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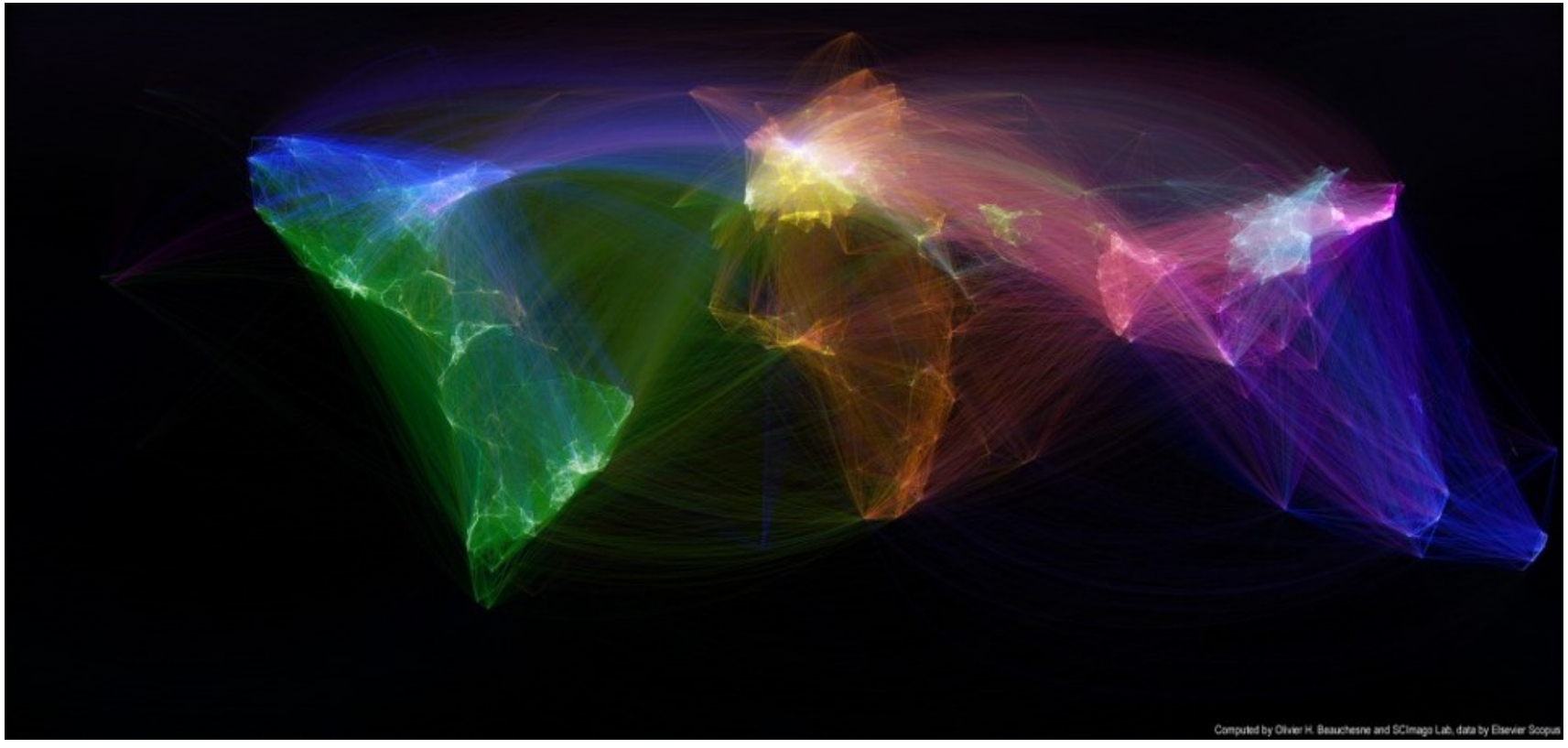

Collaboration networks between researchers in different cities (built using Scopus data on papers published between 2008 and 2012)

Source: http://olihb.com/2014/08/11/map-of-scientific-collaboration-redux/

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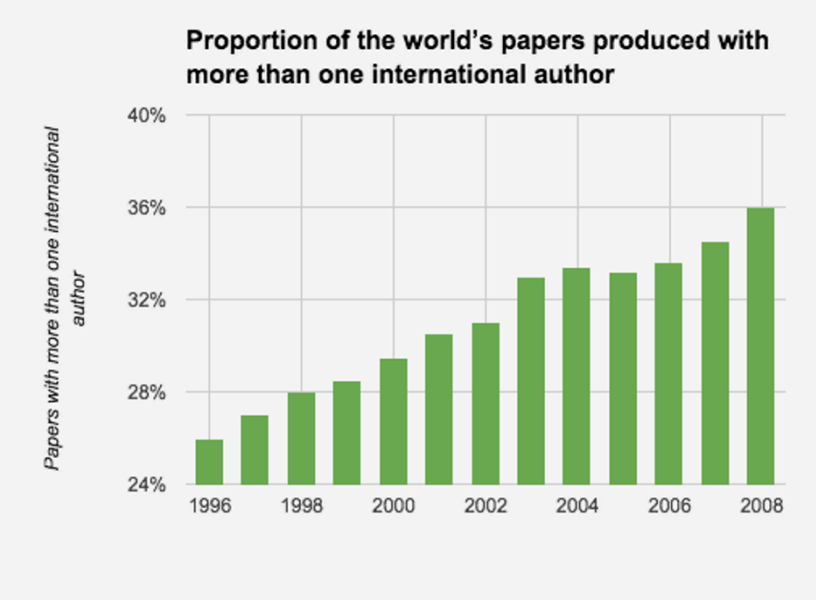

