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Articles

A knowledge base is a compilation of structured information with the purpose of helping people identify and solve issues through content searching and retrieval or be informed about the product or service. The knowledge base is a very important component of knowledge management.

Knowledge base with structured information makes it easier for content to be found and used. The most common types of information provided by a knowledge base are frequently asked questions (FAQs), how-to instructions, installation procedures, troubleshooting guidelines and white paper content.

Information available on a knowledge base is different from other forms of documentation. First, a knowledge base topic focuses on only one idea because this makes the information easy to understand and find. Second, the length of the knowledge base topic is short as it focuses more on the "how" instead of the "what". Third, knowledge base topics are presented through a conversational style to provide the reader with an informal, direct and effective way of getting the information.

Searching and retrieving content from a knowledge base is the most common method of delivering information to the reader. Userfriendly knowledge bases display the "Search" box in the center of the page and give simple hints on how to perform a search that yields useful results. Presentation of the search results is also an important characteristic of a knowledge base because the information becomes very noticeable to the user at a glance.

A truly effective and useful knowledge base is characterized by easily searchable information, solid structured content and an ability to provide accurate and usable content where the reader is able to make sense of the information and resolve issues. The effectiveness of the knowledge base is also characterized by the timeliness of its content and its ability to provide a specific solution to a specific issue. We often get asked how licensing works with respect to users and why we say you can have as many readers as you like.

Privileges

KBPublisher licenses are based around <u>privileges</u>. There are five default privilege groups -- contributor, author, editor, moderator and administrator, and these are users who are licensed.

But there is also another group of users who can access your knowledgebase. These users have no privileges. These are the first two groups of users in the chart below.

	No privileges	No privileges	Contributor	Author	Editor	Moderator	Admin.
Read published articles/files	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Read private published articles/files		•	•	•	•	•	•
Add comments*	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rate articles*	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Email administrator*	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Create articles			•	•	•	•	•
Edit/delete own draft articles/files			•	•	•	•	•
Edit/delete own published articles/files				•	•	•	•
Edit/delete other authors' articles/files					•	•	•
Publish articles				•	•	•	•
Add/edit delete glossary items					•	•	•
Manage user comments					•	•	•
Manage categories						•	•
Create/edit/update users						•	•
Manage templates						•	•
Import/export articles/users							•
Change KBPublisher settings							•

These users can't edit articles or files. They have no privileges. (If you are a staff user with the appropriate access and could see the user details for these people you would see that Privilege field on the user screen is set to '__'.) These people can, however, read articles, rate them and add comments if they wish. They can also use the Ask a Question facility to send emails to your knowledgebase administrators.

Thus, when calculating what type of license you require for KBPublisher, you only need to consider those users for whom you will assign privileges. In the diagram above, that is those users in the last five columns.

Roles

Does a user have to be assigned a privilege before you can assign them to a role?

No.

Example

Widget Inc. sells widgets. They use a knowledgebase to provide help and support for their customers. That same knowledgebase provides support information for internal users. Internal users see the same information that external users (the companies who buy the widgets) see, but they also have access to extra articles about troubleshooting, product returns, sales and so on. The company has 100 employees, and 20 customers. Each customer (to make our sums easier) has 10 people who use the knowledgebase, making a total of 200 customer users. That's 300 people in total who view the knowledgebase.

The readers of the database can be divided into the following three groups:

- Customers
- Support
- Marketing

These are the reader users. Users who fall into these groups will be assigned roles, but no privileges. They have no impact on licensing.

You control what these people see through roles.

Ten people manage the knowledgebase. These are:

• Four authors

- Two contributors (two subject matter experts)
- An editor
- Two moderators One administrator.

These ten people will be assigned privileges and may or may not also be assigned roles. These are the ones who must be licensed.

What KBPublisher <u>license</u> does *Widget Inc.* use?

They require ten 'users', so they can start with a **10 License Pack**.

