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# Teaching & learning

Updates and enhancements

My files for Kortext Essential users

My files now available on Kortext Essential

- All Kortext Essential accounts will have access to My files with a storage capacity limit of 500MB, allowing students to upload journal articles, academic PowerPoints and other content.

- The file types supported are: .PDF, EPUB, .PPT, .XLC(S), .DOC(X).

- Users can create notes, highlights and work on user uploaded files.
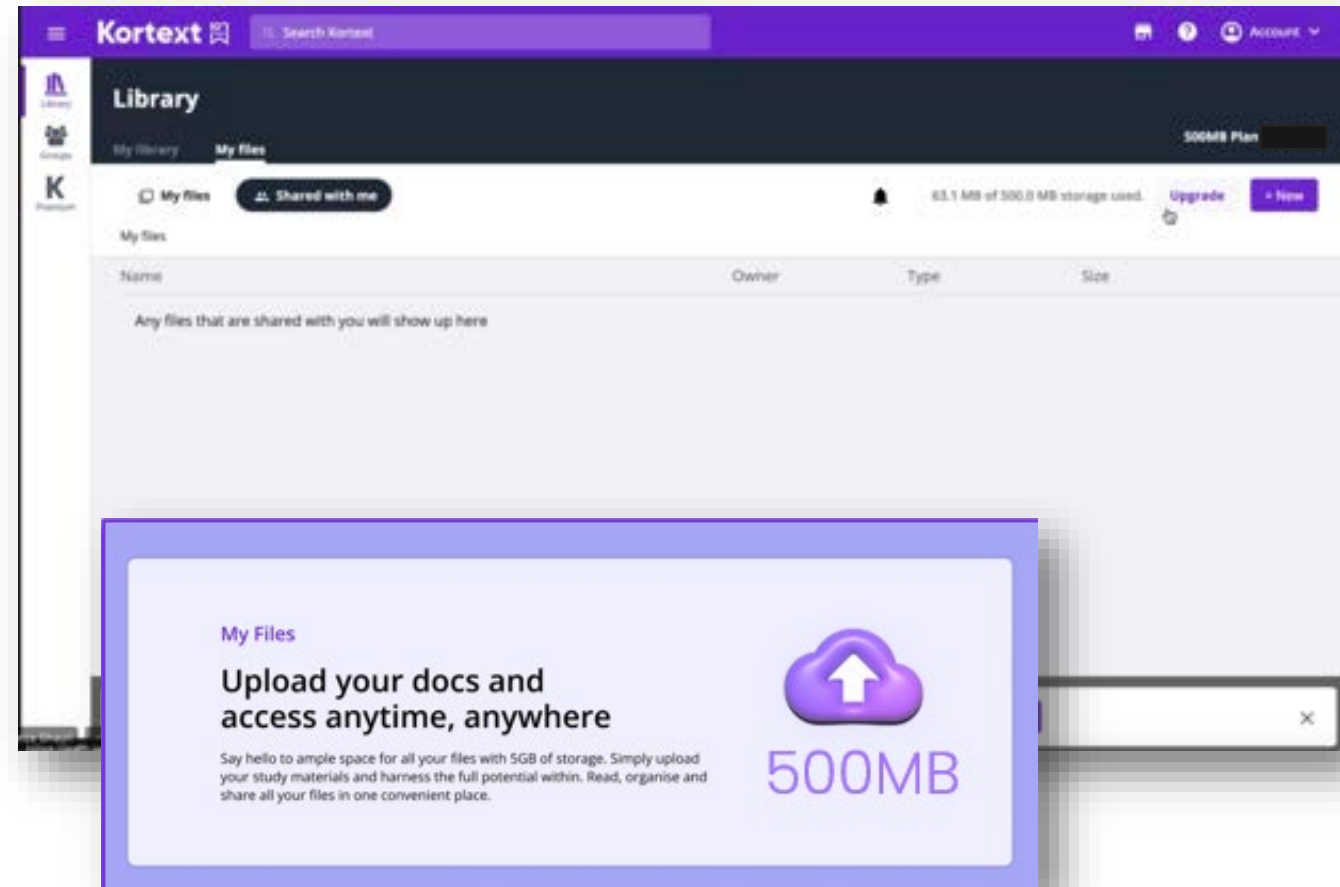
Student experience

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Mobile & native app changes

Mobile & native app updates

Collections have now been made available on mobile and native apps, allowing users to access 13,000+ OERs on any device.

This functionality includes:

- Containerised collections.

- Recently viewed section.

- Searching and filtering within a collection by subject, author, publisher, published date.