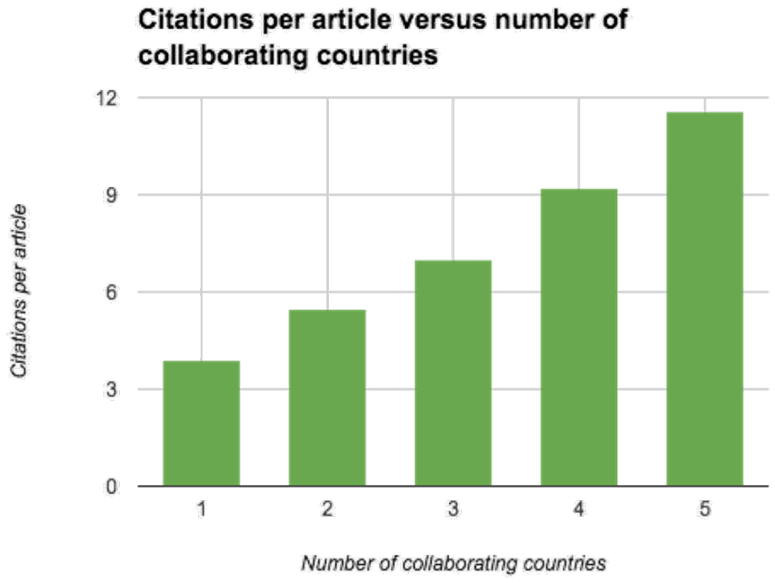

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Source: Knowledge, networks and nations.
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But collaboration can be frustrating…

- Multiple versions of the same document
- Long email chains
- Formatting!
- Maintaining references
- Long revision cycles

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The more people that get involved...

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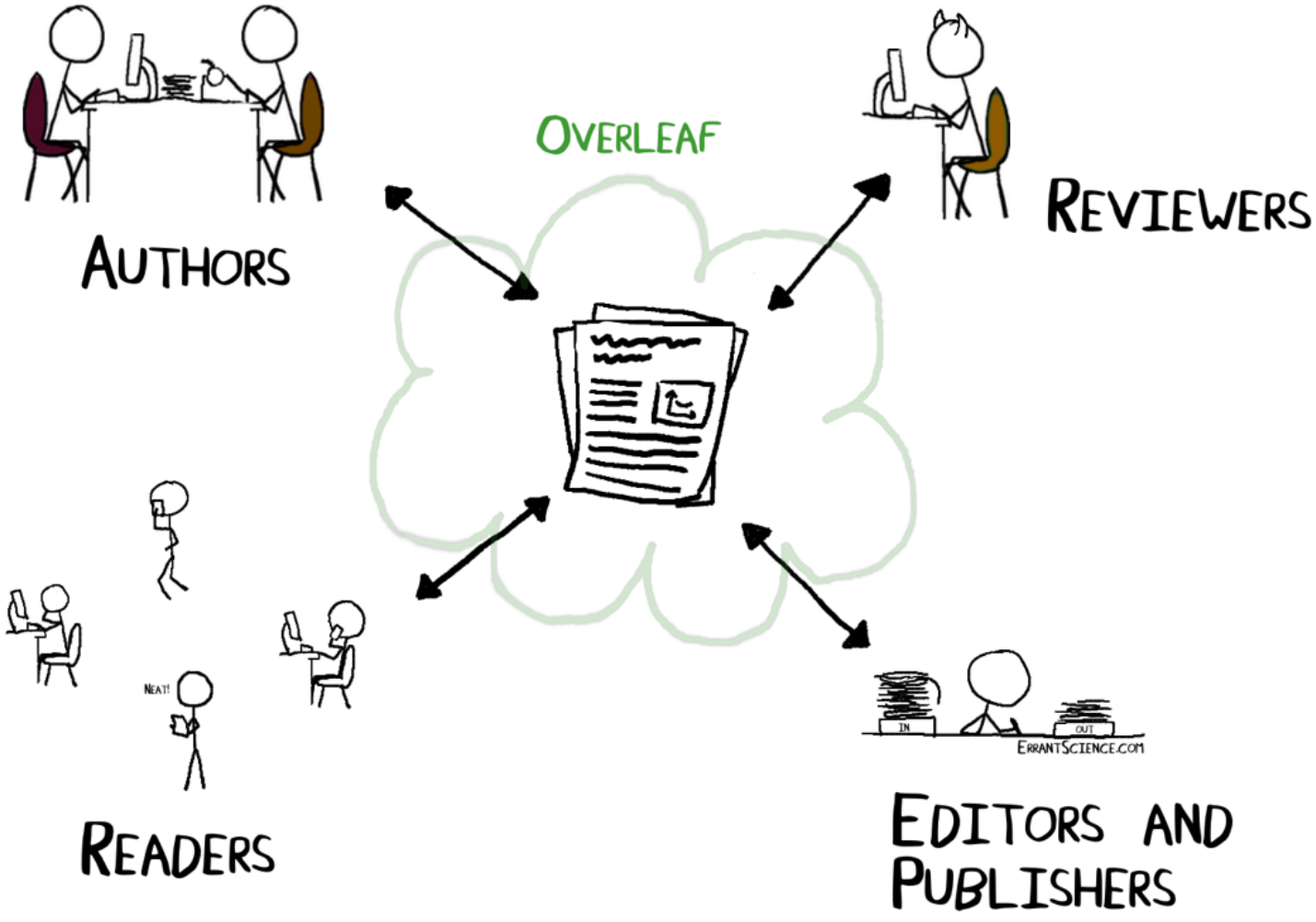

