



## **Survey on Collaborative Authoring And Reviewing Software Tools**

Dear Participant,

We are conducting research on different types of issues a researcher encounters while writing a research paper. We would love to hear from you about what makes you feel more comfortable when using tools when writing and reviewing a research paper. This will help us to make improvements to the existing tool and to prioritize new features. The survey should take less than 5 minutes and your responses are completely anonymous.

You can only take the survey once. The survey closes on May 15, 2016.

If you have any questions about the survey, please send an email to:  
[s6majabe@uni-bonn.de](mailto:s6majabe@uni-bonn.de)

We really appreciate your input!

Note: This survey is a part of a master thesis with title "SUPPORTING COLLABORATIVE AUTHORING AND REVIEWING WORKFLOWS IN DESKTOP-BASED AND WEB-BASED AUTHORING ENVIRONMENTS" at University of Bonn, Germany.

Press Next button to start.

**Personal Information**

**Your Position (Current Degree) \***

Undergraduate Student

Bachelor Degree holder

Master Student

Master Degree holder

PhD Student

Doctor Degree holder

Postdoc

Professor

Other

\* This answer is required.

## Personal Information

### Your Field of Study \*

Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies

Architecture and Building

Creative Arts

Economics, Law and Political Science

Engineering and Related Technologies

Food, Hospitality and Personal Services

Health

Information Technology, Mathematics, Computer Science

Management and Commerce

Mixed Field Programmes

Natural and Physical Sciences

Psychology, Philosophy, Humanities

Society, Culture and Social Science

Other

\* This answer is required.

**Personal Information**

**Organization**

## Authoring Tools

Which of the following desktop-based authoring tools have you used for scientific purposes?

Microsoft Word

TeX/LaTeX

LibreOffice Writer

Apache OpenOffice Writer

Mathematica

WordPerfect

LyX

WPS Office Writer

Polaris Office

Scrivener

ThinkFree (FreeOffice) Write

GNU TeXmacs

AbiWord

Mellel

Nisus Writer

Calligra Words

Atlantis Word Processor

Groff (GNU troff)

iStudio Publisher

Mariner Write

Other

You can select multiple items.

## Authoring Tools

Which of the following web-based authoring tools have you used for scientific purposes?

Google Docs

Microsoft Office 365

Microsoft Office Word Online

Overleaf

ShareLaTeX

EtherPad

Mathematica Online

Zoho Docs

Fidus Writer

Authorea

WriteOnline

Gobby

IBM Connections Docs Cloud

HyperOffice Documents

Penflip

Poetica

StackEdit

ThinkFree (FreeOffice) Online Write

Quip

XaitPorter

Other

You can select multiple items.

**To what extent was(were) the following tool(s) suited to your needs?**

**Microsoft Word**



**Google Docs**



**TeX/LaTeX**



**Microsoft Office 365**



To what extent was(were) the following tool(s) suited to your needs?

**Microsoft Office Word Online**



**LibreOffice Writer**



**Overleaf**



**ShareLatex**



To what extent was(were) the following tool(s) suited to your needs?

**Mathematica**





**Apache OpenOffice Writer**



**WordPerfect**



**LyX**



**To what extent was(were) the following tool(s) suited to your needs?**

**EtherPad**



**Polarix Office**



**WPS Office Writer**



**ThinkFree (FreeOffice) Write**



**To what extent was(were) the following tool(s) suited to your needs?**

**Scrivener**



**Zoho Docs**



**Mathematica Online**



**GNU TeXmacs**



To what extent was(were) the following tool(s) suited to your needs?

**IBM Connections Docs Cloud**



**Authorea**



**Mellel**



**Nisus Writer**



To what extent was(were) the following tool(s) suited to your needs?

**AbiWord**



**WriteOnline**



**Gobby**



**Fidus Writer**



**To what extent was(were) the following tool(s) suited to your needs?**

**Atlantis Word Processor**



**Calligra Words**



**Groff (GNU troff)**



**iStudio Publisher**



**To what extent was(were) the following tool(s) suited to your needs?**

**Mariner Write**



**ThinkFree (FreeOffice) Online Write**



**HyperOffice Documents**



## Penflip



To what extent was(were) the following tool(s) suited to your needs?

