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PTFS Europe, Kortext and the Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) agree deal to transform the reading list & course materials market for universities and students globally.

CLA and Kortext, the UK's leading Personal Learning Platform and digital textbook provider have agreed to buy the rebus:list Reading List Management System from PTFS Europe, a leading supplier of the Koha library management system and other products to the library market.

The rebus:list system has been significantly upgraded to take advantage of modern technologies and to provide simple connectivity with other systems making it more adaptable for today's dynamic education environment. It is already used by over 30 institutions across the UK and Ireland. CLA and Kortext will work in partnership with PTFS Europe to provide existing customers with a seamless migration to the enhanced system over the next six months. Both existing and new customers will be invited to participate in the future development of the service.

Kortext and CLA are committed to making a significant investment in the system to enhance its current capabilities and create a world leading resource management solution. The system will actively support teaching and learning across education and beyond. Kortext has already developed the Digital Content Store (DCS) for CLA, the revolutionary workflow management system, now used by 77 universities in the UK, to help manage digital course pack creation and distribution to students.

Mat Pfleger, CEO of CLA commented "We are delighted to be making this announcement today with Kortext and PTFS Europe. Our investment further demonstrates CLA's commitment to develop solutions and services that simplify copyright and make it easier to access content.

We will continue to partner with the sector as a whole and with other third party systems who wish to integrate with CLA solutions and products."

Nick Dimant, CEO of PTFS Europe added "We are very proud of the progress we have made with rebus:list over the last few years and are pleased that it will become a core component of many universities teaching and learning infrastructure going forward. Our collaboration with CLA and Kortext will help ensure that rebus:list becomes the leading resource management solution. With the amazing capabilities of both CLA and Kortext, we see a very strong win for the library sector, and of course the academics and students they serve."

James Gray CEO of Kortext added "We are delighted to work with CLA and PTFS Europe in developing services that support universities and students within the HE sector. Along with rebus:list and the CLA we will help to create a seamless learning experience that enhances access to the widest possible range of learning resources. Helping universities transition to a more innovative digital learning environment remains our priority and such partnerships allow for enhanced interoperability."

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About Kortext
Kortext is the UK's leading personal learning platform providing access to over half a million digital textbooks from over 850 of the world's leading education publishers such as Pearson, McGraw Hill and Wiley. These publishers along with many other learning content providers use Kortext to help distribute digital content to students and their education institutions around the world. The platform provides an enhanced learning experience with access to powerful study tools that are highly valued by students. Universities such as the Imperial College London, Plymouth University, and Middlesex University are adopting the platform, and are able to utilise the detailed Kortext learning analytics to better support student retention, progression and success.
Kortext is a founding member of Edtech UK, a strategic body set up to accelerate the UK's education technology sector in Britain and globally. In addition, working with global partners such as Microsoft and Samsung, Kortext has created a growing international presence, from offices in the US, Canada, Middle East, Africa and Australia.

 About the Copyright Licensing Agenc*y*
CLA are the recognized UK collective rights licensing body for text and images from book, journal, and magazine content. We exist to simplify copyright for content users and copyright owners. Our mission is to help customers legally access, copy, and share the published content they need, while also making sure that copyright owners are paid royalties for the use of their work. We have been providing rights and licences, as well as a growing range of services that simplify copyright and make it easier to access content, for over 30 years. This includes our revolutionary Digital Content Store, an optional workflow tool for Higher Education launched in

July 2016, which currently manages the digital course pack creation process for 77 UK institutions and serves content to over one million students. For more information about CLA, visit our website, or visit our Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

About PTFS Europe
PTFS Europe provides a wide range of products for the library market. These include the library system Koha, Rebus:list for list management, RT: request tracker for enquiry management, Coral for electronic resource management and the Knowvation digital repository. An ISO27001 company, PTFS Europe provides the full range of services needed to implement, host and support these products.
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