

## What is the Multiple Entry Types (MET) plugin?

This depends on the version:

The **Basic Version** allows you to provide your users with different views of the entry form and gives you more flexibility by allowing you to use a single install of Sobi2 as a

**Directory**

or

**CCK (Content Construction Kit)**

for more than a single purpose, but still under a single configuration.

The **Professional Version** provides substantial control over the Entry and View Templates, fee's and a number of other Sobi2 settings for each type of entry and allows for the creation of a

**Directory or CCK (Content Construction Kit)** for multiple purposes and for the most part their own configurations. This version also provides the ability to convert between types of entries, directly add features, modify data and create processes (multiple forms) with this added functionality you can now use Sobi2 as a

**PM (Process Management) Tool**

or as an

**IMS (Information Management System)**

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## What does it do?

The short answer is not much. It simply replicates the features of SOBI2 for multiple types of entries, manages fields and categories and allows switching between types. The effect of these changes is monumental as it changes the nature of SOBI2 and allows the creation of directories that couldn't even be considered before.

For all of it's power and flexibility SOBI2 is essentially an a la carte directory of one thing, there is one entry form for a set fee with paid features that can be displayed various ways in different categories.

With MET there are unlimited entry forms, you can even span a single entry over multiple forms, and unlimited views can share categories. For every type of entry you have further control over the base fee, available fields, required fields, fee's for additional features, entry periods, categories they can be placed in, display templates and the types of entries they can be converted to.

SOBI2 has demonstrated its ability to exceed it's roots as a business directory and function as a Blog, a File Manager an image and media server but it remains a directory of some sort. With MET you can harness this flexibility to create more complex processes. On this site SOBI2 with MET-Pro functions as an E-Commerce site and will eventually include Site Showcases and other features. This combination could also be used such things as application processes, Human resources services, full featured classified systems and 101 things I'll never think of.

### What versions are available?

There are two versions of this plugin available:

**MET-Basic:** This Free version provides multiple entry forms (custom only) and limited category controls and a controller field you can use to modify (Custom) V-Card and Details templates (with some additional php coding). I don't recommend it for commercial sites as the entry type is form based and therefore fairly easy to manipulate externally. It is good for sites where multiple entry types are required but you are using a single set of fees and publishing periods and Field settings normally with SOBI2.

**MET-Professional:** This is a paid version (\$100 Canadian Dollars) that provides the fully managed control of Entry Types, settings, display and converting types. Most settings are set in PHP and Database processes and therefore difficult to tamper with externally. It is recommended for commercial sites as it offers extensive control over settings, features and fees with minimal effort.

Feature:	MET-Professional	MET-Basic
Cost:	\$100.00 Canadian	Free
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YES/Limited

Can be used for Process Management (PM)

YES

NO

Can be used as an Information Management System (IMS)

NO

Multiple Entry Templates YES

YES

Publish/Unpublish Entry types YES

NO

Selection Menu Template YES

YES

Sort Entry Types YES

NO

Auto-Generated Templates YES

NO

Assignable/Custom Templates YES

NO

Assign Base Fee to Entry Type YES

NO

Assign Individual fees and settings to Custom Fields YES

NO

Assigned Field Categories by Entry Type YES

NO

Sobi2 plugin Filtering YES

NO

Modify Category Tree YES

LIMITED

Individual Expiry and Renewal Periods by Entry type YES

NO

Auto-Publishing settings by Entry Type YES

NO

Upgrade/Trasition between Entry Types

YES

NO

Entries can span over Multiple Forms

YES

NO

Expandable by plugin stsyem

YES

NO