

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.

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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.

KB+ 5 Year Anniversary

This special edition of the KB+ newsletter is to celebrate 5 years since the launch of KB+. Jisc has worked with the community to develop KB+ and change the electronic resources management landscape. Institutions find clear benefits in using KB+ as a time saving and comprehensive solution to the management of licence and subscription information. We would like to share with you a few quotes from our KB+ community.

"A KB+ label is a stamp of assurance that the title list has been checked and verified by KB+ Data Managers to include title history, title changes and missing ISSNs. It is a trusted and verified source."

Bangor University

"KB+ has helped us to move our workflow from a paper trail to a one stop digital knowledge base"

University of East Anglia

"KB+ has made managing our current licences and core subscription titles much easier. We always appreciate the ongoing work behind the data collecting that underpins the strong reliability of KB+."

Birkbeck, University of London

"Being involved in KB+ remains one of the proudest and happiest achievements of my professional life. Although many thought our chances of success were negligible given a lack of time, lack

of money and the competition from established suppliers the fact that we are here 5 years later, having achieved substantial and consistent monthly use across a large number of institutions proves that we were on to something."

Liam Earney, Director of Jisc Collections

"KB+ would not be possible without the support and collaboration of the KB+ community of users. We constantly receive feedback on the system, data and team activities. I like to think of KB+ as a very good example of a Jisc service made with the community for the community."

Magaly Bascones, KB+ Service Manager

"It's not simply the case that KB+ is providing a great service: there is a genuine attempt at addressing the cross-cutting concerns which impact the wider community. It's been a genuine pleasure and a privilege to work with an amazing and dedicated team over the past five years on a service that so clearly exemplifies the aim of working collaboratively on shared issues."

Ian Ibbotson, Technical Architect

KB+ Timeline

The KB+ project started back in 2009 with the service being available from 2012. The project set the tone for the collaborative nature of KB+ involving a variety of stakeholders from the beginning.

Project Work	
2009	SCONUL Shared Services Study for HEFCE
2010-2011	Use Case and User Requirements project Knowledge exchange with Kuali OLE
2012	HEFCE has awarded UMF funding to JISC Jisc Collections agrees to be the managing agent for the project Sero Consulting are appointed as technical lead Project, Community and Technical Advisory Boards are formed including representatives from several institutions such as SCONUL, MIMAS, EDINA, SHEDL and WHEEL Knowledge Integration joins the project providing technical development.

2012

- » **KB+ day one (September)**
- » KB+ includes package, platform, coverage and licence information for the current NESLI2, SHEDL and WHEEL agreements.
- » Integration of elcat
- » Public export pages and API for System Vendors

2013

- » KB+ becomes part of Jisc's service offer
- » **New Functionality:** Renewals and initial data management tools
- » Integration and display of the incoming JUSP data
- » Import of ONIX-PL data (licence)

2014

- » KB+ Advisory Board is formed
- » **New Functionality:** Comparison renewals spreadsheet, Licence Comparison Tool, exports in the link resolvers' formats, duplicate titles in packages, and expected and previous titles in subscriptions and packages
- » **New Service:** Automatic population of KB+ accounts with local and Jisc Collections information by the KB+ team.
- » **Project:** Work on Ebooks decision support and availability tracking tools began.
- » BIBSAM (Scandinavian Library Consortia) starts to use KB+ to manage their consortia metadata
- » First issue of the Newsletter is published

2015

- » **New Functionality:** Package comparison tool
- » **Enhancements:** Licence module - Comparison Tools, Exports, etc.
- » Further JUSP integration: core titles migration of over 1 million records
- » Hosting moved from EDINA to Jisc (MIMAS)
- » Research undertaken on how KB+ is being used by institutions & barriers of using KB+
- » Use Cases available online along with User Guides
- » Free one day training workshops are launched for the user community

2016

- » **New Functionality:** Financial module development started, enhanced Data Management tools including the adoption of KBART II
- » **Enhancements:** Increasing accuracy of Data Management tools
- » **Pilot:** Ebooks decision tool and tracking tool (with the support of the Northern Collaboration)
- » **Projects:** User Interface work, eBooks Metadata Scoping Project

2017

- » **New Functionality:** Finance module (including cost per use)
- » **New Service:** EBooks metadata being uploaded in KB+
- » **New UX Design**

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