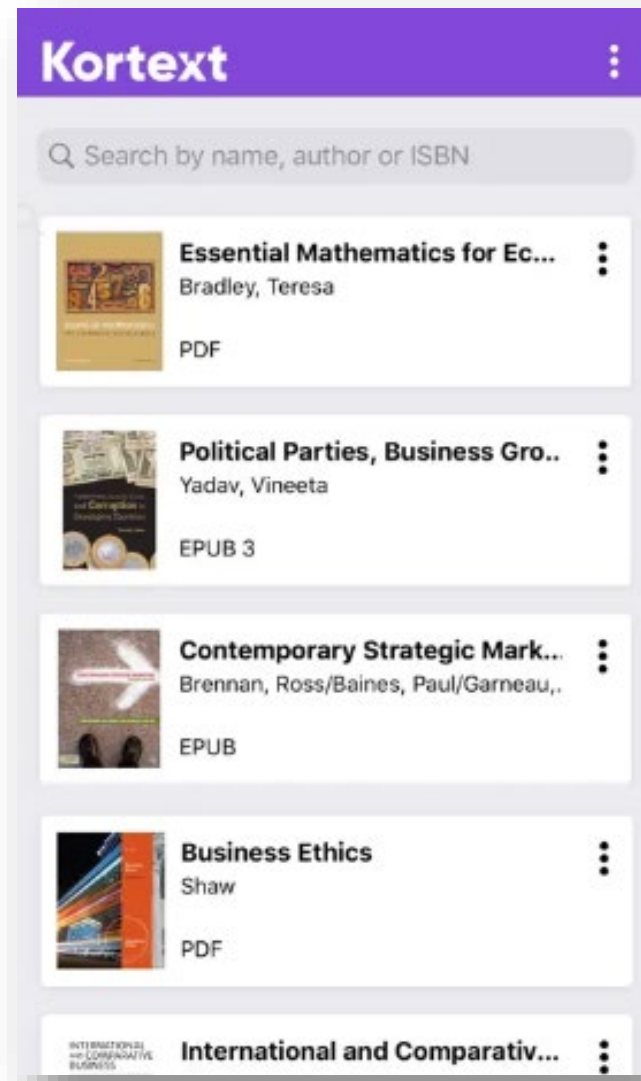Other changes include improved searches from the Library and updated book cards.
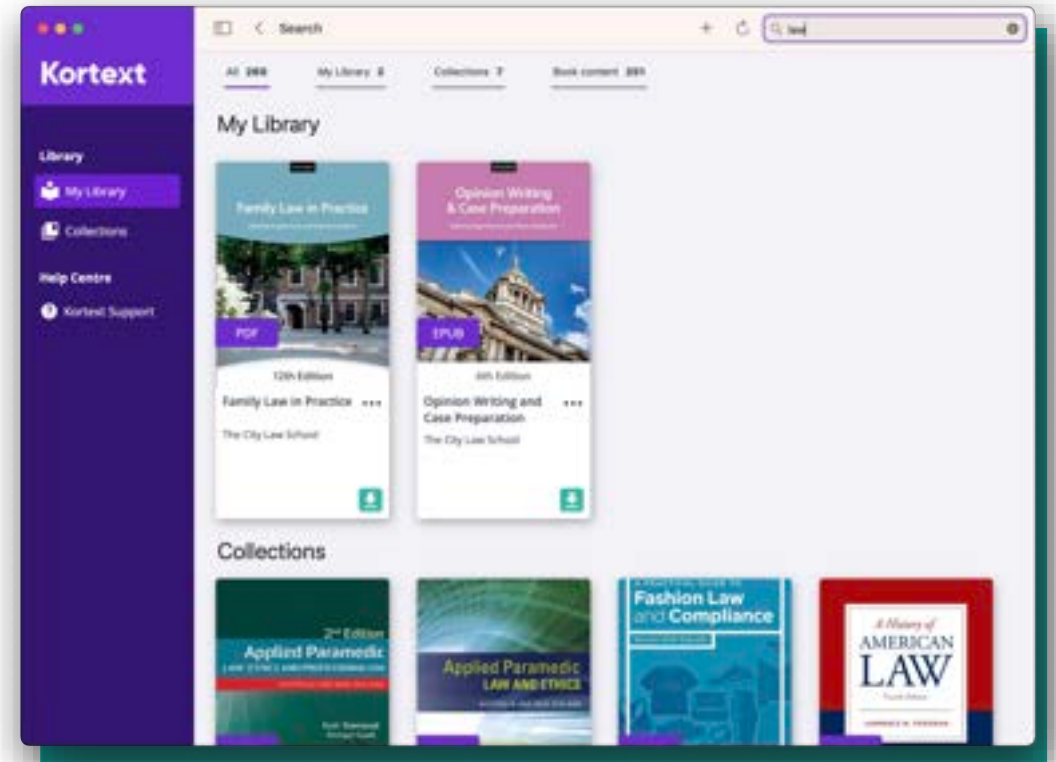
UI changes