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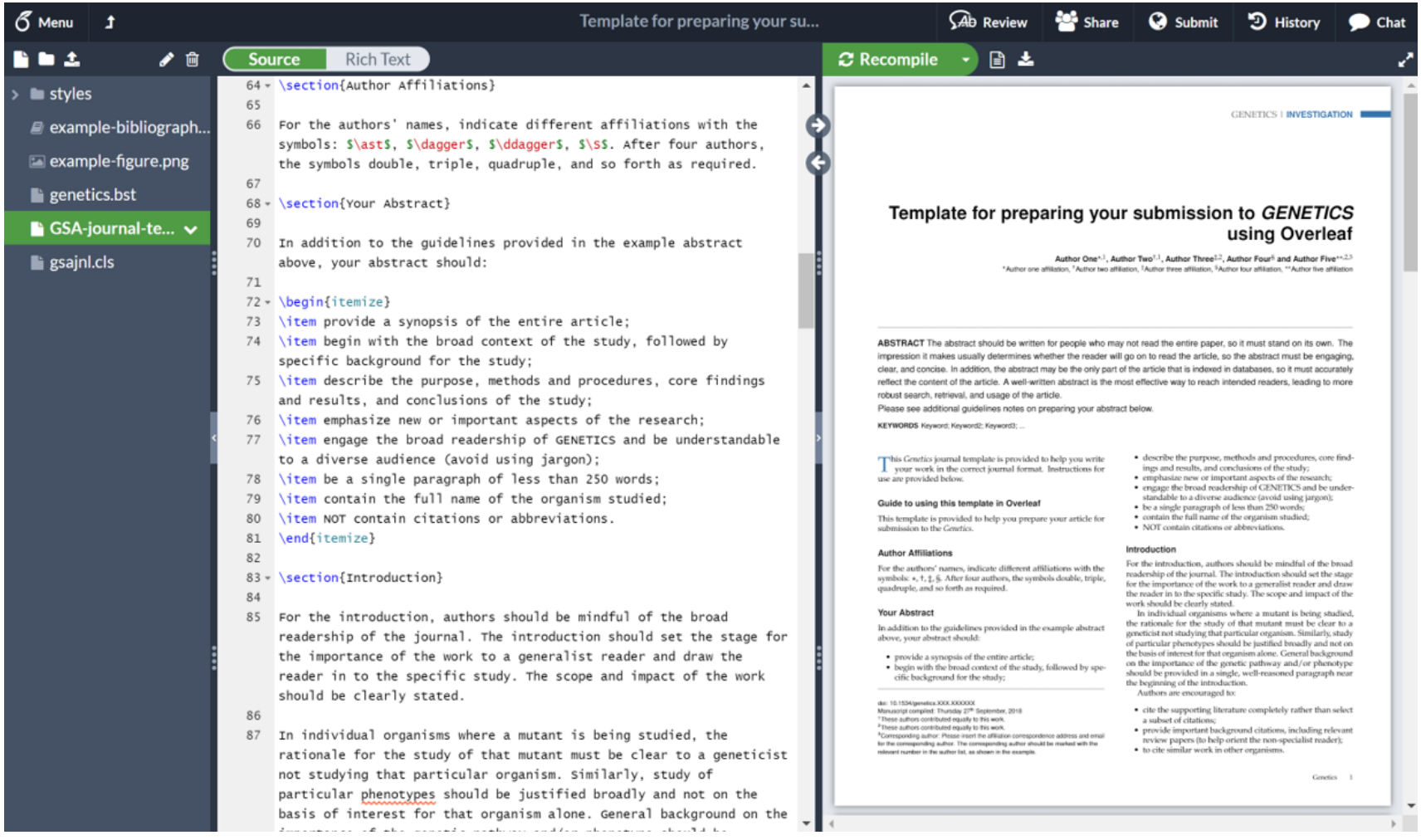

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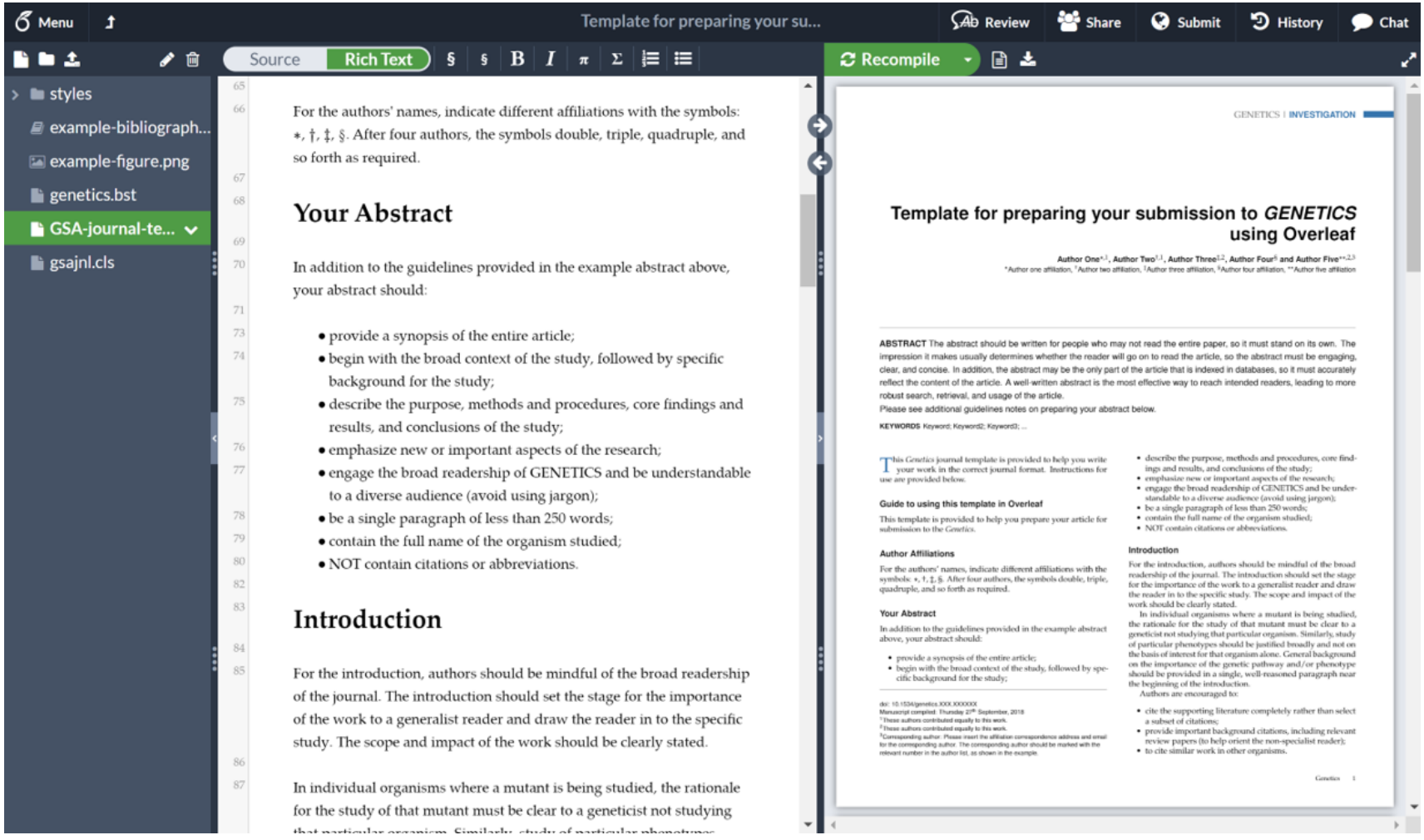

