

EDITORIAL

An indexed journal relies on a strict editorial process to ensure the credibility of its publications. The care with articles authorship security is not a recent practice. However, tools and mechanisms are being created to improve this process.

Due to the size of the communications network which is Internet and the huge amount of information that flows through it every second, control forms for organizing the registration of publications are always being improved. For this purpose, in order to authenticate the administrative base of digital content, the Association of American Publishers (AAP) developed the Digital Object Identifier (DOI).

DOI is basically a recording system, especially suited for articles in journals and works protected by copyright, many of which are available in virtual libraries. It consists of a numeric identification principle for digital content, assigning a unique and exclusive number to published material.

In addition of being a mechanism used to protect copyright, this system also benefits retrieving and accessing web contents, facilitating authentication of documents.

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