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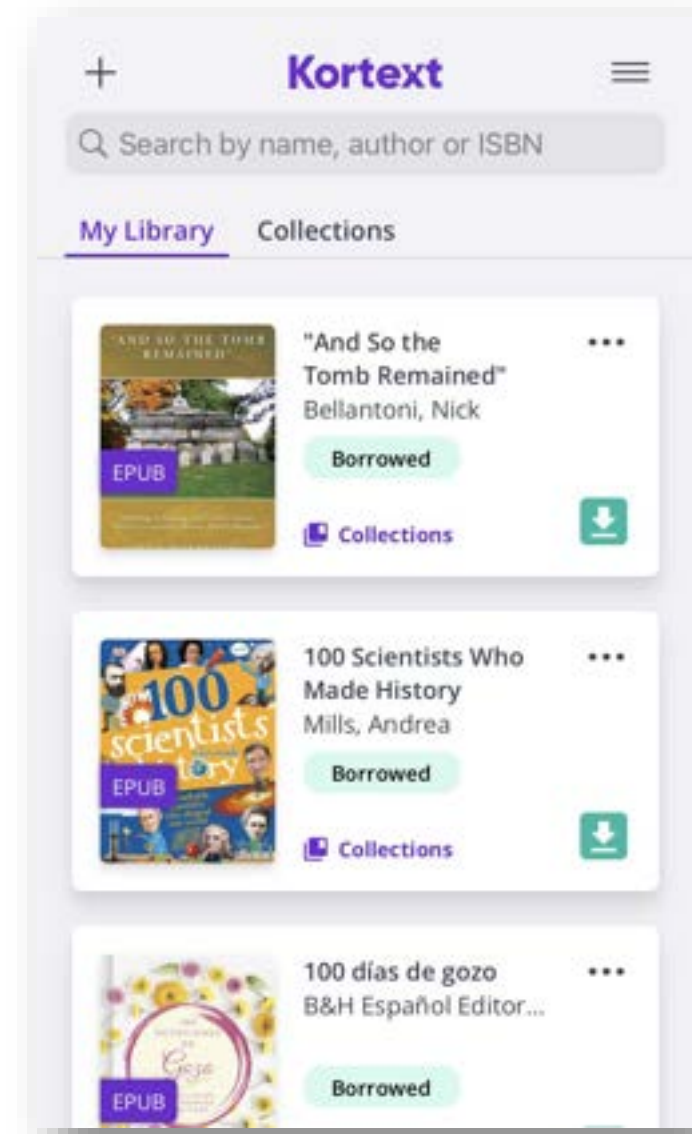
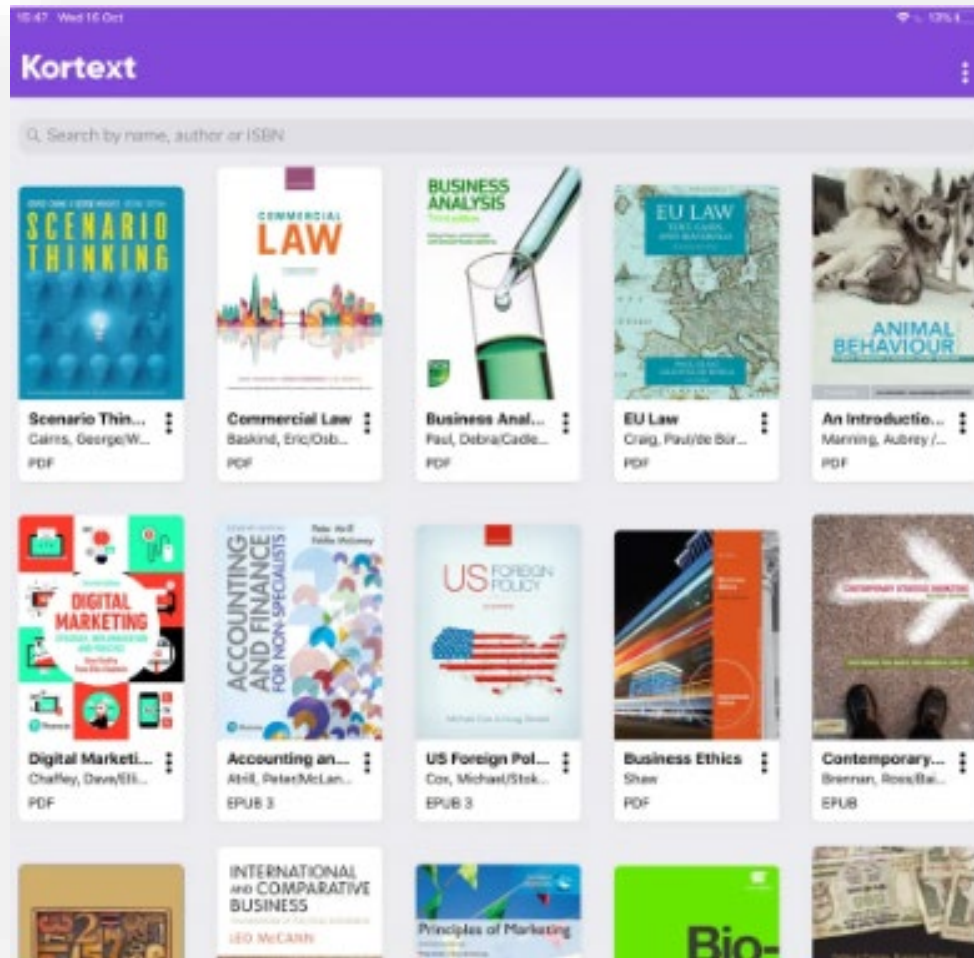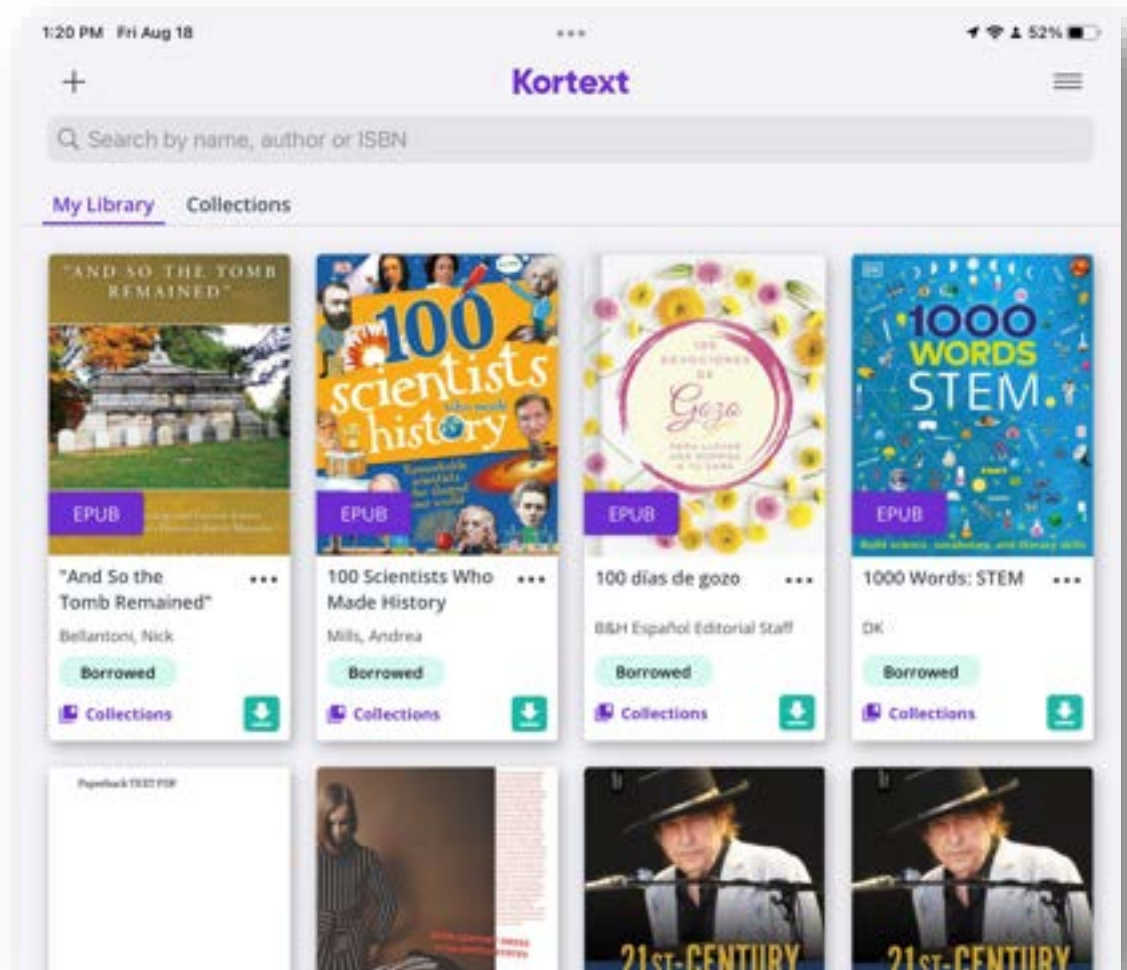These can be seen on the following slides:
