



IBIS Editorial Strategy

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IBIS Specification Reformatting

- Intent: migrate IBIS document from ASCII text to a modern editing format/flow
 - Change-tracking not available/easy in ASCII
 - “/” limited vs. change bars, strikeout, colors, etc.
 - Tables, figures, etc. not available/easy in ASCII
 - “ASCII art” harder to generate than JPG, BMP, etc.
- Enables more flexible BIRD writing
 - Changes BIRD process (separate discussion)

IBIS Editorial Strategy: IBIS 5.x

- Phase 1: editable format migration only
 - New editor (i.e., software), template and style(s)
 - *Includes keyword formatting and new hierarchy*
 - Conversion of all tables and figures/drawings
 - No technical changes (no BIRD inclusion)
 - Minimal-to-no typographical corrections
 - Section and page renumbering
 - *No sub-sections, chapters, etc.*
 - *BUT linked cross-references (headers & captions)*

This becomes IBIS 5.1

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- Phase 2: add technical and structural changes
 - Approved technical changes (BIRDs)
 - Typographical corrections
 - Section organization maintained from IBIS 5.1
 - *Active section cross-references, links and captions*
 - *Links reduce page-by-page screening and edits*
 - *BIRDs will still require updates for new section numbers*
 - *Question: support subsections (e.g., Section 4.1, etc.)?*

This becomes IBIS 5.2 and a published template for future IBIS revisions