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 (EME v3.2) was released in March 2013. EME v4.0 is planned for Fall 2014.

Does the EME work with SDE layers?

Yes. EME works with personal and file geodatabases, ArcSDE, shapefiles, and xml metadata files.

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

There is a method for setting global defaults in the menu at the top of the EME. Go to Edit -> Set Default to set all metadata elements on the page to their designated default values.

How do I download the EME standalone application?

Once you install the EME, the standalone application is accessible from your Start menu.

Is the synchronizer available in the standalone EME application?

Metadata record synchronization is the process by which properties of the geospatial dataset are read and automatically inserted into the metadata. The synchronizer tool is not available in the standalone EME application. Using the EME through ArcCatalog is required to perform a dataset-to-metadata synchronization.

Is there a batch process for the synchronization?

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

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

Uncheck the FGDC synchronization box if you do not want to synchronize all the FGDC CSDGM elements. The EPA Synchronizer only synchronizes the elements you see in the "Manage EPA Sync Settings" tab within the "Manage Metadata Synchronizers" window.

Is the FGDC CSDGM synchronizer the same thing as the ArcGIS synchronizer?

Yes, it is the ArcGIS synchronizer. It is made available in the EME as an option for users.

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 spell check dictionary list when you run through spell check by using the Add button.

Can you perform 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 the EME 3.2 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 the EME save 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 viewable size of the standalone application?

This is a potential feature for EME 4.

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

This capability is included in EME 3.2.