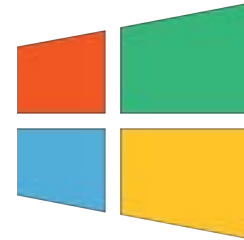
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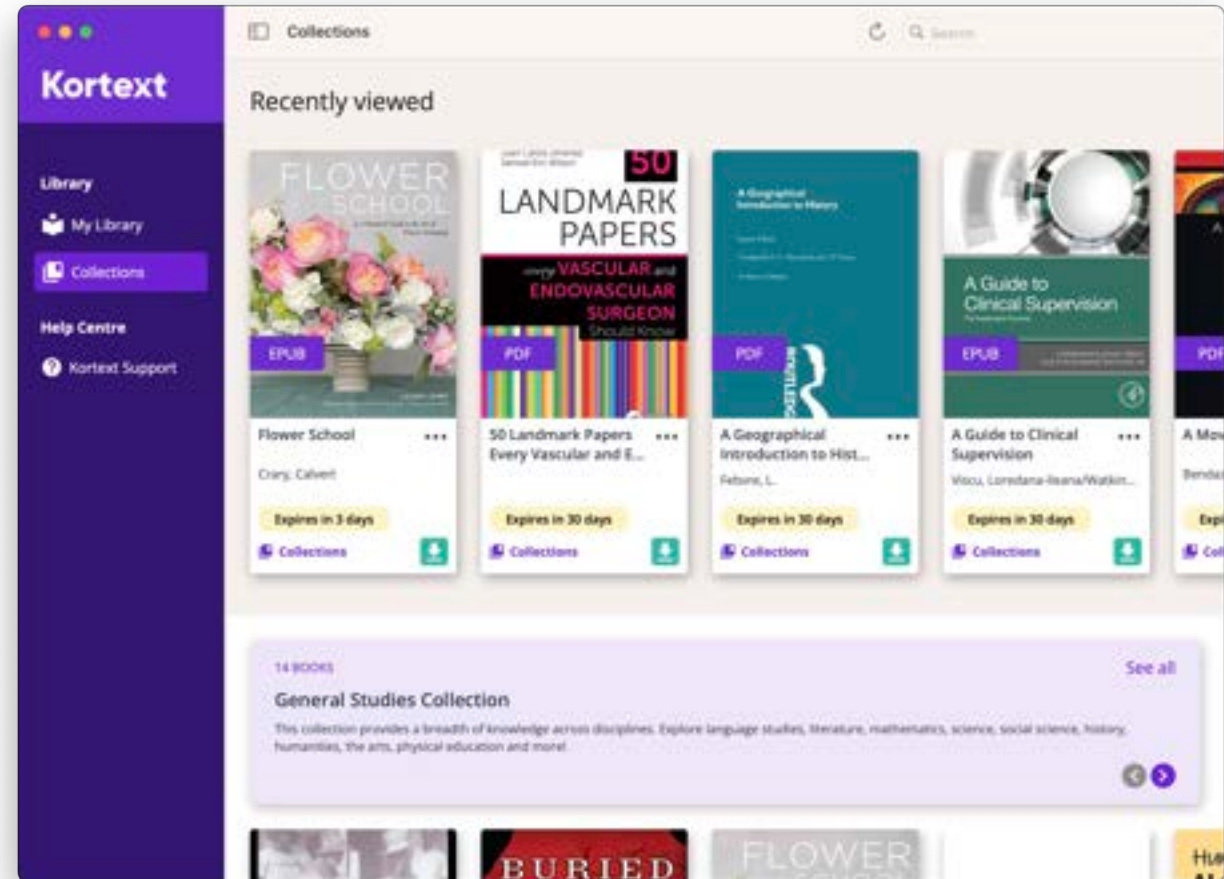