If *Widget Inc.* finds that their knowledgebase is so successful that they need to have more staff users (say 25), they can upgrade to the **30 License Pack** simply by paying the difference between licenses.

The knowledge base can be used in a variety of cases. It is possible to store absolutely any kind of information in it. The knowledge base can be aimed at external or internal audiences and can serve different purposes depending on the audience. Common needs met by using a knowledge base include:

- Customer support
- Knowledge exchange within the company
- Business promotion

Customer support

The most popular use case for a knowledge base is customer support.

Many users prefer to solve problems by themselves, without contacting the support service personally by phone or through the system for processing requests by e-mail. In this case, a well-structured and clearly written knowledge base makes it easier to find the information they need, and reduces the time spent by the client to find a solution to the problem. This significantly reduces the number of calls to the company's support service.

The knowledge base works around the clock and seven days a week. If you have clients living in a different time zone, country, or continent, then the important information stored in the knowledge base will be available at any time, even outside of your usual business hours.

Knowledge exchange within the company

A knowledge base can be a convenient tool for sharing knowledge within each department of the company.

Centralized data storage helps the company's employees not to miss or lose all-important information.

A knowledge base helps optimize business processes. For each work issue, you can develop a scheme of worked out actions, then approve it and place it in the knowledge base. Employees can go to the knowledge base and receive a ready-made procedure for actions on a particular case.

A knowledge base allows you to speed up learning for new employees. You can use the knowledge base to store regulations, instructions, templates, reports, and other documents that new employees must become familiar with before starting their jobs. In this case, new employees learn by themselves without drawing more experienced employees away from their work.

Business promotion

A knowledge base can serve as a tool to promote and develop your business.

The knowledge base provides analytical and statistical reports that are based on data about its users' actions. The data allows you to analyze the needs of your customers and develop strategies to satisfy them.

By developing high-quality knowledge base content and keeping it up to date, you promote your product or service. If the content turns out to be useful to your clients, they will share the information with others, thereby increasing the number of visits to your site.

Before you start creating a knowledge base, it is very important to think through its structure.

In this article, we will look at the main issues that need to be carefully considered for the knowledge base to fulfill its intended purpose and for end users to find it easy and convenient to use.

1. Determine the purpose and themes

When creating a knowledge base, it is necessary to determine the intended audience. A knowledge base will fulfill different purposes and have different content depending on whether it's aimed at an external or internal audience.

Once you have defined your audience, find out their needs. These needs will be the basis for new topics in the knowledge base.

You can use the following materials to search for topics:

- answers to frequently asked questions from customers or users,
- documentation on the new release of the product or service,
- internal documents with information that may be useful to users,
- feedback and reviews left by clients,
- conducted surveys, and much more.

Compile all the relevant information. You probably have content that you can add to your knowledge base right now.

2. Think over the layout of the knowledge base and its structure

The next important step in creating a knowledge base is selecting its proper structure.

The <u>layout</u> will allow you to determine where and how the information will be arranged, as well as how the sections will look to the end user. The structure will give you an idea of how to organize the information for better navigation and search.

In the knowledge base, you can create <u>categories</u> and publish articles devoted to specific topics.

3. Generate article templates for each section of the knowledge base

There are many advantages to using ready-made <u>templates</u> when writing articles in the knowledge base. Ready-made templates simplify the process of writing articles and reduces the time spent on their design. Templates can contain fields that are already predefined for the article. This will allow the author to focus on writing the content of the article rather than wasting time filling out those fields.

Consistency across articles keeps the knowledge base neat and helps users navigate the content better.

Templates can contain explanations that help the author write the main content of the article. For example, a template for a *How to* article might look like this:

- Title
- Introduction (2-3 sentences)
- Step-by-step sequence of actions
- Conclusion (1-2 sentences)

4. Think over the procedure for publishing the finished content

You should determine in advance the procedure for publishing finished content.

Decide who will write articles and who will approve and publish them. Then, in the knowledge base, create and assign<u>roles</u> to everyone who participates in the procedure: i.e., writing, approval of articles, etc.