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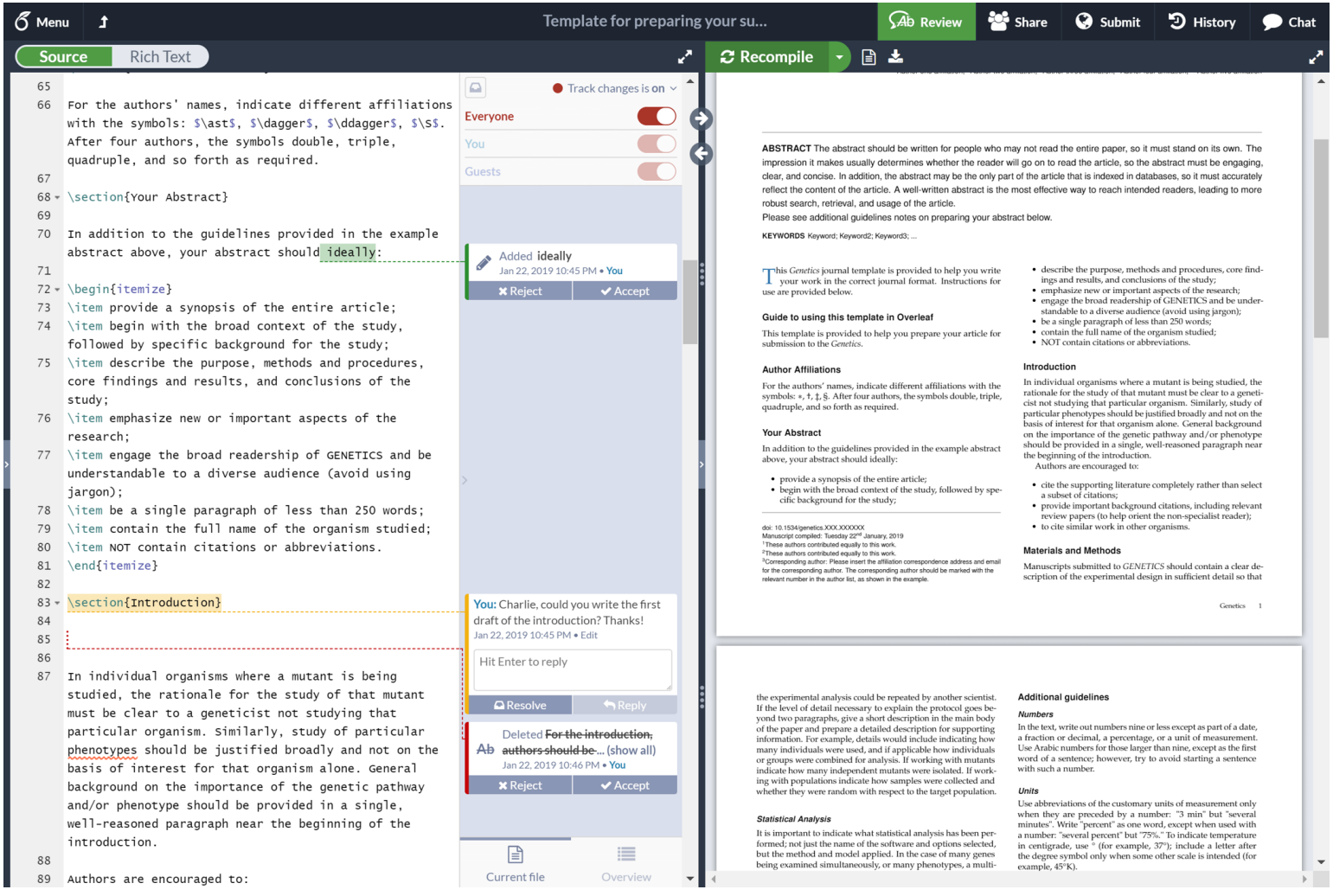