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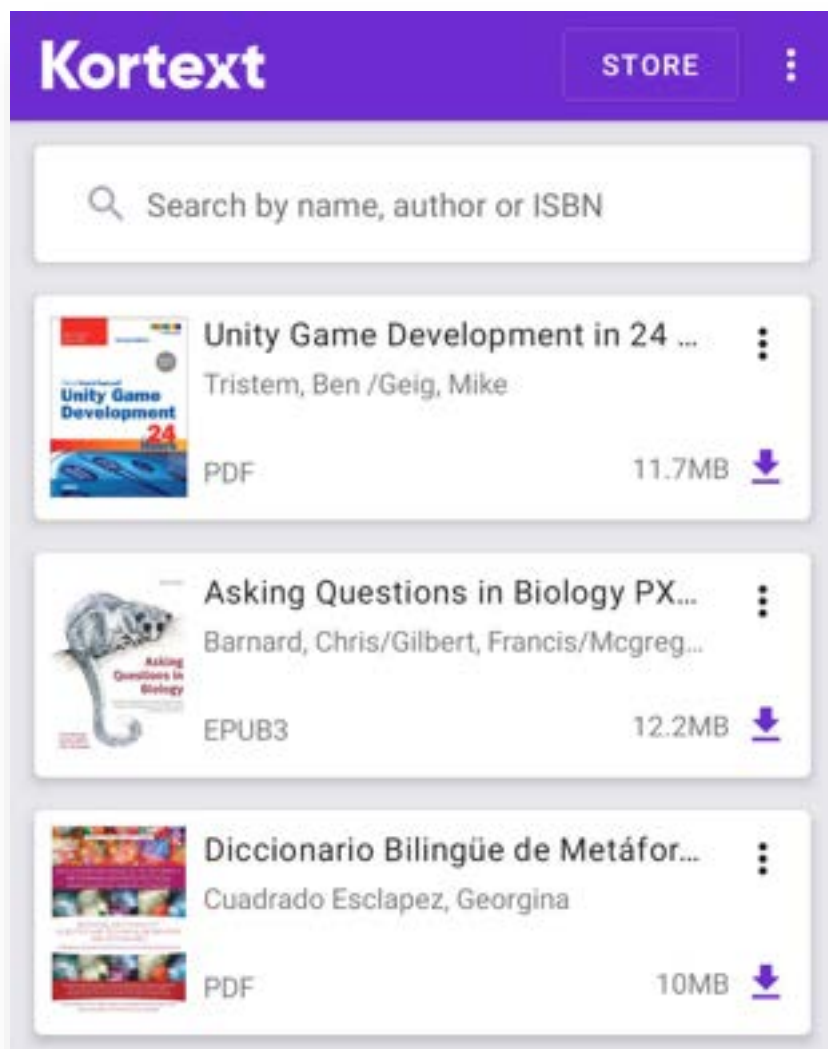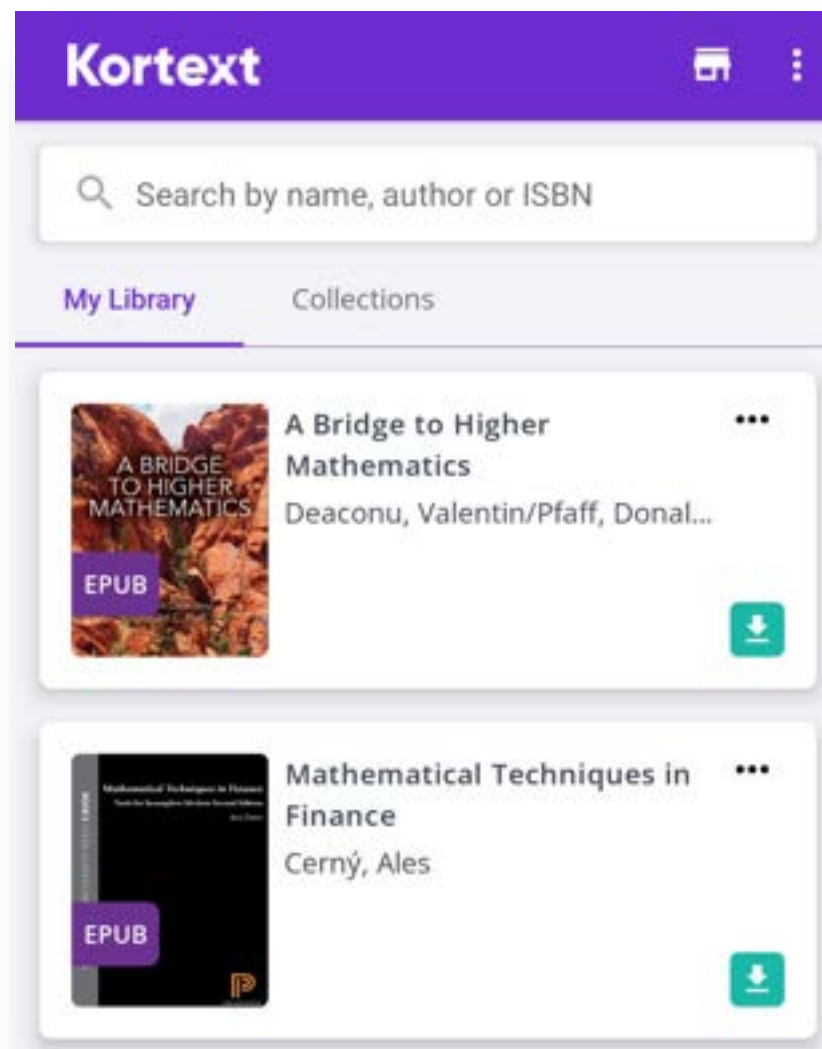Current   New
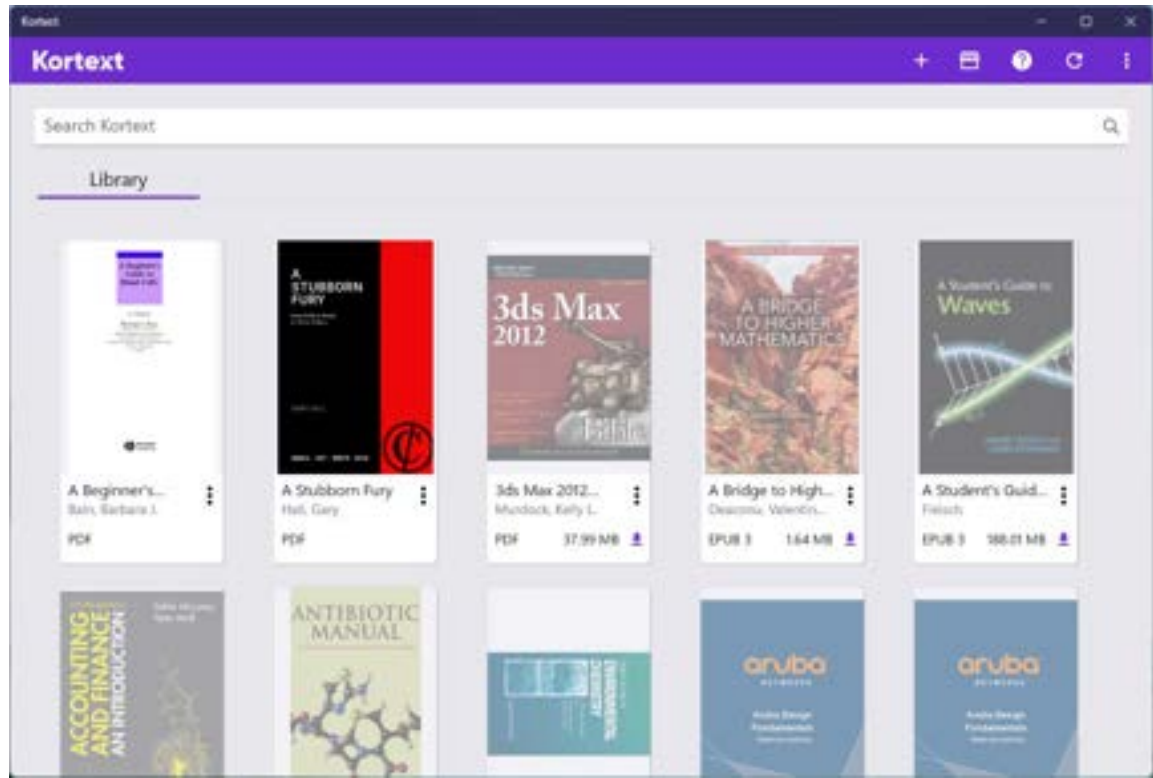
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