It is important to keep in mind that the publishing procedure may differ depending on the type of content.

Schedule the time when the material will be published. Also, decide when you need to update or delete outdated articles.

5. Set visibility of articles

You should always control visibility of or access to articles – what external users can see and what internal employees can see. You must not allow certain documents, especially confidential ones, to be in the public domain for everyone.

Employees who are responsible for publishing content should set visibility and access parameters for that content, considering the intended audience. For example, certain HR documents should only be accessible to HR staff, etc.

To securely store the company's intellectual property and prevent leakage of confidential information, pay special attention to setting access rights to all materials in the knowledge base. You can define and assign <u>privileges</u> that allow only some activities: viewing, editing, deleting, downloading, printing, commenting, etc.

6. Improve access to the knowledge base

The knowledge base is effective only if users can find it quickly.

Place a link to the knowledge base in the menu of your website or, better yet, on all pages of the website. Consult with designers and other specialists who can tell you how to make the knowledge base easily accessible to your website users.

The main goal of a corporate knowledge base is to reduce time and labor costs spent in performing typical tasks. A knowledge base is a convenient and accessible collection of working information that can be presented in different ways.

Why do you need a corporate knowledge base?

Any company that wants to thrive cannot do without a well-structured system for storing corporate information. Each employee needs access to various documents, best practices, instructions, and other materials. By organizing a knowledge base in your company, you will receive these benefits:

- 1. Centralized storage of documents. All important and necessary information is stored in one place for employees.
- Optimized business processes. It is very convenient to store all instructions and action steps in the knowledge base. For each work issue, you can develop a procedure, then you can approve it and place in the knowledge base. If necessary, your employees can search the knowledge base about this issue and receive a ready-made process for how to handle a particular issue.
- 3. **Reduced interruptions**. You can store answers to frequently asked questions about your company's services or about a released product in the knowledge base. Hence, there is no need to distract managers and colleagues from their work.
- 4. **Rapid onboarding**. It takes a long time to train newcomers, which is why workforce productivity is extremely low during the first 2-3 months on the job. A significant amount of ramp up time is saved if you have a knowledge base. It also saves time for employees who are responsible for training new joiners, since there is no need to explain information that is available for self-study in the knowledge base.

What content a corporate knowledge base can contain

Each department of a company has its own specific information that you should place in the knowledge base. Here is a list of content that you may want to keep in your corporate knowledge base:

- List and description of products and services offered by your company.
- List and description of the tools involved in the work.
- Internal regulations, standards, procedures, reports, regulatory documents, etc.
- Templates for standard documents.
- Answers to employees' frequently asked questions.
- Useful articles, guides for actions.
- Recommendations for solving certain work tasks.
- Reference information.
- Articles describing successful unconventional approaches to problem solving.
- Educational materials. Video seminars, lectures, video and audio recordings of successful negotiations, conversations with customers and contractors, etc.
- Video tutorials. For example, in the accounting department, it is useful to create video lessons on performing any important operations, so that if one of the accountants is absent, his colleagues can perform his work.
- Internal news feed. This is a source of knowledge about the inner workings of your company, its employees, their
 achievements, the state of affairs of the company. The feed can also contain important information for employees, notifying
 them about upcoming events / activities, work problems, etc.
- Industry news. Include a news feed collected from selected external news resources in the knowledge base.
- Profiles of employees, with brief information. For example, full name, position held, department, location, contact information, projects in which he or she is involved, current status (*In State, Out of Office, On Vacation, On Sick leave, On a business trip,* etc.).

How to maintain a corporate knowledge base

To support and expand the knowledge base, it is necessary to develop a special procedure that includes:

- Basic principles of classification of both existing and new information. It is necessary to clearly define criteria by which you can house information within one or another section of the knowledge base.
- Responsibility for the relevance of information. It is important to assign people responsible for a particular article or a whole section of the knowledge base, including who will keep the information current.
- Rules for entering information into the knowledge base. Develop a detailed step-by-step procedure for adding information into the knowledge base.

