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## Letter From the Editors

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Welcome to the all-digital version of *The Modeling Platform*! What has changed?

- New articles are published every other month instead of only twice a year.
- For each issue, two to three articles will be published.
- Without paper page limitations, article length is dependent on the specific content’s needs.

What hasn’t changed?

- Great content!

We are looking forward to working with authors to take advantage of this new format. We’ve already tried out the digital advantage in our November 2019 issue with the publication of “Confessions of an Efficiency Junkie” by Jeff Samu.<sup>1</sup>

In the print version of *The Modeling Platform*, we could include only half of Jeff’s article because of page-count limitations. However, we did not have such restrictions in the digital format and were able to publish the entire piece.

Separately, with the more frequent publication schedule, one author can respond to other authors’ pieces without having to wait half a year to see print. The publication lag we had in our prior process made it difficult for us to keep up to date, and when authors were working on multipart articles, a missed deadline meant we could end up with a lag of six months or a year until we could publish the next installment.

If you’re interested in writing for *The Modeling Platform*, please contact us, your friendly editors! With the more frequent publication, we are always taking submissions. We are interested in any modeling-related articles, whether it’s getting into the technical nitty-gritty detail of structuring a database (as we see in Matthew Caseres’ piece, “Tidy Data Formats and Cloud Storage, Part 1: Tidy Data”) or discussing high-level issues in how best practices from IT can be considered for actuarial modeling



(as in Bryon Robidoux’s article, “The Importance of Centralization of Actuarial Modeling Functions, Part 2: DevOps—The Path to Actuarial Modernization and Consolidation”).

From relative modeling beginners to grizzled modeling veterans, we’re interested in hearing from all of you! Perhaps instead of answers, you have questions for the actuarial modeling community. Share your challenges, successes, not-so-successes, helpful tips or useful frameworks.

We hope to be hearing from you—yes, you, the person reading this right now. Email [Mary Pat Campbell](mailto:marypat.campbell@gmail.com), and get started writing! ■



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