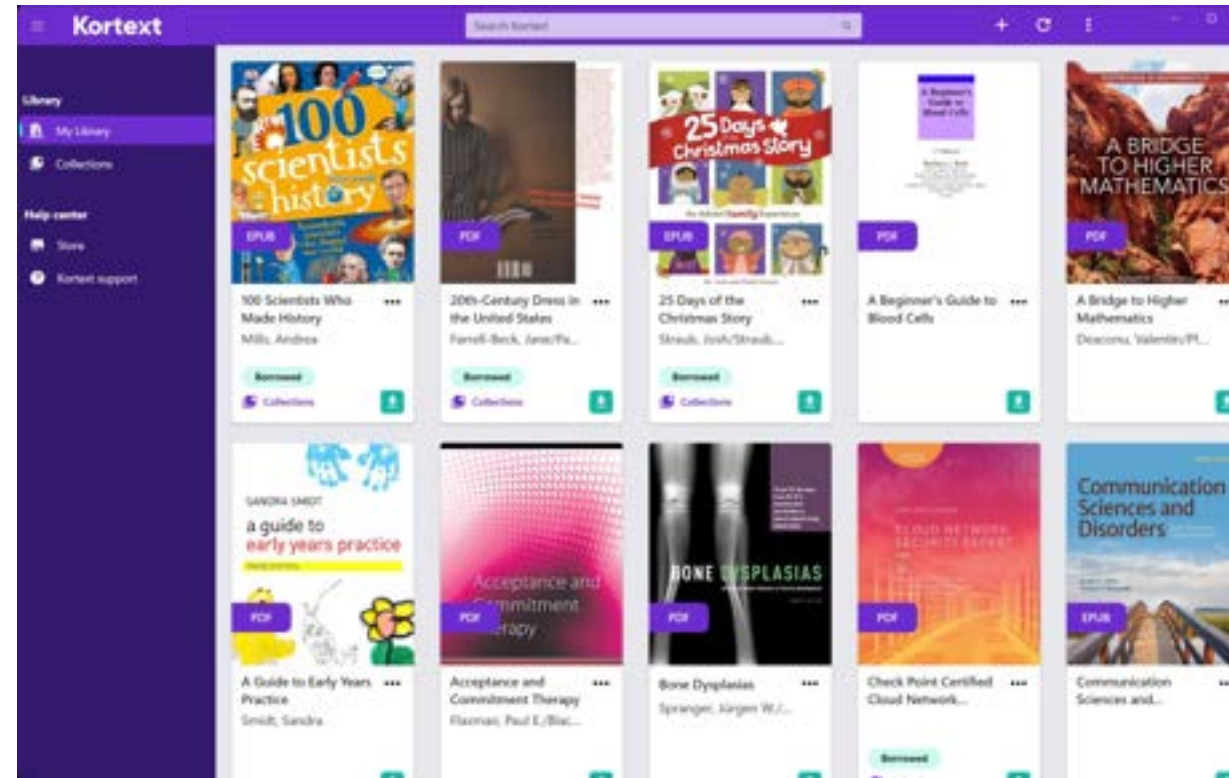## Current
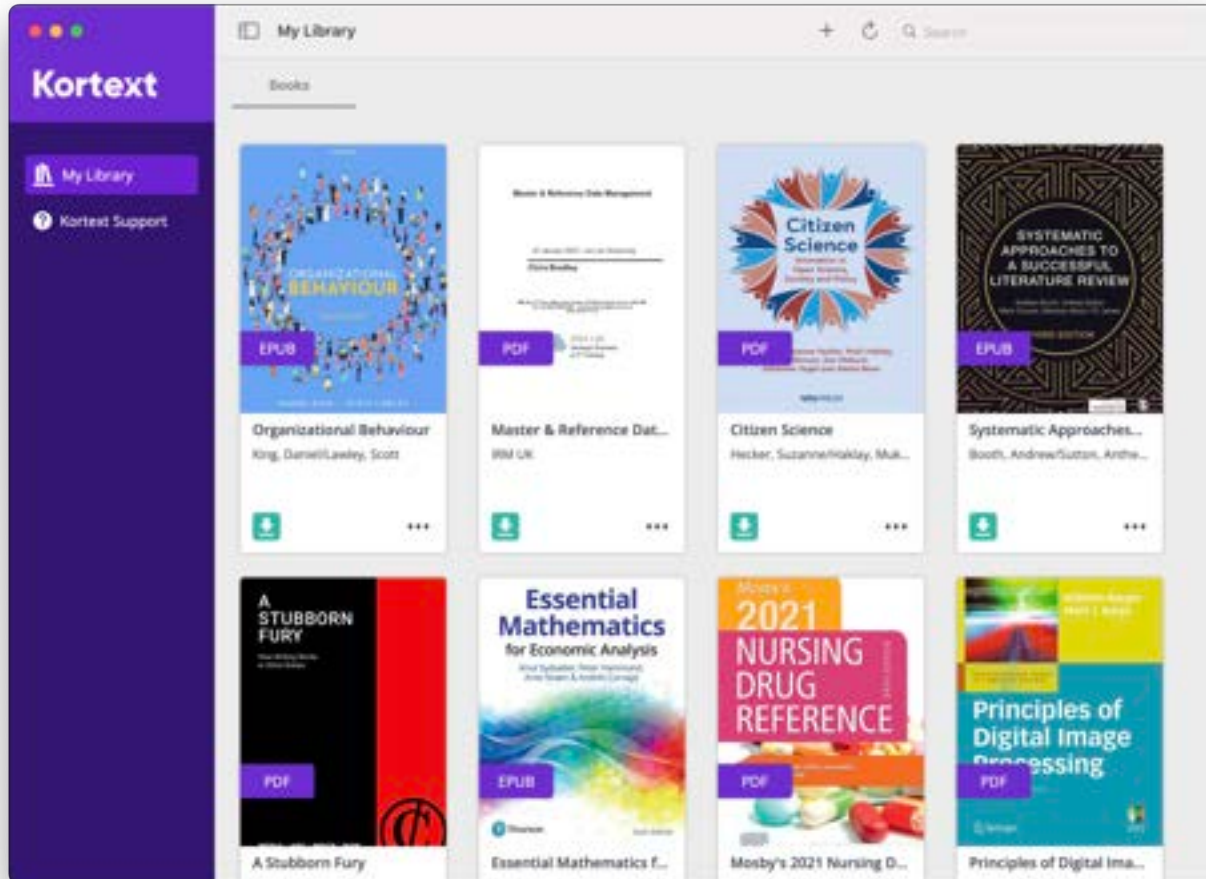
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IOS app redevelopment

