

ALPSP/NISO project on versions of journal articles  
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Introductions were made and the work plan initially discussed.

The group's first task is to develop use cases (scenarios) that illustrate journal article life cycles. These can then be used to identify the different versions that are produced by the authoring and publishing process. Not all members of the group had previous experience of developing use cases. It was agreed that as a first step, Peter would circulate some example use cases; in tandem, Cliff will circulate an initial list of potential versions (this is likely to be incomplete but will serve as a starting point).

Action: Peter, Cliff

The question was raised as to whether the group should focus solely on journal articles, or whether technical reports and proceedings papers should be included as these may often form part of the life cycle of a journal article. It was agreed that, if the versioning issues regarding these document types were similar to journal articles, they could be within the scope of the committee, but we should not pursue this if it took us too far away from our scope.

Once a list of versions has been identified, the group will suggest preferred vocabulary to describe each version.

The discussion of software tools that may be used to compare and identify different versions is not included in the project scope at this time.

The group's objective is to identify the different versions of an article that may exist, and not to weight the importance of the different versions.

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