About the KB+ newsletter

The newsletter will keep you updated with information related to KB+, details of events we are running and aspects of KB+ functionality.

Please let us know what type of information you find useful and would like to see included by emailing us at: **knowledgebaseplus@jisc.ac.uk**

About Knowledge Base+

Knowledge Base+ (at **jisc-collections.ac.uk/ KnowledgeBasePlus**) is a Jisc service within the digital resources directorate.

Knowledge Base+ is a shared service which aims to help UK libraries manage their e-resources more efficiently by providing accurate publication, subscription, licence and management information.

News

Our regular monthly webinar series starts again on March 1st at 11.00 with an examination of subscriptions. These short webinars will focus on different areas of KB+, providing an opportunity to explore different functions in details and then ask questions. Recordings will be made available afterwards for general use, supplementing our other support documentation, at **jisc-collections.ac.uk/knowledgebaseplus/ help/user-guides**

As part of our User Interface Project we would like to establish a group of users who are happy to take part in some prototype testing. These testing sessions could take up to 30 minutes, and there will be several opportunities to participate as the project develops. If you would be interested in becoming involved in our user testing, please email us at **knowledgebaseplus@jisc.ac.uk**

KB+ will be celebrating its fifth birthday this year. We would like to invite attendees of this year's UKSG conference at Harrogate to celebratory drinks on the evening of Monday 10th April. Further details will be circulated via the KB+ mailing list nearer the time.

KB+ and ebooks

We have recently begun expanding the knowledge base with ebook packages. These provide an additional electronic resource which you can now record and manage in KB+.

Our priority to date has been in adding Jisc Collection agreements such as Springer ebook subject collections and the Loeb Classical Library focusing on small, static, ebook packages. Ongoing developments to KB+ including the ability to export to the latest KBART standard, have allowed us to extend the information we can provide on a single title; we can now record author, publication date, edition etc.

KB+ historical title lists

In our efforts to assist the HE library community to manage their electronic resources effectively, we have electronic versions of pre-2012 title lists in Excel. We can make these available in KB+ based on your requests. In most of the cases, the lists correspond to Jisc Collections (Nesli2) agreements, for example Brill, Cambridge University Press, Institute Of Physics, Oxford University Press, Wiley etc. Full details of all the available lists are on our website, including a survey for you to complete – just choose the content provider and years in which you are interested in. See **jisc-collections. ac.uk/KnowledgeBasePlus/News-and-events/historical-title-lists**

KB+ one-day workshops

We are continuing our popular KB+ one-day workshops, through 2017, in venues across the UK. In these free workshops we update attendees with information about the new developments from our latest release, offer practical exercises on using KB+ and provide opportunities to answer your queries.

» **Wednesday 15th February**
London (11.00–15.30)

» **Wednesday 15th March**
Plymouth (11.00–15.30)

» **Wednesday 14th June**
Newcastle (11.00–15.30)

» **Wednesday 20th September**
Oxford (11.00–15.30)

» **Wednesday 15th November**
London (11.00–15.30)

Please see **jisc-collections.ac.uk/ KnowledgeBasePlus/News-and-events/ Events-and-training/KB-training-workshop** for further details and to book a place.

KB+ usage highlights from 2016

» The most visited content grouping is the **subscriptions** with 58,349 page views. **All titles** accounts for 28,523 page views. **Licences** for 18,999 and **Packages** for 18,075 page views.

» The most popular events are **edit of core titles** (which accounts for 7309 events from June 2016) and **downloads** (which accounts for 4390 events in the same period). Of these downloads, 2510 were from the public export page, 1700 from the modules and 180 from the comparison spreadsheet.

» 20% of traffic comes from outside the UK (from a total of 74 countries, 22 countries had more than 10 sessions per year)

» The most popular browser used to view KB+ is Chrome, with 48.20% of sessions. Of the rest 26.14% were from Firefox, 20.58% from Internet Explorer and 4.75% from Safari.

KB+ saving time for institutions

KB+ is a centrally maintained and managed knowledge base in which Jisc collates, verifies and updates knowledge base data. This avoids costly and inefficient duplication of effort by libraries all trying to do the same thing by themselves.

For example, we have gathered the number of updates we have done on current KB+ Jisc Collections agreements title lists, from the time of their creation to the end of December 2016. These updates are all corrections and additions completed at title level for each package (included editing coverage information such as dates, volume numbers and issue numbers, as well as adding notes, amending URLs or adding/deleting titles)

Some examples are included in the table below.

Please note that we have only collected information for current packages. Some publishers such as Elsevier, Sage, etc, do not feature in this data as we were still in the process of compiling the latest title lists at the time of counting. However, they will be included in future counting. If you would like to know anything about a specific provider/package please do get in touch.

Package Name	Total of updates
Taylor & Francis:Jisc Collections:Full Collection:2015-2017	2,888
Wiley:WHEEL:Online Library Full Collection:2015-2017	1,752
Wiley:SHEDL:Online Library Full Collection:2015-2017	1,710
Taylor & Francis:Jisc Collections:Full Collection: Expanded:2016-2017	1,576
Walter De Gruyter:Jisc Collections:Complete Collection:2016-2018	1,041

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User guides: **jisc-collections.ac.uk/KnowledgeBasePlus/Help/User-guides**

For more information about the Jisc Digital Resources Directorate: **jisc.ac.uk/content**

Our next newsletter will be sent out in May 2017. If you have any comments on this newsletter, or would like to contribute to the next one, please contact us.

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