

KOLOLA collaborative e-portfolios

KOLOLA is a cloud-based collaborative e-portfolio system. It allows groups of people to create a rich structured record of their individual and joint activities, to express how those activities contribute towards shared goals and to store a range of media - photos, links and documents.

KOLOLA provides a user-friendly way to capture, share and analyse a comprehensive record of group activity. Each recorded activity (the green tiles shown below) combines information about when and where the activity took place, who took part, personal reflections, media such as photos and presentations, links to external resources, and structured data about how the activity relates to key goals (bottom right).

What type of activity occurred?

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| Conference | Journal Paper/Proceeding |
| Publication | White Paper/Technical Report |
| Seminar | Patent |
| Industry | |
| Built Something | |
| Professional Activity | |
| Training/Development | |
| Outreach | |
| Exchange / Trip | |
| Other | |

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| I provided feedback or input to the design of a product or service | Yes | No |
| I learned something or developed my skills | Yes | No |
| I gave a keynote, won a prize or received an award | Yes | No |
| I produced a key publication (influential or prestigious journal, many citations, etc.) | Yes | No |
| I participated in an advisory body or learned society | Yes | No |
| I published a result (as a paper, poster or conference proceeding, etc.) | Yes | No |
| I participated in an event with people from other disciplines | Yes | No |
| I participated in an event with other people who are working on RCUK Digital Economy projects | Yes | No |
| I participated in an event with people from outside of RCUK Digital Economy projects | Yes | No |

KOLOLA is *collaborative* – it's designed for teams of people, but recognises that sometimes people work individually and teams change often.

KOLOLA is *structured* – the collected data is designed to be analysed, it's more than just a survey of what people have done.

KOLOLA is *valued* – We aim to provide value to everyone, so that your investment pays off through the provision of useful management data and so that individuals have a reason to engage with the system.

| Collaborative | Structured | Valued |
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| By allowing users to work together, rather than in isolation, duplication of recording effort is reduced and activity coverage is increased. | Simple true-or-false statements are used to evaluate the properties of each activity and to structure the collected record. | KOLOLA provides real value to different stakeholders – increasing user engagement. |
| Awareness of others' activity promotes group cohesion and encourages interaction. | Structure allows quick and easy exploration of activities in different target areas – for instance, publication or public outreach. | Individuals benefit from a rich record of their own activity that can be shared, reflected upon, and used for professional development or to enhance a CV or job application. |
| Instant online access to past activity improves uptake by making reporting valuable to individuals as well as management. Individuals don't feel that their activity reports are "going into a blackhole." | Evidence requirements can be specified to capture additional information for specific types of activity. For instance, publication DOIs or the number of people reached by an outreach activity. | Managers benefit from oversight of very diverse activity, allowing support and resources to be allocated effectively and information for funders to be quickly collated. |
| | Users can create collections to group related activities together. | Marketing and PR efforts are enhanced by the availability of personal reflections, rich media resources such as photos and videos, and easy access to a record of the group's achievements. |

Outputs

Given the huge range of media and information – qualitative and quantitative – that KOLOLA combines, the outputs are similarly diverse. A comprehensive API provides access to raw data for use in other tools and flexible point-and-click analytics allow managers to glean quick insights into the recorded activity.



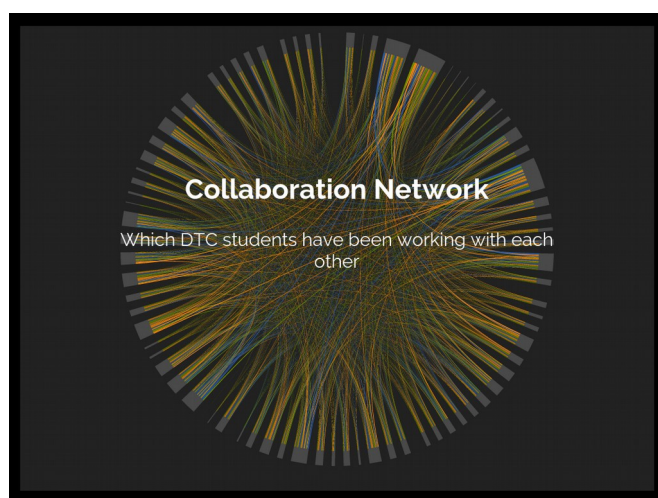
Activity Analytics

Analytics can be quickly applied to datasets to understand who's most active, how the number of activities has changed over time or which areas of impact are being targeted most often.

API Access

Structured JSON data can be accessed through the API for automated analysis or export into other tools.

For instance, rich visualisations can be built to showcase activity. See <http://hosted.xebre.net/waisfest14/> for an example.



More Information

For more information about KOLOLA collaborative e-portfolios, visit our website www.kolola.net or email info@kolola.net

We'd be delighted to arrange a one-to-one webcast to demonstrate a real instance of KOLOLA and to answer any questions that you have.

FAQs

How much does KOLOLA cost?

We offer a free 8-week trial to help you evaluate KOLOLA. After that, the price is set per-user-per-year with discounts as you add more users. Visit <http://www.kolola.net/sales/> for detailed pricing information and a pricing calculator. Site licensing is available, please contact us directly for more information.

How long does KOLOLA take to set up?

We can deploy new instances very quickly – Typically within 24 hours.

What types of activity can KOLOLA record?

The types of activity that KOLOLA can record, and the true-or-false statements that are used to evaluate those activities, are completely customisable. By default, instances come with a framework based on the ResearchFish taxonomy that's used by RCUK, so most academic projects can be up and running straight away. Over time, you can add new types of activity or new impact areas as they become apparent.

Can you integrate with other systems in our organisation?

We support authentication against LDAP/ActiveDirectory, allowing users to sign in with their existing username and password. We also support single sign-on through Shibboleth, as commonly used by academic institutions and online journals.

How do I know my data's safe?

We understand that entrusting such valuable data to a small cloud provider can sound risky! That's why we're happy to arrange for weekly backups to be deposited in your own Amazon S3 account, or to an FTP server within your own organisation. These backups contain complete copies of your e-portfolio's database and any uploaded photos or documents.