

PRESS RELEASE

A&A Journal* and EDP Sciences launch *Writing Studio

A collaborative writing solution to support authors writing for
Astronomy and Astrophysics

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Astronomy and Astrophysics (A&A) Journal and its publisher [EDP Sciences](#), announced today the launch of *Writing Studio*, a unique collaborative writing solution for Astronomy researchers designed to make the article writing process easier, and therefore let astronomers concentrate on research.

Writing Studio is a unique LaTeX tool developed in partnership with A&A Journal and EDP Sciences that allows the co-authors of an A&A paper to work collaboratively on a single version of their manuscript. The authors can login to the system with their Orcid ID and from there, they can work on their article communicating directly with their co-authors, using a variety of tools. Once ready for submission, the article can be automatically uploaded into the A&A submission system, with key fields pre-filled ready for checking.

“Writing is hard and scientific writing is harder, and any help a journal can provide to assist with the process is greatly appreciated, especially by younger authors”, said Thierry Forveille, Editor-in-Chief of A&A. João Alves, Letters Editor-in-Chief, added “The *Writing Studio* provides A&A authors with a new way to tackle their most important task: to sit down and transform astronomical data into knowledge, word by word. This is a difficult task and the *Writing Studio* aims to provide tools to ease this critical process”.

Jean-Marc Quilbé, President of EDP Sciences stated, “as publisher of *A&A Journal*, we constantly seek to improve the experience our authors have publishing with us. We have developed the *Writing Studio* to allow authors to spend less time with LaTeX and process, and more time on presenting and defending their science in collaboration with their co-authors.”

The key benefits that *Writing Studio* brings are:

- **A collaborative LaTeX solution:** Multiple co-authors can jointly work on a single version of the paper with up-to-date A&A macros already included.
- **Direct communication between co-authors:** Co-authors can ask each other questions and can chat for real-time interactions.
- **Dropbox integration:** Articles can be edited offline and automatically synchronized with the Dropbox online copy.

- **Ease of Submission** (*future functionality*): Article will be uploaded to the A&A submission system with a single click, with key fields pre-filled ready for checking.
- **Easier links to astronomical objects**: Authors get auto-completion for astronomical objects and additional information using tools developed with the CDS.
- **ORCID integration**: Authors login to *Writing Studio* and are recognized by their Orcid ID.

EDP Sciences has chosen the Open Source ShareLateX to build this tool and a beta version was opened for testers in August 2015. The next step is to link *Writing Studio* with all the EDP Sciences journals and their submission systems and integrate this tool in a comprehensive LaTeX dedicated workflow, from the writing of an article through to its online publication.

Login to the [Writing Studio](#) using your ORCID ID

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About Astronomy & Astrophysics Journal

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