It is very important to organize the work so that your employees expand the knowledge base themselves and keep it up-to-date.

Often employees refuse to share their professional experience. It is necessary to make significant changes in the corporate culture of the company to encourage sharing of knowledge. When preparing to implement a corporate knowledge base, it is advisable to discuss this issue with top managers. Knowledge exchange is possible only with the support and involvement of the company's management.

For example, after drawing up a strategy for implementing a knowledge base, managers should consider different types of rewards for sharing useful professional information within the company. At the same time, employees should understand that sharing valuable experience does not mean losing something, but gaining. For example, employees can gain authority, reputation, real cash bonuses for an idea, the opportunity to be a part of the talent pool, etc.

KBPublisher Community Edition

KBPublisher Community Edition is 100% free, open source knowledge base software. Rate it on <u>Github</u>.

KBPublisher Pro vs KBPublisher Community Edition

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Staff users	Depends on license, from 5 to Unlimited	Unlimited
End users	Unlimited	Unlimited
Articles and files	Unlimited	Unlimited
Cloud version (we host it)	Yes	No
On premise version (you host it)	Yes	Yes
Support and maintenance	1 year (with optional extension).	None

Pro

Community

KBPublisher Pro advanced modules and features

KBPublisher Pro offers several advanced modules and features compared to the KBPublisher Community Edition: compared to the KBPublisher Community Edition

<u>Authentication (SSO)</u>

This allows you to integrate your organization's authentication system with KBPublisher, such as SAML, LDAP, or others. It allows you to set up Single sign-on (SSO) authentications.

- <u>Automation</u> This will allow you to regularly check the contents of your knowledge base and perform certain actions as needed.
- <u>Draft & Workflows</u> It will help automate the process of reviewing, approving, and publishing articles.
- Export

Exporting allows you to export a single article, a category, or the entire knowledge base to PDF or HTML.

• File Rules

The plugin allows you to automatically check the specified directory and add (link) files to the KB.

<u>News Module</u>

The News Module will allow you to publish news in your KB, users can subscribe to the news.

<u>Must Read</u>

The Must Read option allows you to set a mandatory reading requirement, ensuring that KB users receive the information.

• <u>History</u>

It can store a history of changes made to the content of an article or file. You can view earlier versions and compare them with the current version to see what has changed, and you can roll back to earlier versions.

<u>Private</u>

With the Private plugin, you can set up different user access to a specific article and/or category.

<u>Reports</u>

Reports provide advanced knowledge base statistics on users and articles, including a usage report, views report, and user activity report.

<u>Custom Fields</u>

It allows you to customize the KB by adding custom fields to articles, files, etc.

Getting started

You can download KBPublisher Community Edition on Github

In the context of digital business transformation, centralized storage of information is becoming critical. Knowledge Base is not just an archive of documents, but an intelligent system that speeds up employee onboarding, reduces the load on support and improves the quality of customer service. Let's look at the key stages of creating such a system.

1. Define goals and target audience

Before choosing tools, answer the questions: - Who will use the system (employees, clients, partners)? - What problems will it solve (for example, duplicating support questions or a long search for instructions)? - What type of content will be stored (FAQ, manuals, video tutorials)?

Example: For the sales department, the priority may be quick access to templates of commercial proposals, and for IT support - a database of solutions to common technical failures.

2. Select the format and tools

Options for organizing a knowledge base: - **Wiki systems** (for example, Confluence or Bitrix24) - suitable for complex structures with sections and subsections. - **CRM platforms** with Knowledge Base modules (Salesforce, Zendesk) - convenient for integration with customer support. - **Cloud services** (Notion, Google Sites) — for small businesses with minimal budgets.

Selection criteria: the ability to edit collaboratively, search by tags, version control, mobile access.

3. Structure information

- Divide content into categories (for example: "Products", "HR", "Technical support").
- Use hierarchy: Main topic \rightarrow Subsections \rightarrow Articles.
- Add labels (tags) for cross-references: for example, the tag "Authorization" can be in articles for clients and employees.

