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TOPIC -----

This article discusses operations performed with edition files.

DISCUSSION -----

You, the user, make the choice of when a publisher will update its edition file. Generally, the two choices are to update the edition either:

- automatically when the file containing the publisher is saved, or
- manually when the Send Edition Now button is pressed from the Publisher Options dialog.

Different applications may have different options. Links between publishers and their edition files are effective until they are specifically canceled. If an edition file is thrown away without canceling the link, a new edition file will be created when the document containing the publisher is saved.

You cannot directly change the edition files, though you can open them to examine their contents. When you open an edition, the contents of the file are displayed and you get a dialog box asking if you want to open the publisher, presumably to make changes.

You also make the choice of when a subscriber will receive edition updates. Again, there are generally two options; a subscriber may update:

- automatically when the file containing the subscriber is opened, or
- manually when the Get Edition Now button is pressed from the Subscriber Options dialog.

If you cancel a subscriber, the current information will remain, but it will no longer be updated. If a subscriber's linked edition file has been removed, a warning dialog is issued.

The System software keeps track of which edition files are linked to which publishers and subscribers, in the same way it keeps track of alias files. If an edition file is moved, the system updates its pathname. Making a copy of an edition file does not copy its linkages, however.

Publishing is different from program linking. Publishers update an intermediate file, and subscribers update from that intermediate file. In program linking, an application sends commands (AppleEvents) directly to another application; there is no intermediary.

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