

Getting Started with EME: Frequently Asked Questions

When was the most recent version of the editor released and when is the next version scheduled to be released?

The latest version – v3.1.2—was released in November, 2011. Version 3.2 is planned for fall, 2012.

Does the EME work with SDE layers?

Yes. It works with personal and file geodatabases, ArcSDE, shapefiles and xml flat files.

Is there one main D button that "clicks" all the D buttons at once?

There is a way to set global defaults in the menu at the top of EME. Go to Edit -> Set Default to set everything on the page.

How do I download the EME standalone application?

It is the same download and install as the ArcCatalog extension. Once you install EME, you can access the standalone application from your Start menu.

Is the synchronizer available in standalone?

No, it is not. The synchronizer only relates to syncing metadata from a data set - as opposed to a standalone XML file (which is how you use the standalone tool).

Is there a batch process for the synchronization?

Yes, you can sync one or more objects from the EME Toolbar.

Why would we want to uncheck the checkbox for FGDC CSDGM synchronization?

You would want to uncheck that box if you do not want to sync all the FGDC CSDGM elements. The EPA Syncher only syncs the elements you see in the “Manage EPA Sync Settings” tab within the “Manage Metadata Synchronizers” window.

Is the FGDC CSDGM synchronizer the ESRI synchronizer?

Yes, it is the Esri synchronizer. We just made it available there for you.

Can we add words to the spell-check dictionary so we don't have to select “ignore” for the same word every time?

Yes, you can add to the list when you run through spell-check by using the Add button.

Can you do a global "find and replace" on many records, for example on many feature classes in a file or sde geodatabase?

Yes, global find and replace is in 3.1.2 in the EME toolbar.

What does the Esri metadata look like after editing with EME? Do you have to tell ArcCatalog not to upgrade metadata?

The EME does not alter the Esri metadata fields - just the FGDC fields.

Does the metadata you create in EME write it out to the ArcGIS metadata format too?

You can convert to ArcGIS format - but not using EME tools. EME saves according to the FGDC CSDGM standard, and the ArcGIS tools can convert from there.

Is it possible to increase the size of the standalone application?

This is a potential feature for EME 3.2.

Would you be able to add an export format, such as html, that is easier to read and share?

That is a potential feature for EME 3.2. Right now we just have export to XML option.