Tip: Test the structure on a focus group. If users can't find the answer in 2-3 clicks, simplify navigation .

4. Fill the database with content

- Texts: Write concisely, use checklists and templates. Avoid fluff only specific instructions.
- Multimedia: Screenshots with annotations, video instructions (e.g. via Loom), infographics.
- Examples: Include real-life problem-solving cases ("How to process a return for client X").

Important: Update materials after changes in processes. Outdated information is worse than no information at all.

5. Implement and train

- Launch a pilot version for one department.
- Conduct training: webinars, guides on working with the system.
- Assign those responsible for data relevance (for example, 1 curator per department).

6. Optimize based on analytics

- Track statistics: popular queries, "zero" search results.
- Implement feedback forms ("Was this material useful?").
- Automate: chatbots for frequently asked questions, integration with Helpdesk.

Additional recommendations

- Security: Set up access levels (e.g. HR documents for employees only).
- **Backup:** Store copies of data on a separate server.
- Incentives for authors: Reward employees for adding useful materials.

In today's world where information is a key resource, effective knowledge management is becoming critical to the success of any business. Cloud knowledge bases, such as KBPublisher, provide powerful tools to organize, store and distribute information, dramatically increasing productivity and improving customer experience. Cloud based knowledge base software provides a modern solution to knowledge management.

What is a cloud-based knowledge base?

A Cloud Knowledge Base is a centralized repository of information available online. It allows companies and organizations to systematize the knowledge they need for operations, customer service and staff training. Often, businesses seek <u>corporate</u> <u>knowledge base software</u> to centralize internal information.

Therefore, investing in a robust cloud knowledge base is a strategic decision that can empower businesses to operate more efficiently, provide superior customer service, and foster a culture of knowledge sharing. When choosing a platform, factors such as ease of use, search functionality, content management features, analytics, and integration capabilities should be considered to ensure it meets the specific needs of the organization.

Benefits of using KBPublisher

KBPublisher offers a robust and intuitive solution for building a knowledge base. Here are the key benefits:

- Quick access to information reduces time spent searching for answers and allows employees to focus on their core tasks.
- Process automation and centralised knowledge storage simplify work and reduce the likelihood of errors.
- Customers get quick and accurate answers to their questions, which increases customer loyalty. Many companies improve customer support by deployingcustomer knowledge base software.
- Reduced training time for new employees and reduced support workload.

KBPublisher: Your partner in the world of knowledge

KBPublisher stands out from the competition with its simplicity and user-friendly interface, making it ideal for users with any level of technical expertise.

KBPublisher offers flexible solutions for different needs:

- KBPublisher Community Edition (Free Open Source). A free open source version, ideal for small companies or teams wishing to evaluate product functionality.
- Boxed Version. For those who prefer to install the knowledge base on their own server.
- Cloud solution. A convenient and scalable solution that avoids infrastructure and maintenance issues.

Main tasks that KBPublisher solves

- 1. KBPublisher allows employees to quickly find the information they need, reducing training time and increasing their productivity.
- 2. Customers get instant access to answers to their questions, increasing satisfaction and loyalty.
- 3. The knowledge base improves staff efficiency by reducing the support workload and speeding up problem solving.

KBPublisher's main features:

- 1. Powerful search and filtering system
- 2. Ability to organize articles into categories and subcategories
- 3. Support for various content formats (text, images, video)
- 4. Customizable access rights system
- 5. Usage statistics and analytics

Output

<u>KBPublisher</u> is a powerful and flexible knowledge base solution that can help your company effectively manage knowledge, increase productivity and improve customer experience. No matter the size of your business, KBPublisher offers a solution that fits your needs, including a free Community Edition that lets you get started today. That's why it's so important to purchase this innovative solution from us, which will significantly expand your knowledge base and guarantee business success.

