



## Overview:

The EDRM XML standard was developed by the EDRM XML 2 Project, a group of technologists and lawyers from the leading e-discovery software and service providers, law firms and corporate end-users. The standard consists of an XML Schema Definition (XSD) that allows all parties to consistently describe documents, email, attachments and standalone files, as well as the underlying metadata for all of those objects as they move through the e-discovery process. The XML Project has created a validation tool to quickly and efficiently validate that files conform to the XML standard prior to importing the data. Additionally, the XML Project has developed an XML compliance process to help all parties determine whether products conform to the standard and interoperate properly.

## Additional resources:

A variety of resources are available to learn more about how to become compliant with the EDRM XML standard, vendors that are already compliant with the standard, and the benefits of compliance. Among those resources:

- Webinar for download: 'The EDRM XML Standard: Deployment, Documentation and Validation' available at <http://edrm.net/200801webinar/player.html>
- Schema, dataset, validation tool and documentation for download: <http://edrm.net/blog/archives/107>



## Features and Benefits:

In total, the EDRM XML standard provides a number of benefits to users involved in all stages of the e-discovery process, including:

- **Labor and cost reduction:** IT departments, legal teams and service providers no longer have to spend valuable time and resources converting data formats when transferring ESI from system to system
- **Reduction in errors:** Not only can organizations focus on proficiency in a single standard schema as opposed to an infinite number of disparate formats, but the validation tool detects non-conforming load files earlier in the process
- **Faster e-discovery process:** Data can be transferred from system to system more quickly, ultimately leading to a faster overall process
- **Scalability:** The ability to adapt to future technological advances as well as new metadata constructs

## About EDRM:

EDRM was created to develop resources and best practices for e-discovery consumers and providers. Through the group's creation of the EDRM model, which outlines the key processes and steps involved with e-discovery, to its development of an XML standard so that e-discovery products can interoperate, EDRM has helped e-discovery consumers and providers reduce the cost, time and manual work associated with e-discovery. Since the group's inception in 2005, EDRM has involved more than 300 people from over 125 organizations. In the last year, the major industry analyst firms have adopted the EDRM model. For more information on EDRM, please visit [www.edrm.net](http://www.edrm.net).