

# Online Metadata Editor

This space provides general information about the USGS Online Metadata Editor (OME), including help documentation, announcements of updates and improvements, and a community forum for [questions and answers](#) about the tool and the standard it supports.

## Latest Updates and Improvements

**Last Release Date:** 6 December 2017 (Release 2.17)

### Improvements, Modifications, and New Features:

- **Data Source:** Users must now assign to each record the appropriate Data Source (e.g., USGS center or program) responsible for the data release. The record cannot be Quick Saved or Save(d) and Close(d) until this mandatory field is populated from the picklist provided.
- **Mint a DOI from OME feature now includes option for ScienceBase data release:** metadata authors who know that the data release will take place through ScienceBase can indicate this in the DOI field.
- **Position field is now included in all Contact Information sections:** This is an optional field in the CSDGM standard that was added to the OME at the request of some users. If the Active Directory record for the Contact contains a position name, that information will be auto-populated through the lookup.

### Technical Problem With OME?

If you are experiencing a technical problem with the OME (e.g., problems saving or locating your record; lost data; timeout issues; a field not working as expected), please **use the OME Service Desk** to report the issue. You will generate a ticket to describe your issue. Using the Service Desk helps to ensure that the OME development team is promptly notified of a potential problem, and allows you to track the status and progress of your reported issue until it is resolved.

## Known and Reported Issues

**ISSUE:** USGS Active Directory Lookup Tool in the Contact Information sections sometimes does not locate any matches

**REPORTED:** 01/22/2018

**STATUS: *In Progress.*** A change in Active Directory has broken the service that OME leverages to make queries to the USGS Active Directory database. The service developer is consulting with the USGS Active Directory team to identify and resolve the problem. In the interim, OME users can manually add the relevant information in each Contact Information section if they need to move forward to complete their metadata records.

**PRIORITY:** normal

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**ISSUE:** 'Download Metadata Package' is not producing a downloaded zip file of validated metadata.

**REPORTED:** 09/19/2017

**STATUS: *Resolved.*** (History: OME currently cannot complete the 'validate and download' process, due to its dependency on the Metadata Parser (MP) Service. MP, which validates a metadata record and produces the zip file for download from the OME, is currently being blocked by USGS eSAS due to an SSL certificate showing as expired in eSAS. The SSL certificate has been renewed, but this renewal has not propagated through eSAS as of 2 p.m. ET, so both the MP website and its services are currently unavailable. As soon as eSAS restores access to MP, the OME will be able to complete the validate and download process. As soon as we receive word that MP access has been updated, we will resolve this status.)

**PRIORITY:** high

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**ISSUE:** The OME is rejecting the Planar Distance Unit of 'meter' in records imported from the Metadata Wizard.

**REPORTED:** 07/06/2017

**STATUS: *Resolved.*** Release 2.13 updated the anticipated common values for this field to accept case-insensitive, singular and plural values for meter(s) and foot/feet.

**PRIORITY:** normal

## Browser Advisory

The OME is optimized for Google Chrome, and **we recommend that users choose Chrome** when accessing this editor. Generally speaking, the OME performs adequately in Firefox and Safari; however, the user interface may look and behave slightly differently in these browsers.

The OME is not completely functional in Internet Explorer, and we therefore **strongly urge users to not use Internet Explorer to access this tool**. Because Microsoft discontinued further development of IE in 2015, the browser no longer includes up to date code libraries that are necessary for many applications, including OME, to operate correctly. You are at risk of losing your metadata, being unable to correctly save your metadata, and being unable to use key functionality in the OME if you choose to login using Internet Explorer.

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