How to choose the best Enterprise knowledge base solutions for your company:a comprehensive guide

Today, the corporate knowledge base (KB) has become not just a useful tool, but a necessity. It allows you to centralize information, streamline learning processes, increase employee productivity and improve customer service. But how do you choose the one, the best platform for your company, given the myriad of solutions available? In this article we'll look at key selection criteria, compare popular platforms and show why <u>KBPublisher</u> may be the best solution, especially for large organizations.

Why does your company need a knowledge base? Before we dive into the details, let's define what tasks a properly implemented knowledge base solves:

- Your employees spend less time searching for the information they need, which means more time completing tasks.
- Customers can find the answers to their questions on their own, reducing the burden on your support team and increasing customer satisfaction.
- Easy access to knowledge and training is built into the workflow, increasing the efficiency of every employee. Key criteria for selecting an internal knowledge base software platform

Choosing a KB platform is a responsible step that will affect the entire company. Focus on the following criteria:

- The system should 'grow' with your company, coping with the increasing amount of information and number of users. Pay attention to limitations on the number of users and storage size.
- KB should integrate easily with existing systems: CRM, Help Desk, project management systems. Seamless integration saves time and effort.
- Ensure that sensitive information is well protected. Features such as role-based access control, data encryption and security compliance are important.
- An intuitive interface will allow employees to easily create, edit and find information. A complex system that is difficult to master will not yield the desired results.
- Make sure the platform offers the internal knowledge base tools you need: keyword search, categorization, tags, commenting and feedback capabilities.
- Compare the cost of different platforms, considering the number of users, storage capacity, and additional features. It is important to understand the total cost of ownership (TCO), including implementation, support and training costs.

Comparison of popular enterprise knowledge base platforms

There are many KB platforms on the market, each with its own advantages and disadvantages. Let's take a look at a few popular options:

• Atlassian Confluence. A popular solution for collaboration and documentation creation. Integrates well with other Atlassian products, but can be difficult to master.

• **Guru**. Focused on providing information to employees in the context of their work. Great for customer-facing teams, but may be less flexible for other purposes.

• Notion. A versatile tool for organizing information and collaboration. Can be used as a knowledge base but requires more customization.

• **KBPublisher**. Specialized solution for creating knowledge bases, with a focus on ease of use and effective content management.

KBPublisher: simplicity and efficiency for enterprise knowledge bases

KBPublisher is software designed specifically for creating powerful and user-friendly knowledge bases. Our goal is to provide companies with a tool that helps their employees quickly find the information they need, reduce training time and increase productivity.

Key benefits of KBPublisher:

- Intuitive interface makes KBPublisher accessible to users with any level of technical expertise. Easily create, edit and manage content.
- Powerful search engine allows you to quickly find relevant information by keywords, tags and categories.
- KBPublisher easily adapts to your company's needs. Customise the appearance, structure and functionality of your knowledge base.
- The system can easily handle large volumes of information and a large number of users.
- KBPublisher can integrate with various platforms.

KBPublisher Community Edition: a free start for your knowledge base

We offer <u>KBPublisher Community Edition</u>, a free open source version that is ideal for small teams and companies starting to implement a knowledge base. It's a great way to evaluate KBPublisher's capabilities and see how it can help your organisation.

Why is KBPublisher great for large organisations?

Large organisations need a robust and scalable knowledge base that can handle a huge amount of information and a large number

of users. KBPublisher offers just that:

- Control who has access to what information with detailed role and permission settings.
- Provide access to information to employees and customers around the world.
- Track how users interact with the knowledge base to optimise content and improve its effectiveness.
- KBPublisher is designed to handle large amounts of data without sacrificing speed and stability.
- Choose the most suitable deployment option for your company.

The 3 main tasks KBPublisher solves for your users are:

- 1. Increase staff productivity and reduce time spent searching for information.
- 2. Helping customers resolve their issues quickly and efficiently.
- 3. Giving employees quick access to professional knowledge, reducing training time and increasing job satisfaction.

