Licences: Comparison Tools

Introduction

KB+ provides two comparison tools for licences:

- One tool compares the licences in your account based on the KB+ licence key properties you have defined for them. It also allows you to compare the licences in your account with the template licences in KB+.
- The other tool compares licences across KB+ based on the ONIX-PL expressions assigned to them by the KB+ team.

Note that different comparison tools are also available for packages and subscriptions. Refer to the COMPARISON TOOLS GUIDE for details.

Comparing the KB+ Properties of your Licences

To compare the licences in your account based on the KB+ licence access and distribution properties you have defined for them, either select Compare your licences (1) from the Licences menu:
...or select the Compare option (2) on the Licences panel of the Dashboard:

...or on either the Your licences or Licence Details page, click the Actions button (3):

...and then click Compare on the menu that is then displayed:
The *Compare your licences (KB+ Licence Properties)* page is then displayed:

You can compare up to three (or more) of your licences with this tool. Select the first licence by typing the name of the licence in the field near the top of the page (1). The names of the licences that include matches with what you have typed in will be listed. For example:

Select the required licence from the list, then click the *Add Licence* button (2). The selected licence is then added to the *Licences selected for comparison* list (3).
Follow the above procedure to add the other (one or two) licences for comparison. Then click the *Compare* button (4).

The access and distribution properties of the selected licences are then displayed side-by-side for easy comparison. For example:

![Comparison Table](image)

To enter a new the comparison criteria, or to export the results to a CSV file, click the *Actions* button at the top of the results page and select the required option (*Compare* or *CSV Export*) from the menu that is then displayed:
Comparing the ONIX-PL Properties of all Licences

To compare the licences across KB+ based on the ONIX-PL expressions assigned to them by the KB+ team (including relevant licence text and annotations), select Licence comparison tool (ONIX-PL) (1) from the Licences menu:

The Licence Comparison Tool (ONIX-PL) page is then displayed:

You can compare up to three licences with this tool. Select the licences to be compared using the procedure as described in Comparing the KB+ Properties of your Licences above.
You can, if you choose, specify which properties you want to see compared. To do this, click the area under the *Compare section* heading (4) highlighted below:

A list of groups of properties is then displayed:

Check the checkboxes of the types of properties to be compared.

If you select nothing, or select *All*, then all properties will be included in the results.

Finally, click the *Compare* button (5).
The ONIX-PL properties of the selected licences are then displayed side-by-side for easy comparison. Each group of properties will be displayed in a separate tab (those not selected on the previous page will be blank).

For example:

You can hover over the icons displayed in these results to view more information on them. For example:
To return to the Licence Comparison Tool (ONIX-PL) page and select different licences to compare, click the Actions button at the top of the results page, then select the Licence comparison tool (ONIX-PL) option.