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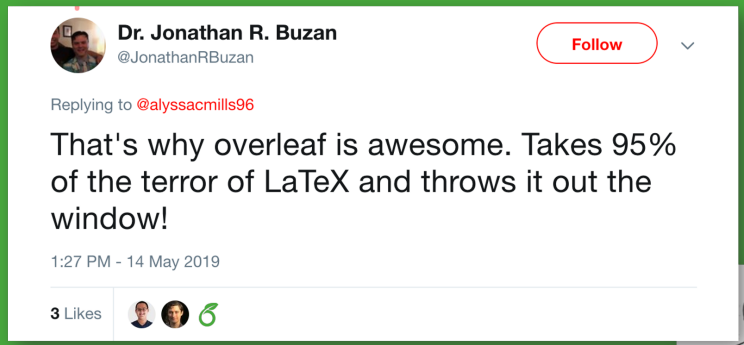
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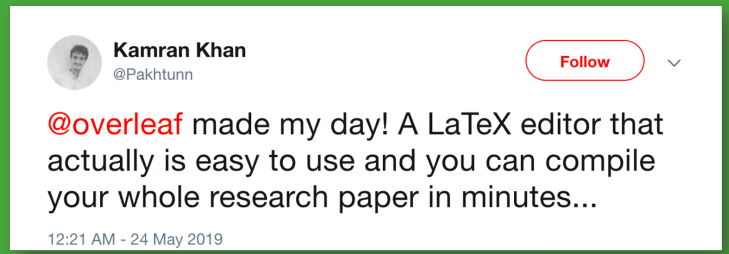
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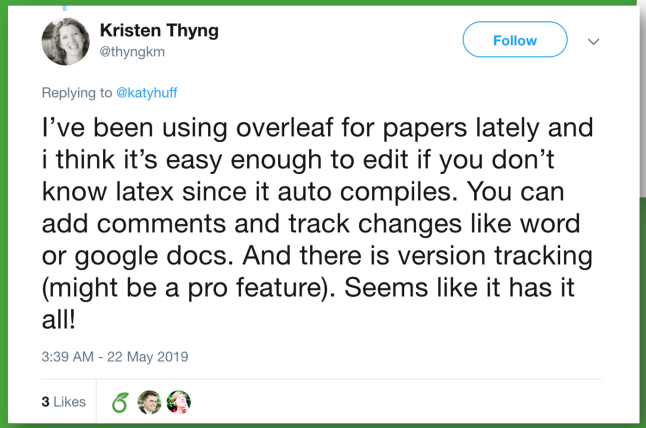
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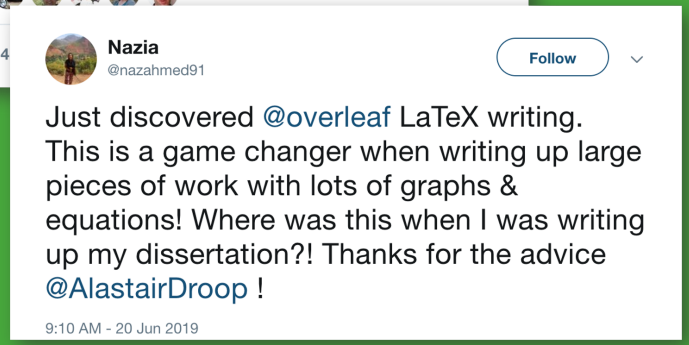
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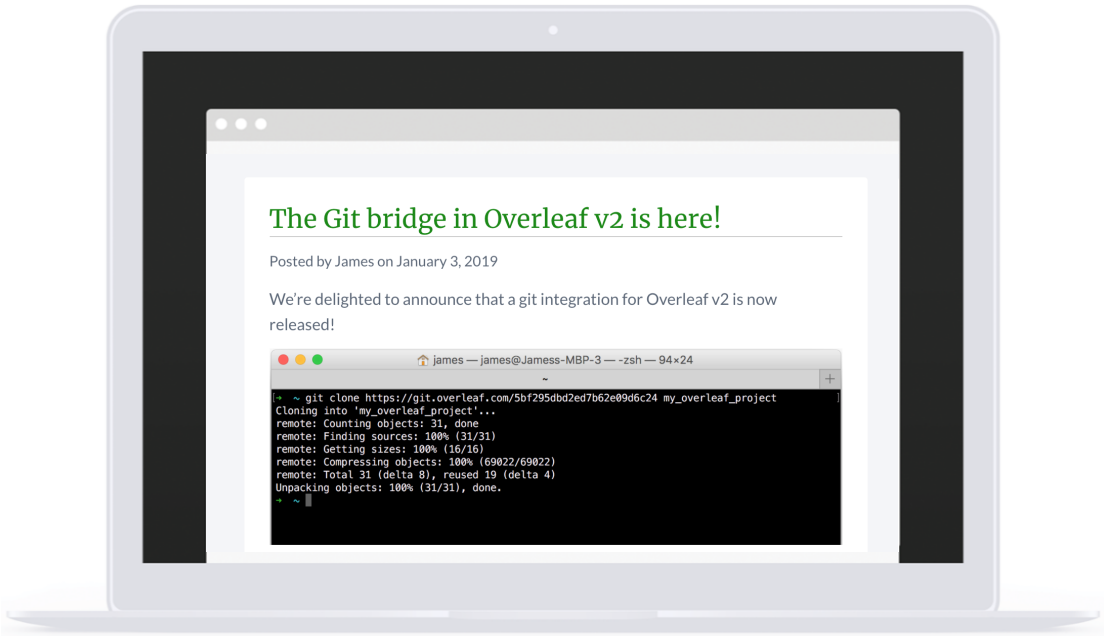