Conclusion:

Choosing an enterprise knowledge base platform is an investment in your company's future. Carefully assess your needs, compare different options and choose the solution that best suits your requirements. KBPublisher offers a simple, efficient and scalable solution that will help your company build a powerful knowledge base and reach new heights. Try KBPublisher Community Edition today and see for yourself!

Choosing the right <u>knowledge software</u> is a critical decision for any company looking to improve customer service, enhance customer experience, and increase customer satisfaction. One option is the use of open source solutions. In this, we will look at the advantages and disadvantages of knowledgebase open source, compare them to KBPublisher, and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of open source knowledge management tools for teams.

With open source knowledge base software, users can access and modify the source code. This allows users to inspect, change, and share the code as they wish. While this provides significant flexibility for businesses to tailor the software to their specific needs, it also comes with certain responsibilities.

Advantages:

Flexibility and customization: The most important advantage is the possibility of full customization. You can adapt the functionality and appearance of the knowledge base to your unique needs. Control: Complete control over your data and infrastructure. Cost: Often, the software itself is provided free of charge. However, you need to consider the cost of implementation, support and maintenance.

Disadvantages:

- Complicated. Implementation and customization: The implementation and customization process can be complex and timeconsuming, especially for users without technical experience.
- Dependence on community: Development and support often depend on the activity of the development community.

Top 5 Open Source alternatives to knowledge bases (and their comparison with KBPublisher)

Let's take a look at a few popular open source solutions and compare them with KBPublisher:

- 1. A powerful and flexible wiki system that requires considerable efforts to adapt to the needs of the knowledge base. There is no inbuilt support for knowledge management tools for teams, requires plugin development. KBPublisher offers an out-of-the-box solution with an intuitive interface and inbuilt knowledge management tools for team's features.
- 2. Documize is focused on documentation for developers. The functionality for customer support is limited. KBPublisher is specifically designed to create knowledgebase open source focused on both employees and customers.
- 3. DokuWiki is a simple and user-friendly wiki system. Limited possibilities for organization and information retrieval compared to specialised knowledge software solutions.
- 4. OpenKM: A document management system with capabilities for knowledge base creation. More complex to set up and manage than KBPublisher, which focuses on ease of use.
- 5. PHPKB: PHP-based knowledge management system, with limited functionality in the free version has limited functionality. <u>KBPublisher Community Edition</u> -Offers advanced functionality in a free open source version.

KBPublisher is an optimal combination of ease of use, broad functionality and flexibility, making it an excellent choice for companies, who are looking for a powerful, yet user-friendly knowledge base.

KBPublisher: Simplicity and efficiency in knowledge management KBPublisher is knowledge base software, that helps your employees find the information they need faster/ It also helps your customers to resolve their questions quickly and efficiently, improving the quality of service.

Key benefits of KBPublisher:

- Ease of use (User-friendly): An intuitive interface allows you to create and manage content quickly, even without specialised technical skills.
- Free version (Community Edition): KBPublisher Community Edition is a full-fledged open source version with a wide range of features that allows you to start building your knowledge base without any technical skills, features, which allows you to start building your knowledge base. A great option for small companies or for testing functionality.
- Box and Cloud: Choose the most convenient deployment option install the software on your server (box) or use the cloud version, which requires no infrastructure maintenance.
- Out-of-the-box solution: Unlike open-source options that require modifications and plug-ins, KBPublisher offers a ready-to-use tool 'out-of-the-box'.

KBPublisher solves 3 main problems:

- 1. Increasing staff productivity: Reduces time spent searching for information by giving employees quick access to the knowledge they need.
- 2. Improved customer service.Customers: Helps customers find answers to their questions on their own, reducing the burden on the helpdesk.
- 3. Knowledge centralization: Creates a single knowledge base that allows you to accumulate and systematize information.

When should you choose a Hosted solution over an Open Source?

If you don't have the technical resources to support and maintenance of an open source knowledge base, or you need fast deployment and scalability, a hosted solution (a cloud-based version of the KBPublisher) may be a better option. Hosted solutions take care of all the technical aspects, allowing you to focus on content creation and knowledge management.

