Writing An Edited Book

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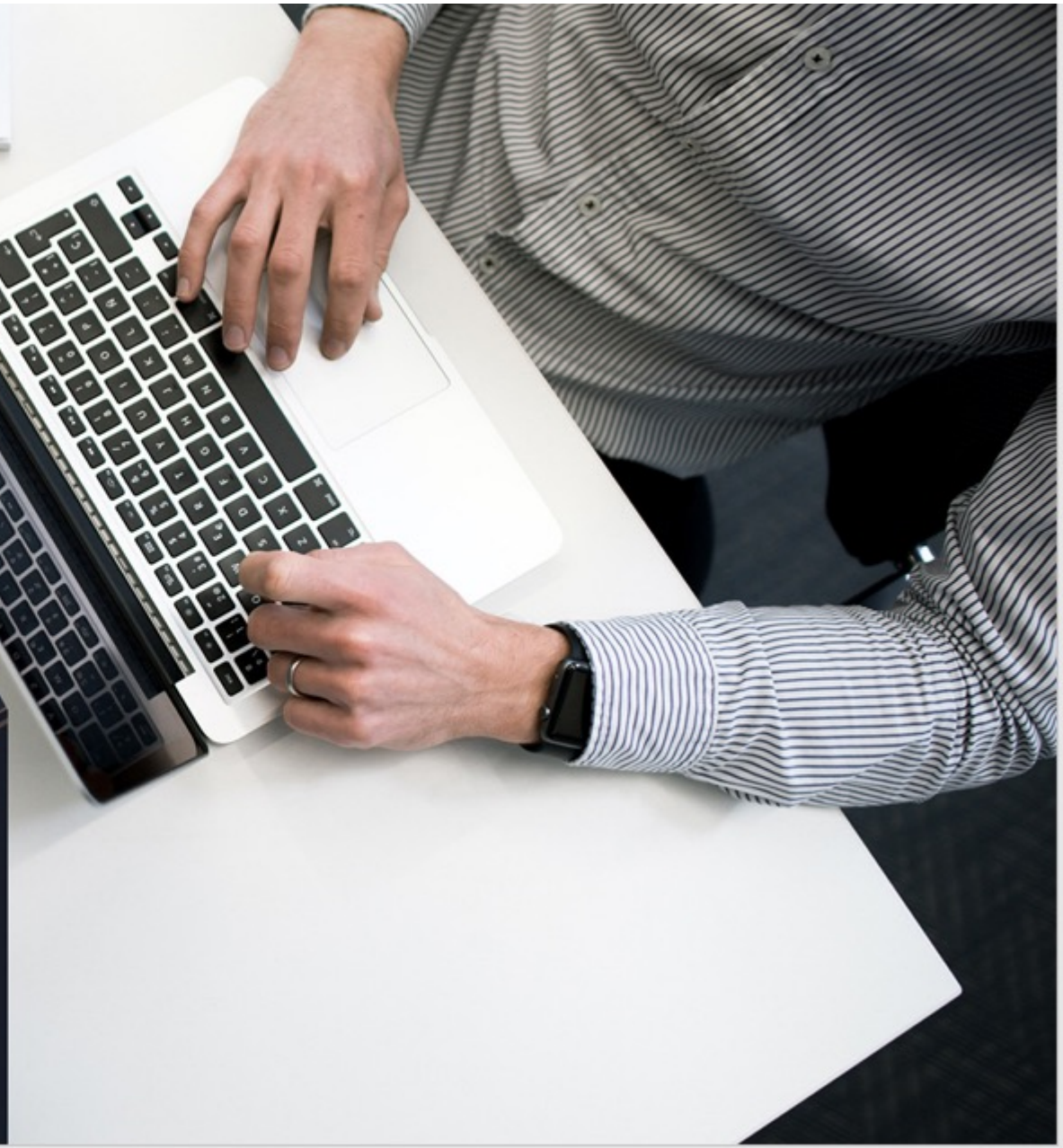
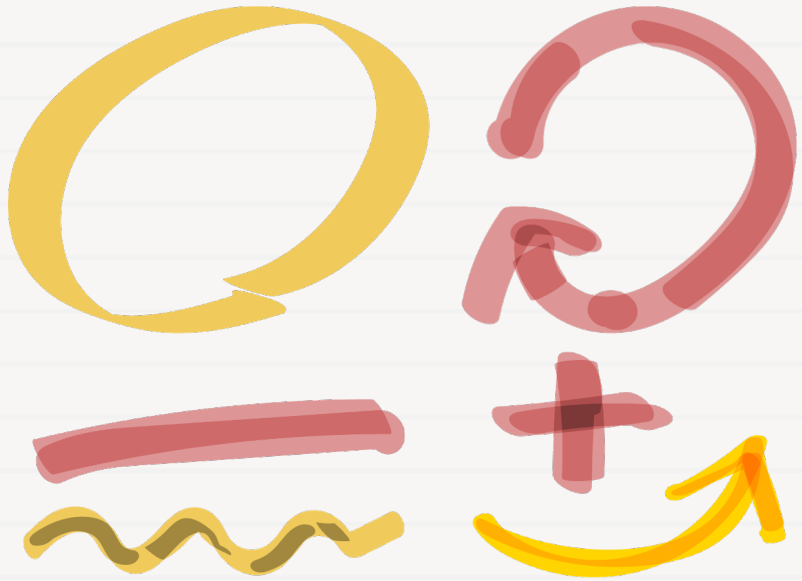


Contents

- Differences Do Matter
- Definitions
- Who Do What
- Housekeeping Issues

Choices & Alternatives



1. Publish or Perish

2. Publish – what types
   - Research article
   - Review paper
   - Book
   - Book chapter / Edited Book

3. What are the differences

4. Which One

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Does It Matter no. 1?