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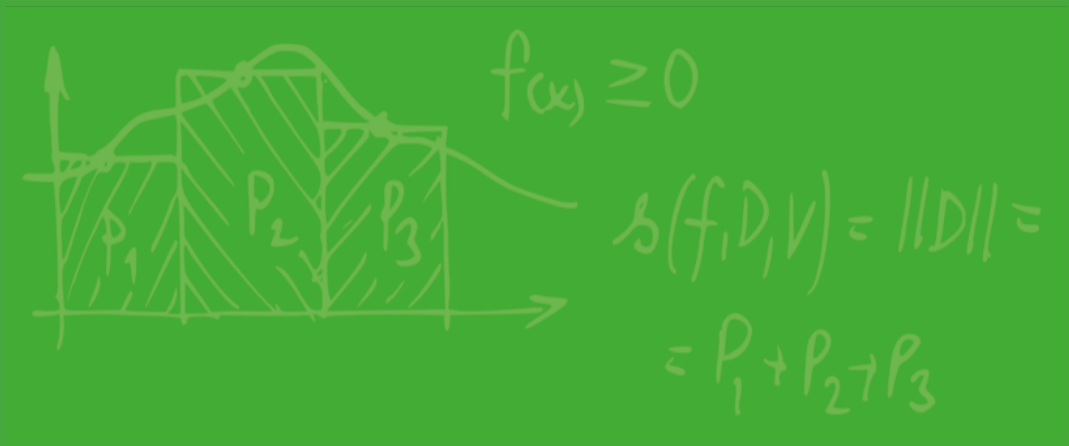

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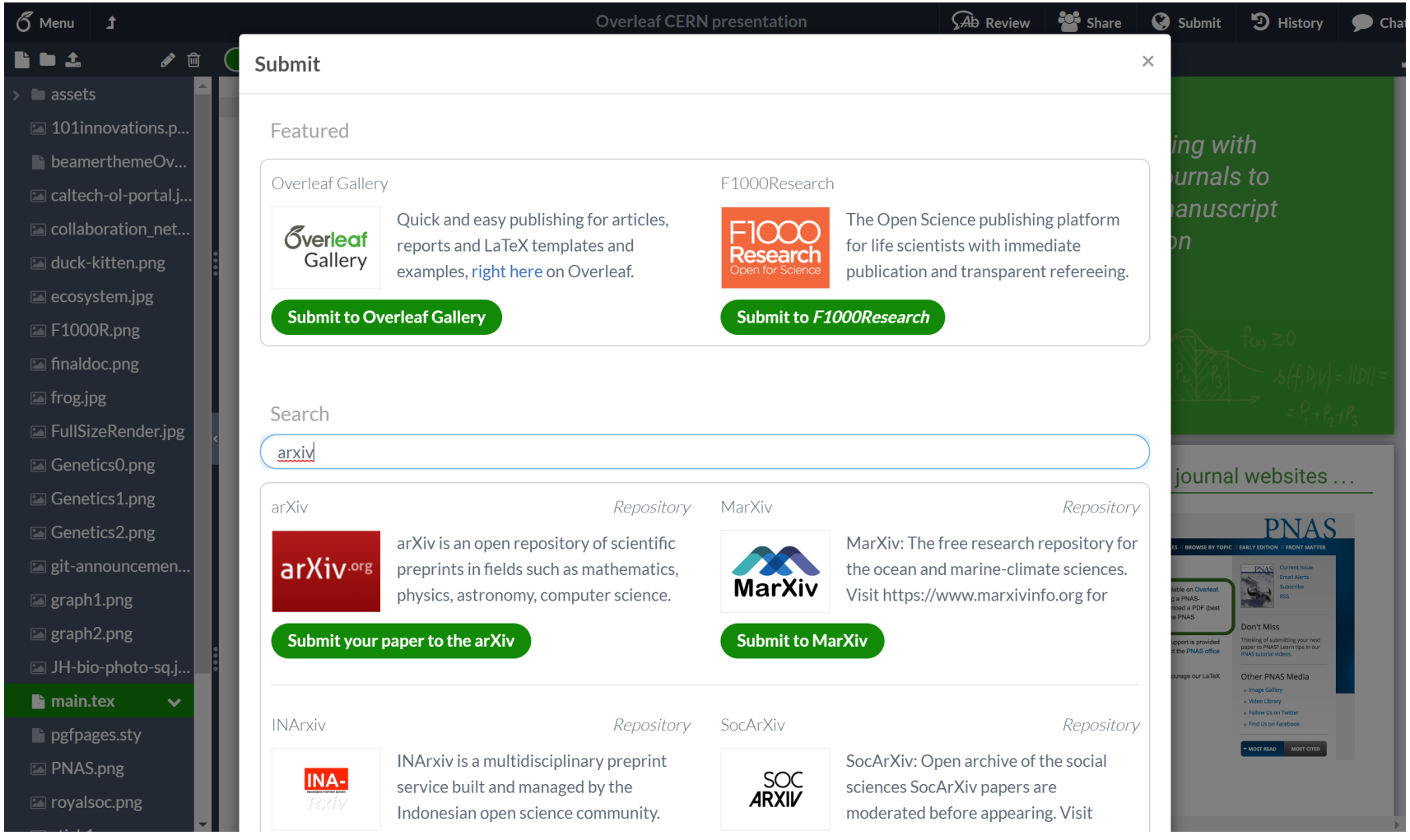