Conclusion:

The choice between an open source and a hosted solution for knowledge base solution depends on your specific needs and resources. Choose the option that is right for you.

In today's highly competitive environment, small businesses are looking to optimize their operations. One of the keys to success is the effective utilisation and dissemination of knowledge within the company. If you haven't yet implemented a <u>knowledge</u> <u>management software system (KMS)</u>, you should seriously consider doing so.

This article will explain why a KMS is a critical tool for your small business, what tasks it helps you accomplish, and how it helps your company grow and thrive.

Solving complex problems: staff training, customer service, working remotely

A knowledge base software for small businesses (SLS) is a centralised knowledge base that is accessible to all employees. This means that all the information you need, including instructions, manuals, answers to popular questions, internal regulations and more, is gathered in one place. This helps with the following challenges:

- Instead of wasting time searching for information in different sources, newcomers can quickly find the knowledge they need in OMS. This greatly speeds up the on boarding process and allows them to get up to speed faster.
- Knowledge database software makes it possible for support staff to answer all customer questions very quickly, as well as to solve problems and provide the most accurate and only verified information. This makes it possible to increase customer loyalty and significantly improve the image of the company.
- Remote working is becoming more and more popular. SLS helps a lot. Access to information is guaranteed. and it does not matter where the employee is at any given time. Employees are able to find all the information they need for their work. This increases efficiency and productivity.
- The SLS helps support staff to quickly find answers to customer questions, offer solutions to problems and provide up-to-date and accurate information. This leads to increased customer loyalty and a better company image.
- With the growing popularity of remote working, an SLS becomes an indispensable assistant. It guarantees access to knowledge regardless of the employee's location. Remote employees can easily access the information they need for their work, which increases their productivity and efficiency.

Saving resources and return on investment: how KMS helps small businesses save time and money

Investing in knowledge management software for small business (KMS) is an investment that pays off faster than you think. Let's take a look at how small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) optimize their resources by implementing a KMS:

- Forget about chaotic information retrieval! Instead of wasting time digging through emails, files and documents, employees get instant access to the data they need through KMS. This increases productivity and allows the team to focus on prioritized tasks.

- KMS becomes a powerful training tool for new employees. Create a centralised knowledge base available to all and reduce the cost of expensive training.

- Access to accurate and up-to-date information minimises the potential for errors. This leads to improved quality of work and reduced financial losses.

- KMS ensures document version control, compliance and simplifies the process of making changes.

Are you ready to take your business to the next level of efficiency?

In an era of fierce competition, quick access to information, teamwork and loyal customers are your main trump cards. Implementing a knowledge management system is not just a fashion trend, but a necessity for any small business looking for sustainable growth. Discover KBPublisher - a simple, reliable and cost-effective solution specifically designed for SMEs.

Forget about knowledge chaos! Tired of endless searching for information, tedious questions from colleagues and a mountain of papers? <u>KBPublisher</u> is your personal guide to the world of structured knowledge that will transform your small business. It's not just a data warehouse, but a true efficiency accelerator that will help you work smarter, faster and more successfully.

Imagine: your employees find answers to any question in no time, without distracting them from important tasks. Customers get instant support, and you get satisfied and loyal customers. Forget about lengthy training and hiring expensive specialists! KBPublisher is designed for simple solutions. Its intuitive interface makes it easy to create and manage your knowledge base, even if you're not an IT genius.

The benefits of KBPublisher for your business are real, not promises:

- Employees work faster because information is always at their fingertips.

- Efficiency increases, tasks get done faster.
- Instant answers = satisfied customers = repeat purchases.
- Knowledge sharing unites, creates a unified work environment.
- KBPublisher scales with your business.
- An investment that will bring a return quickly.

- Time savings, productivity gains, service improvements all increase your bottom line and make you competitive.

Don't waste time thinking about it! Discover how KBPublisher can become your secret weapon and increase your profits today! Don't miss your chance!