## Poetica



## StackEdit



## Quip



## XaitPorter



## Authoring Tools

Have you ever participated in a collaboration to produce a piece of scientific writing?

Yes

No

## Authoring Tools

In your opinion, what are the most important features for an authoring tool to have in order to be effective for use in the collaborative writing of scientific papers?

Supporting Citations

Having Spelling and Grammar Checker

Supporting Bibliography

Exporting Multiple File Formats (e.g. docx, odt, rtf, pdf)

Having Both Desktop-based and Web-based Versions

Supporting Versioning

Supporting Real-Time Collaboration

Supporting Cross-References

Supporting Offline Mode Collaboration

Importing Files From Other Major Authoring Tools

Supporting Header/Footer

Supporting Quotations

WYSIWYG Design

Supporting Bookmarks

Supporting IMRaD Structure

Other

You can select multiple items.

## Authoring Tools

Have you ever needed to convert files from one authoring tool's standard format to another format (e.g. from \*.docx to \*.odt)?

Yes

No

## Authoring Tools



When converting between two different file standards, what was the biggest problem that you encountered?

### Reviewing Tools

Have you ever been involved in a peer review?

Yes

No

### Reviewing Tools

Which of the following methods or software tools would you prefer for peer reviewing?

Make annotations and comments on PDF version of the document

Edit or comment the source file (docx, odt, etc.) directly

Print the document and use pen (stationery)

Using specialized reviewing software tools (e.g. Pleasetech.com)

Other

You can select multiple items.

## Reviewing Tools

Which of the following features are most important for a specialized reviewing software tool?

Supporting Comments

Supporting Highlighting the Text

Supporting Annotations

Supporting Offline Reviewing

Supporting Different Authority(Read/Write) for Different Users

Supporting Prioritization of Suggestions

Supporting Real-Time Collaboration

Supporting Negotiation on Every Suggestion

Other

You can select multiple items.

**Can you help us with our ongoing research?**

We need to evaluate some real scientific papers. Can you send us a copy of a source file (e.g. docx, odt, etc, and not pdf) of one of your recent published papers?

Yes

No

**Can you help us with our ongoing research?**

If YES, please enter your email so we can get in contact with you.

**Can you help us with our ongoing research?**

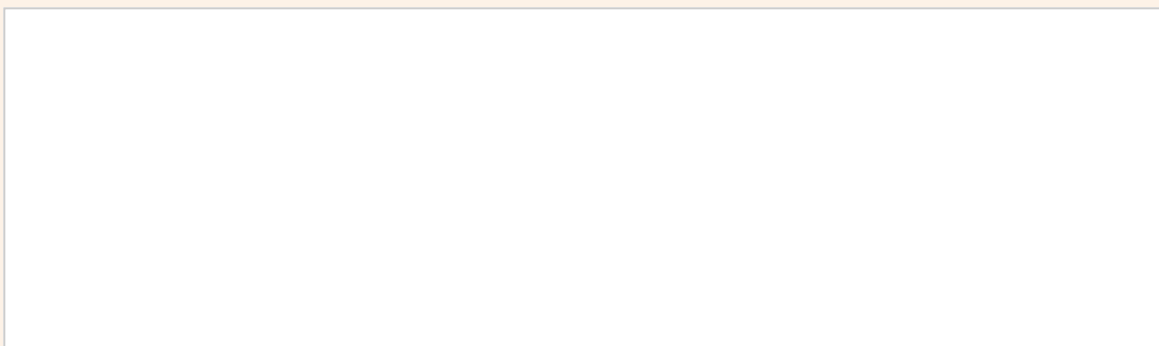
**And Your Name Please.**

You are completely anonymous.

**Finally**

Do you have any further comments regarding your previous experience of collaboratively authoring and

reviewing scientific papers that you would like to share with us?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for users to share scientific papers they would like to review. The box is white and occupies the central portion of the form.