As part of the redevelopment, the respective device's apps all now share the same codebase.

This will make it significantly more efficient to make improvements in the future, as well as to resolve any bugs.

As well as the overall redesign for users on all devices, iPad users can now:

- Use split screen to use Kortext side by side with their other apps.
- An Apple Pencil to navigate and enhance their note-taking experience.
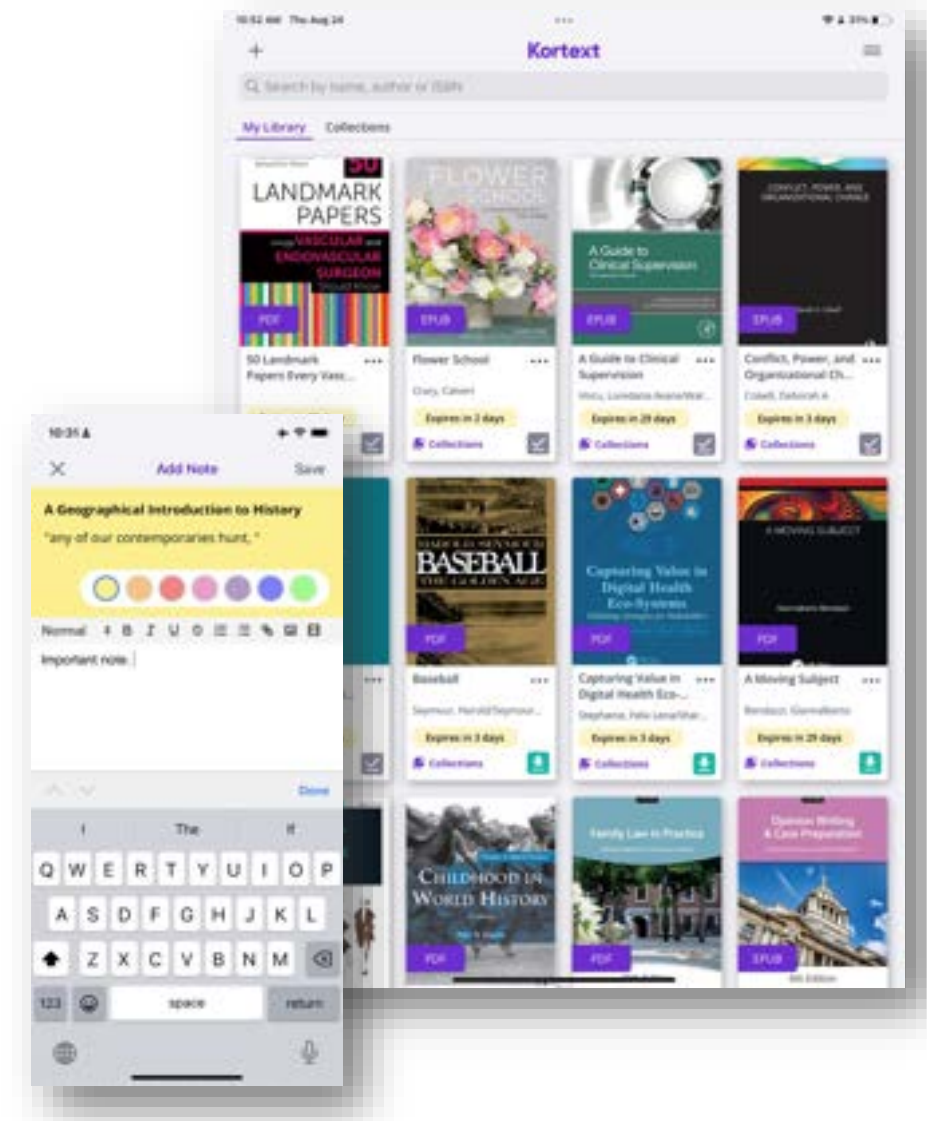
Library services

Enhancement overview

Email diacritics

Email diacritics now available

- Kortext personnel can now set up accounts that include diacritics or international language symbols.

- This enables our ability to include international students and academic email addresses.

- The change made now enables Kortext to accept any letter of any multilingual alphabet.

What are diacritics?

Diacritics are *accents*, *marks or glyphs* which when written above or below a letter indicate a difference in pronunciation from the same letter when unmarked or differently marked.

These include, but are not limited to: ū Ẁ ï ن ي و ن ت ؤ ئ

Acquisitions search filter improvements

Search filter improvements

Minor improvements and amendments have been made to the 'Search Kortext' filters on both Acquisitions and the Academic inventories.

These include:

- Showing item counts for the author facet in search results.
- Showing item count for the publisher facet in search results (see right).
- Showing multiple publishers or publication years at once.
- New 'No Books Found' message on screen when the item count is zero.
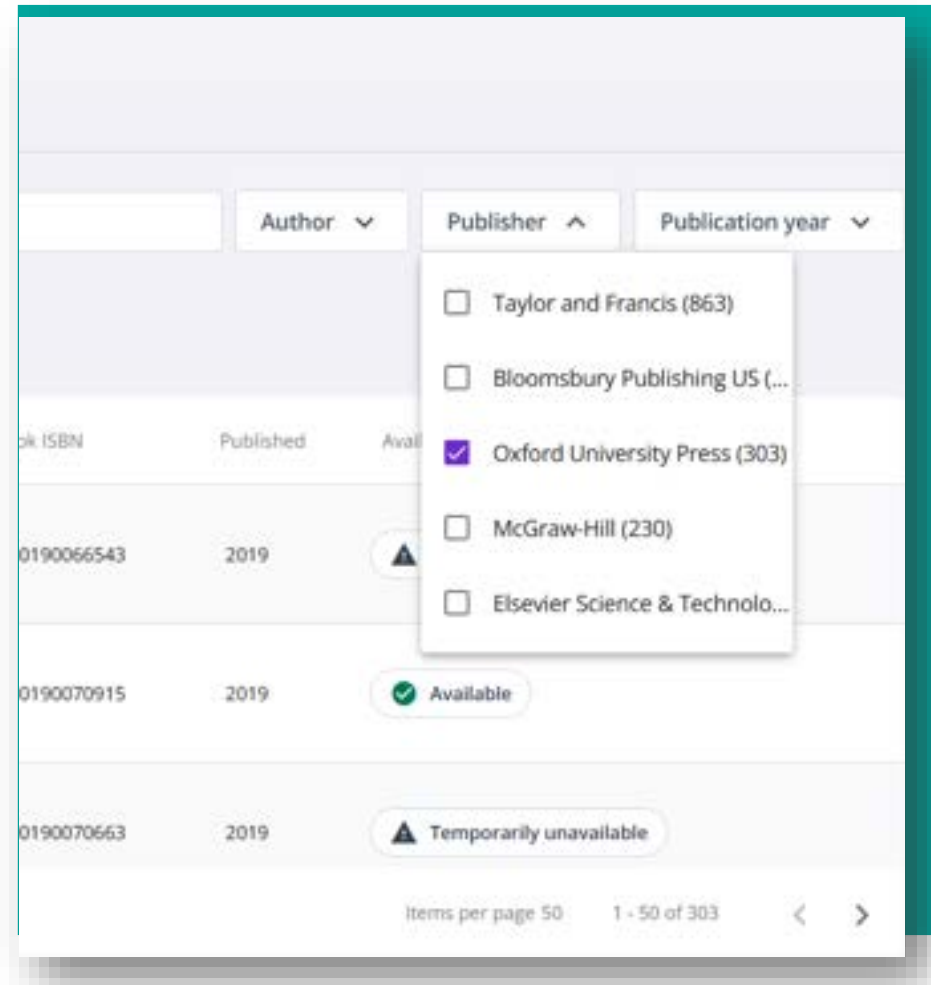
Analytics

Enhancement overview

Improved logging & Access report ordering

Improved logging

Historic data will now be preserved within the system logs, enabling Analytics to access pre-created data as opposed to generating data links through inference.

