# Workshop for Central Registry Edit Metafile Administrators 3/19/21

Q&A

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|  | Question | Answer |
|  | Where can you find the demo xml files | The term "DEMO" was added by the presentor for organization purposes. The metafiles used in the presentation are the same as those downloaded at: <https://www.naaccr.org/standard-data-edits/> |
|  | Just a comment: it would be very helpful if Edit Writer included all edit TAG Numbers in its Import objects listing. | Thank you for the suggestion. We will add this to the agenda for the planning meeting with the development team for inclusion in the next Edit Writer upgrade. |
|  | Updating version notes (in tools?) at end is good too | The last metafile task before implementation in central registry software or distribution to reporting facilities is to update information about the metafile within EditWriter 5. Within the Tools menu, there is a feature for Metafile Version and Comment. Updating this information with metafile name and date and relation to NAACCR metafile will facilitate communication among reporting facilities, the central registry, vendors, and edits staff who respond to queries and concerns about edit content and/or results. |
|  | If you do without dependencies, how/when do you get prompted later to fix them? | If you follow the import order specified in EditWriter Help, dependencies will be imported before the containing objects and there should be no resolution required.  If you do not follow the recommended import order and choose with dependencies, you will be prompted to make decisions during the import process for any object with a changed or new dependency about that dependency.  If you do not follow the recommended import order and choose without dependencies, any edit  that has not linked to dependent fields, messages, or tables will show up in a bold italicized purple font for resolution.  If you do not follow the recommended import order and choose to import edit sets or layouts without dependencies, the edit sets and layout will not be flagged. You will have to review them after the import process to make sure that they contain what you think they should. |
|  | NorthCon21 also needs this latest version of the naaccr-dictionary-210.xml | That is correct. |
|  | When there is a new base dictionary, do we need to change our user dictionaries? In other words, is a state user xml dictionary dependent on changes to the base xml dictionary? | While you should not have to change your user xml dictionary when there is a new base dictionary, you may need to change a customized record layout in your edit metafile.  If there are any changes to the base dictionary that affect the layout used in EditWriter, or any updates to the layout in EditWriter such as the field length correction in v21B, you will need to update the layout in your metafile.  If the change to the base dictionary affects  the position of the last data field in the NAACCR layout, the starting position of the first item of your dictionary will change in the layout.  The change in v21B does not affect the position of data items; but if you add custom fields, it does require that you import the changed standard  layout, copy it with new name, tag, and your agency, and then add your custom fields again. |
|  | Just a note that, When I clicked the base dictionary link on this page dated 3/12/21 in chrome it just opened it in the browser and showed xml code, it did not provide an option to save. I had to right click the link and say "Save Target As" and then it was fine. It might depend on some browser settings, dont know. https://www.naaccr.org/xml-data-exchange-standard/ | The terminology is slightly different based on the browser bien used. |