"As long as I am published, I am ok….errrr am I?"

Focus & Objectives
Level of Difficulties
Style
Time
Preparation
Rate of rejection
Scholarly exposure

Popular writings
Book Chapter
Report
Book
Research article Journal
Review Article
Proceeding

Pondering Points

Research article-journal

More focus
Fresh from oven & most recent
Results of a scientific research
Quantitative or qualitative data
Original primary data
Standardized Format & Structurally organized –IMRA

Review paper

A review & integration of all individual studies on a specific topic
Summarization of evidences to answer a technical question or explore a topic of interest
Integrative @ systematic @ meta-analyses @ qualitative syntheses.

Book/ Authored Book

Written by one or more individuals
Author(s) sets & guides readers on the subject entirely
Building up holistic knowledge on the subject matter
Broader coverage of subject matter
All chapters must be interrelated and supporting
eg International Law of Sea
- C.1-definition of sea, category of sea
- C.2- legal history of law of sea
- C.3-International Treaties on Law of Sea
- C.4- High Sea
- C.5 -International waters, territories and jurisdictions
- C.6-Law of piracy
- C.7-The Hot-Pursuit Rights
- C.8- Pollution and environmental disaster at sea
- C.9- .....

Pondering Points

Edited Book/ Book Chapter

a collection of articles
Written by many authors
Works are monitored, controlled and edited by editors
Author(s) contribute to certain numbers of chapters or parts of chapters
Must have a specific theme/ unifying theme
Different format than book

Introduction. –
outline of questions or topics to tackle throughout the chapter, and description of how the chapter will deal with them
- C1 – answer to question 1.
- C2 – answer to question 2
- Last chapter – Discussion & Conclusion integration and linkages to the overall book, limitations and future work

Edited Book

Lead by editors
Assess by reviewers
All chapters are not necessarily interrelated to each other
Suffice if its connected or subscribed to the theme of the book
Eg Family in the 21st Century

C.1-introduction to the book [by editors]
C.2- Mixed marriages, benefits and problems [author a, b, c]
C.3- Psychological support for transgender family member [author e, f, g]
C.4 –*Keluarga Malaysia*; Definition and concepts [author h, I, j]
C.5- Digital gaps between rural and urban family [author k,l, m, n, p, q]
C.6- Women empowerment of UN SDGs [author [m]
C.8- A review of family law [author n, o]
C.9- Conclusion [by editors]

The catch

Research Article/ Journal	• Access only by pool of experts /prior art experts] • Limited in scope, contends & length • Could be months • Source of stress • *** Payable • Written & littered with technical terms & jargons • High rate of rejection • Low rate of acceptance	• More impactful academically • Global exposure • Recognition & citations • Quality assured • Focus & in depth discussion • Rigor review process • Platform to build expertise • Connection to explore new topics/area • New & updated knowledge • A summary of research work outcome • Contribute to the prior arts
Review Article	• ***Upon invitation	• A complete background • Contribution to prior arts • A compilation of a specific issue/ topic • Highly sought after by experts

Book	• ***Contains mixture of existing & new • Efforts of one single or few authors [+ve @ -ve points]	• Point of references • Impact • Recognition & citation • Expert knowledge of author(s) • More insights than book chapter or article • Suitable & beneficial for building basic knowledge • Contents are liken to a story book from beginning, middle & the end • A more free flowing method in that is is normally 100+ pages

Book Chapter	• Less recognition c itations • ***Contains already existing k nowledge-reorganized & simplified, less novel • Longer in length than article	•A compilation •Covers all details but not in depth • Lesser time for preparation & publication •Accessibility to wider pool •Chance be more descriptive •Visible & appeal to different crowd than article •Suitable & good starting point for junior scientists •Useful tool in disseminating knowledge to wider mass •Group effort; motivational

Preparation

Look Before You Leap

PLANNING

Time-how long
When to start
Who to participate
How many of them
Where are they
Who to review
Anchor /lead author
Style, format

Responsibilities

Project management
Duties
Communication with publisher
IP rights
Human factors

IDEA

Choose a unifying theme
Length per chapter
Numbers of chapters.
Agreement to be editors
Publisher
Follow the guidelines/ come up with guidelines for project

SOLUTION

Plan B, Plan XYZ……
What if ……

The DOs

Ensure to link the chapters / content with other chapters

Willingness to share and adjust chapters across all authors.

Continuous communication & Updating

Present the series of thoughts in a cohesive manner [but not necessarily equal a journal article] .

Everybody is equal

The Don'ts

Careful when re-using own published papers

Depending on publisher- may need to give results / only survey of others works suffice

“Any fool can make something complicated. It takes a genius to make it simple”

A book chapters can be a place for authors to **take rather more risks**.
It allows more space for reflection on bigger ideas than journal articles,
Thus a little more licence to be more adventurous in the approach to the topic

However do not overstep n go overboard .

A Picture
Reinforces
the Concept