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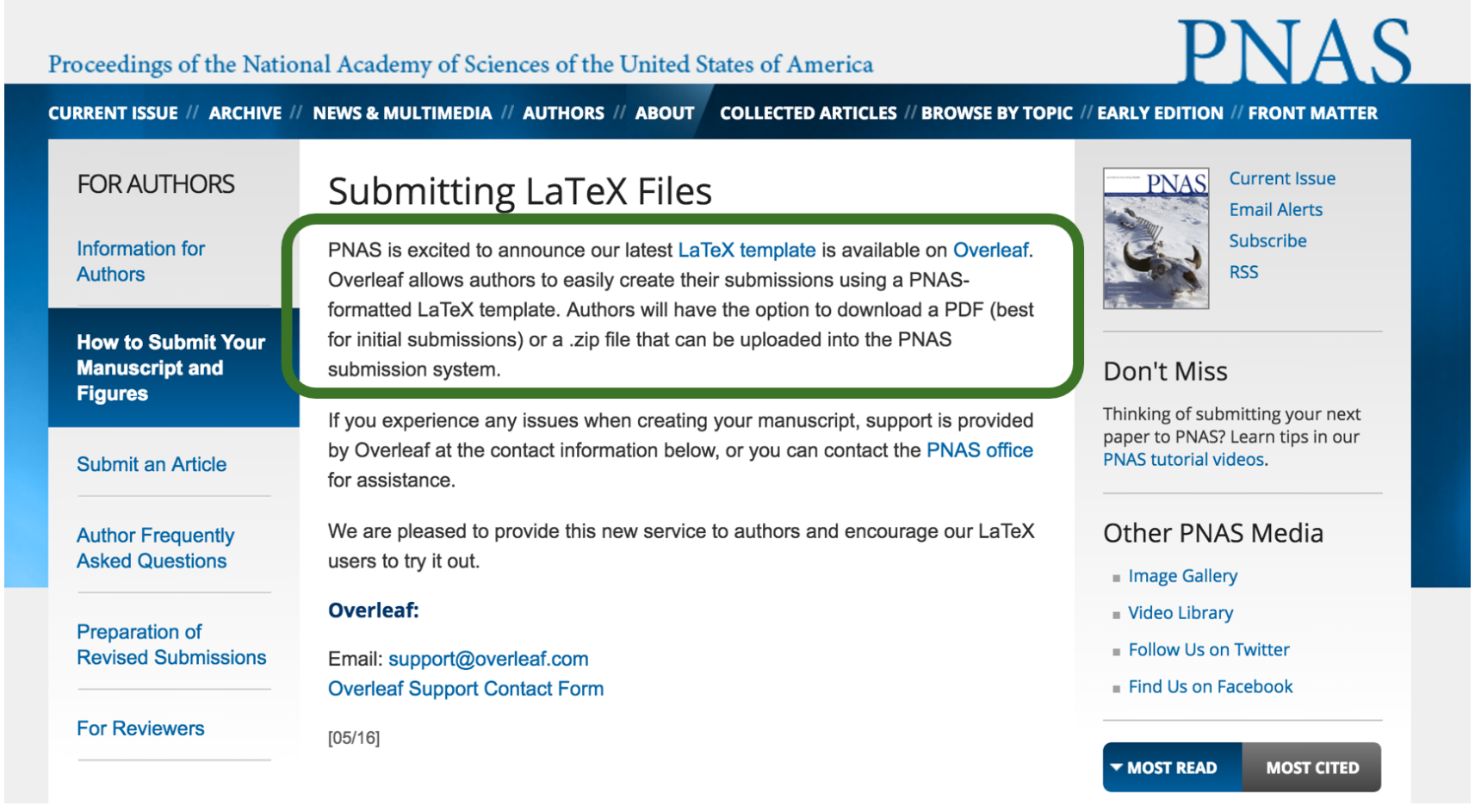

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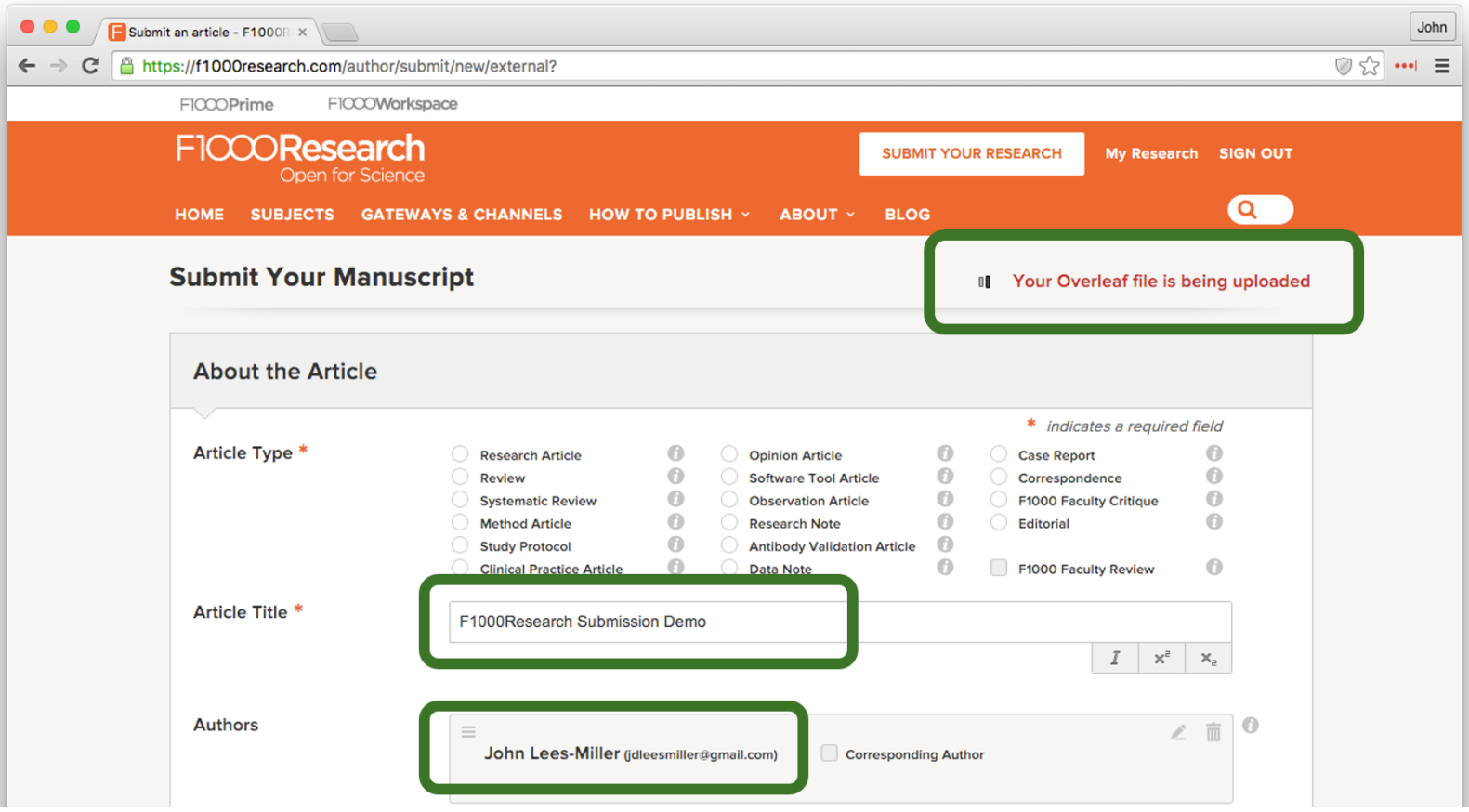

