



# What is a critical digital edition?

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# The Critical Digital Edition

- Peter Robinson, “What is an Electronic Critical edition,” *Variants* 1 (2002): 43–62.
- 6 requirements for a critical digital edition



## 1 to 3

- A critical digital edition is anchored in a historical analysis of the materials.
- A critical digital edition presents hypotheses about creation and change.
- A critical digital edition supplies a record and classification over time, in many dimensions and in appropriate detail.



## 4 to 6

- A critical digital edition may present an edited text, among all the texts it offers.
- A critical digital edition allows space and tools for readers to develop their own hypotheses and ways of reading.
- A critical digital edition must offer all this in a manner which enriches reading.