This will significantly improve precision and minimise backfills.

Access report enhancements

The 'Study Time by Day and Week vs Kortext Average' section in the Access report of the Academic Dashboard has been revised.

Now, the 'Day' labels within the 'Study Time by Day of Week vs Kortext Average' chart are displayed in sequential order from Monday to Sunday.

Search filter improvements

A new OER toggle is available within the Academic Dashboard.

Users can now separate content usage data for OER content within the Analytics reports. The toggle is 'off' by default.

An additional filter is available within the Academic Dashboard called 'Collections'.

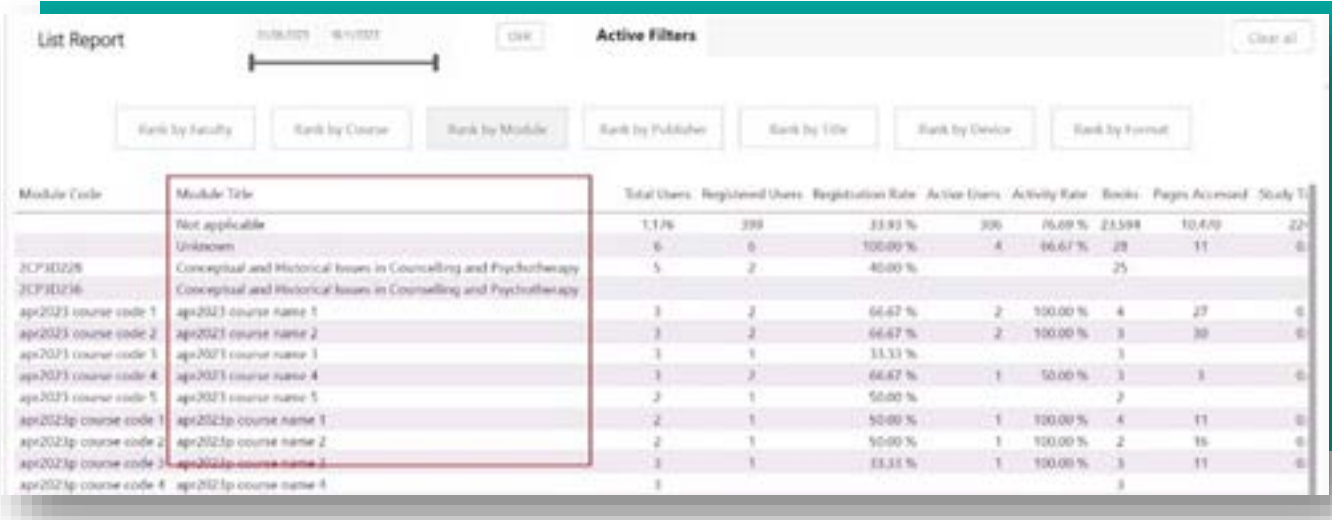This means that users can now conduct a more granular evaluation of content usage across individual collections.

Both features are available across Academic, Lecturer and Premium reports.

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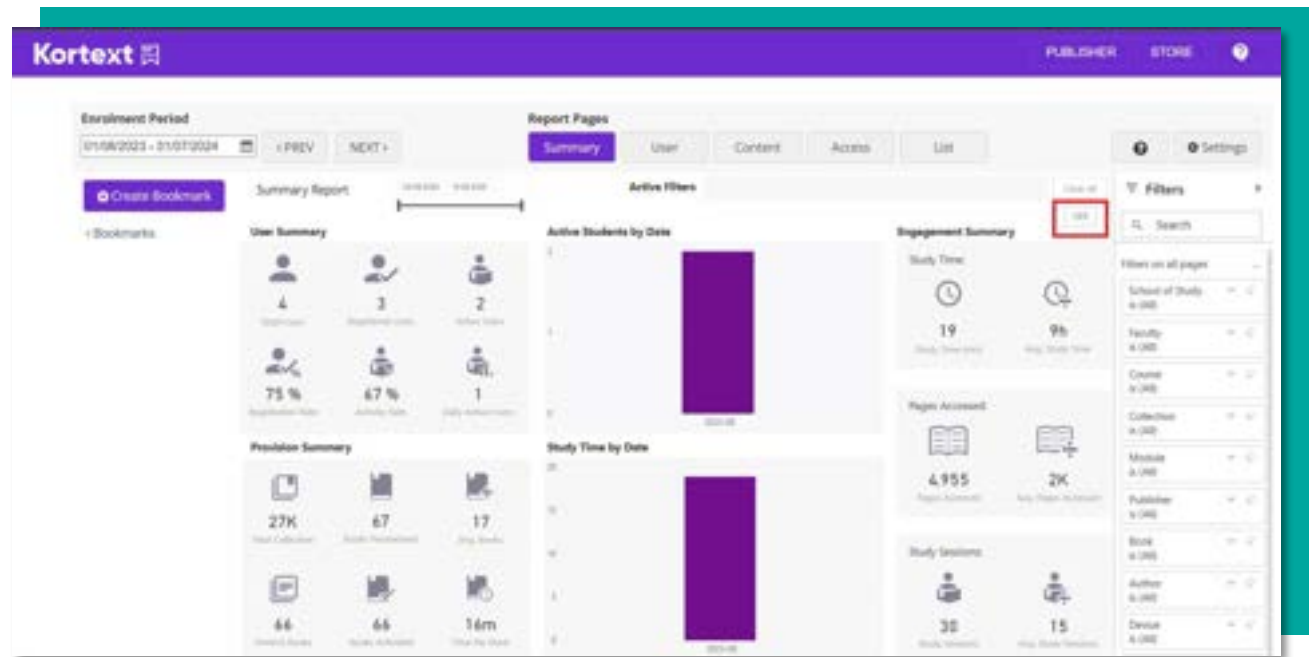
New module description column

When choosing to examine detailed usage data for a specific module, the existing columns previously lacked the Module Title.

In response, we have improved the 'Rank by Module' tab in the List report to now feature the 'Module Title' alongside the Module Code, facilitating immediate identification of the module for the end user.

Note: This enhancement is available within the Premium Academic Report only.

Thank you for your attention!

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