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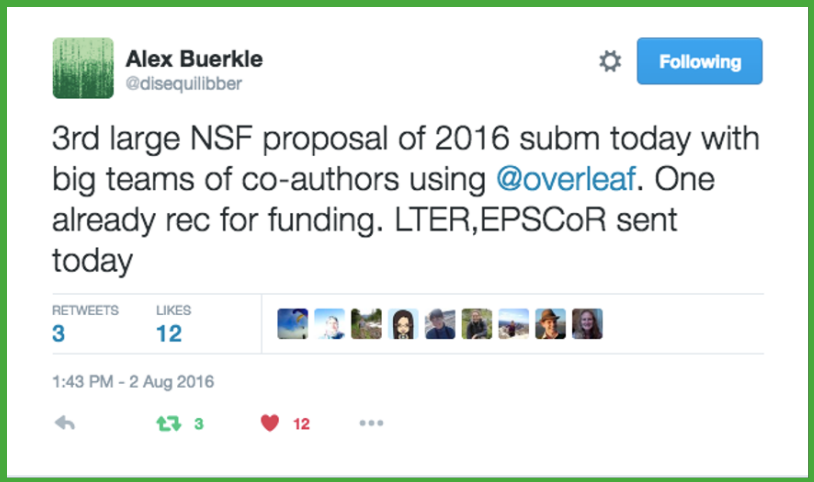
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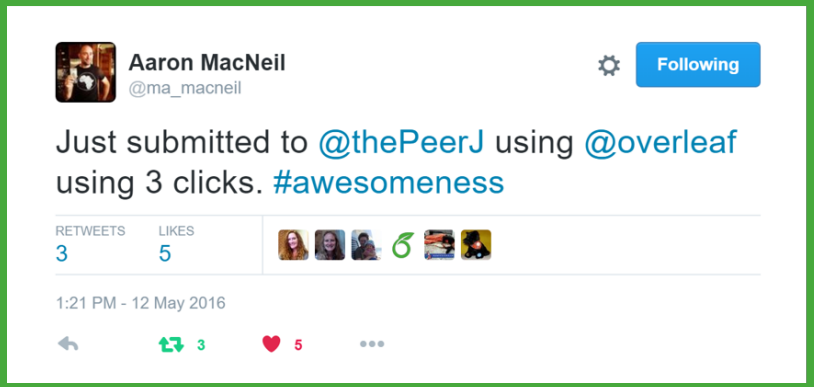
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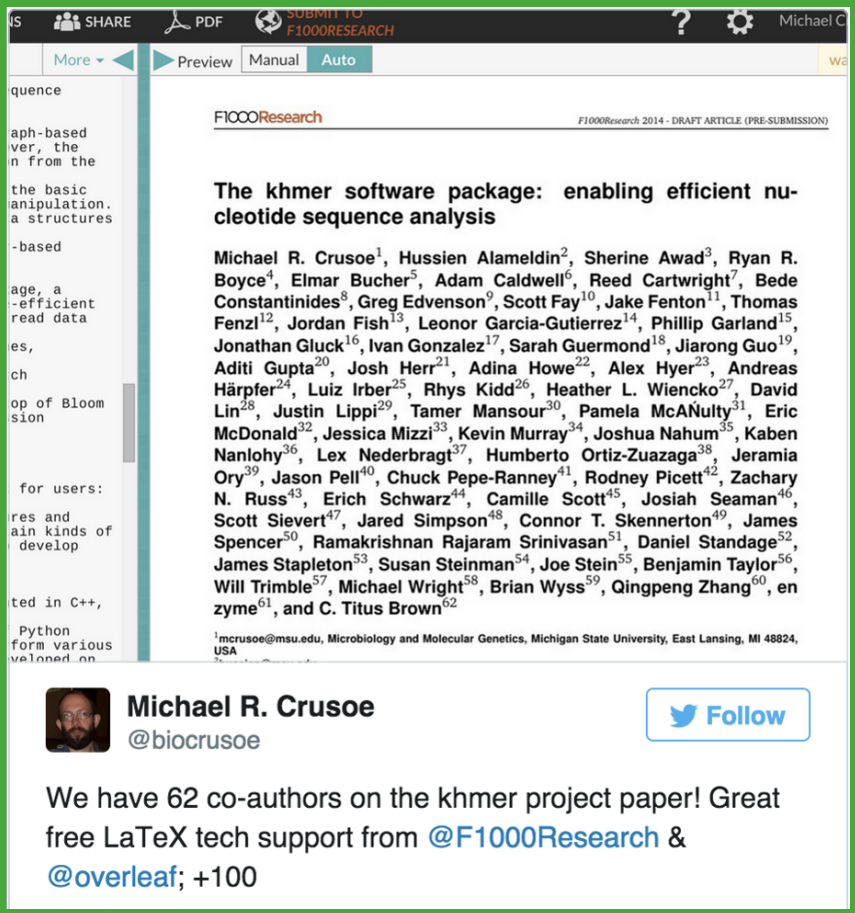
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