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Oable, a workflow management tool for institutions engaging in Open Access activities, beta launches today

Knowledge Unlatched unveils a single solution for Open Access transactions compliant with many publishers and content types

Berlin, September 2, 2020 — Knowledge Unlatched (KU), the international initiative for Open Access (OA), is pleased to announce the beta launch of its new workflow management tool "Oable." Oable is a cockpit solution which supports libraries and OA departments in managing their growing OA transactions.

"For many institutions around the globe, managing OA has become an administrative headache, partly due to the growth in volume as well as more publishers entering the scene", says Dr. Sven Fund, Managing Director of KU. "In partnership with libraries and publishers, we have developed Oable as a solution to this challenge, thus catering for increased bibliodiversity and continued growth in article output."

Oable is a management tool that supports librarians in their daily work of administering researchers' OA publications. It ingests information on journal articles and books, checks the compliance with financing rules of the institution, and supports stable and efficient approval processes across departments.

"We have decided to integrate Oable with many existing partners and systems that libraries already rely on to make use of the API economy," says Max Mosterd, Head of Operations and Analytics at KU. "Oable will work with several systems within the academic publishing landscape to supply and receive metadata and content."

A number of institutions have offered their expertise to help develop the management tool, including the libraries of ETH Zürich, Iowa State University, and Bielefeld University.

Oable launches its beta version on September 2, 2020, with a group of 15 universities from different parts of the world. More information can be found at https://www.oable.org.

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About Knowledge Unlatched

Knowledge Unlatched is committed to Open Access (OA) to academic content for readers and researchers around the world. Its online platform is the central point of contact for libraries worldwide to support OA models, book and journal collections of leading publishing houses and various OA initiatives.

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