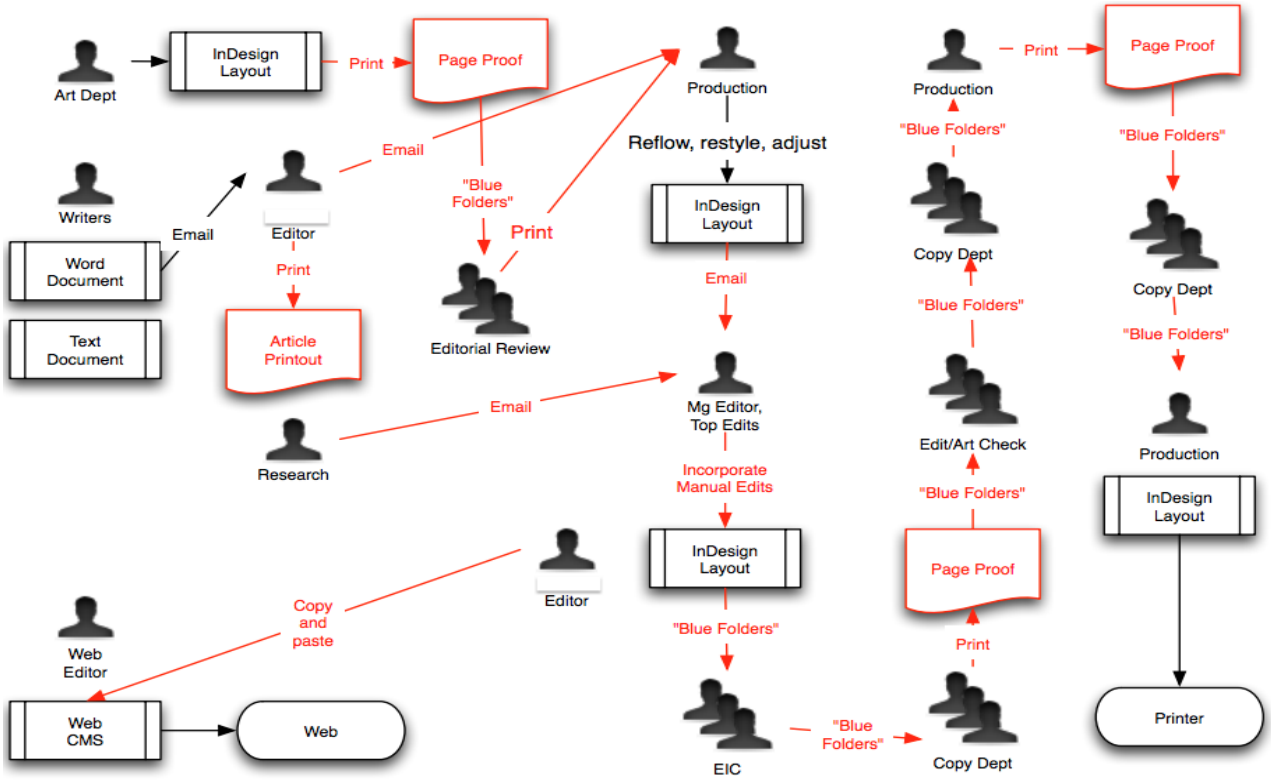

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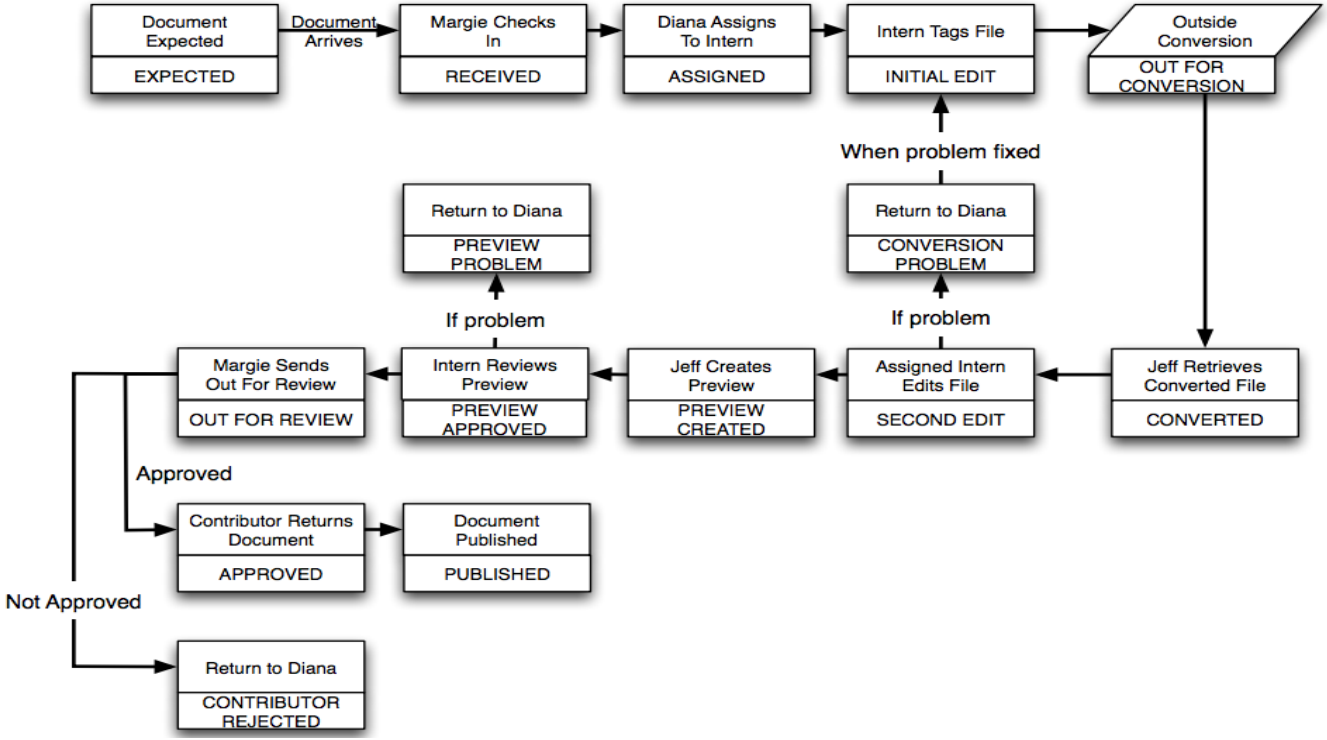

Workflows in Drupal

(...or as usual 500 ways to do any one thing)

Most popular stand-alone options:

- Workflow (12,260 sites)
- Workbench Moderation (8,826 sites)
- Revisioning (7,891 sites)

Rules

https://drupal.org/project/rules

Pros:

- Flexible
- Customizable
- Multi-purpose module

Cons:

- Needs to be configured
- Requires additional modules to use revisions

Revisioning

https://drupal.org/project/revisioning

Pros:

- Quick setup
- Works with Rules, Workflow, and Diff

Cons:

- Only the latest revision may be edited or moderated.
- Needs additional modules for notification & flow

Tutorial: https://drupal.org/node/408968

Workflow

https://drupal.org/project/workflow

Pros:

- Allows multiple workflows
- Customizable
- Optional workflow field
- Works with Revisioning, Diff, and Rules

Cons:

- Requires configuration
- Only the latest revision may be edited or moderated.

Workbench Moderation

https://drupal.org/project/workbench_moderation

Pros:

- Quickest to set up
- Built in testing
- Customizable
- Integration with Rules

Cons:

- Default notifications aren't flexible
- Only the latest revision may be edited or moderated.
- One flow configuration for all content types

Workbench Moderation

State Machine

https://drupal.org/project/state_machine

Pros

- Integrates with Workbench Moderation and Rules
- Definable as a custom module
- Programmatic construction

Cons

- Programmatic construction

Diff

https://drupal.org/project/diff

Bonus little add-on that will help editors approve content changes faster.

Workflow Configuration

Step 1: Define the jobs

- Create/Edit
- Review/Publish
- Delete

But it could be more complicated, with multiple stages of editing and review

Workflow Configuration

Step 2: Create the Roles

Contributor
Editor
Manager

Can be as fine-tuned as needed - blog editor, news contributor, etc.

Workflow Configuration

Step 3: Setting Permissions

For each role, set the content permissions and transition permissions.

PERMISSION	BLOG CONTRIBUTOR
Article: Create new content	☐
Article: Edit own content	☐
Article: Edit any content	☐
Article: Delete own content	☐
Article: Delete any content	☐
Blog Post: Create new content	☑
Blog Post: Edit own content	☑
Blog Post: Edit any content	☐
Blog Post: Delete own content	☐
Blog Post: Delete any content	☐

Arguments Against Editorial Workflow

- Adds bulk

  Standard equation of cost vs gain applies
- Does not include dynamic content

  Other content that might display on the page is not tracked.
- Core provides revision history

Q & A

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