The cooperative library network of Berlin and Brandenburg

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History of KOBV

Milestones

- **Apr. 1997**  
  KOBV started as a project at ZIB.

- **Nov. 1999**  
  The KOBV Search Engine started its operation.  
  KOBV was inaugurated.

- **Dec. 2000**  
  The KOBV project was successfully finished.

- **Aug. 2001**  
  KOBV got the status of an institution  
  (hosted at ZIB).

- **Nov. 2001**  
  The KOBV Search Engine - Version 2 [MetaLib] started its operation.
Library Consortia in Germany

- Gemeinsamer Bibliotheksverbund (GBV)
- Kooperativer Bibliotheksverbund Berlin-Brandenburg (KOBV)
- Nordhein-Westfälischer Bibliotheksverbund (HBZ)
- Hessisches Bibliotheksinformationssystem (Hebis)
- Südwestdeutscher Bibliotheksverbund (SWB)
- Bibliotheksverbund Bayern (BVB)

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New Technical Concept

- **Internet**
  - instead of a central server

- **Distributed Data Storing**
  - instead of a central database

- **Virtual Catalogue (Search Engine)**
  - instead of a central union catalogue

*KOBV focusses on the Internet.*
Characteristics of KOBV

- „Philosophy of the Internet“ as the basis of KOBV
  - openness, heterogeneity, decentralization, flexibility, cooperation, communication via networks, permanent development

- KOBV Search Engine
  - developed by KOBV Project Team (concepts) and Ex Libris (implementation)
  - open standard interfaces (Z39.50, HTTP)
  - distributed search / shared Index
  - high availability: 24 hours, 7 days per week

- New, decentral consortium model
  - small central office (hosted at ZIB)
  - high level of local autonomy

- Cooperation of libraries of all sections
  - academic libraries, specialized libraries, ...
  - public libraries (as sub-consortia of KOBV)
The Founder Members of KOBV

**Berlin**
- 9 Academic Libraries
- State Library of Berlin
- Library of ZIB
- Consortium of Public Libraries in Berlin

**Brandenburg**
- 9 Academic Libraries
- SLB Potsdam
- Consortium of Public Libraries in Brandenburg

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Open Platform for Further Development

KOVB Search Engine - Version 2 -

WWW / HTTP, Z39.50

Sisis
- BTU Cottbus
- EUV Frankfurt-O
- FH Brandenburg
- FH Eberswalde
- FH Potsdam
- FH Senftenberg
- FH Wildau
- ASFH Berlin
- FHTW Berlin
- FHW Berlin
- GFZ Potsdam
- Collegium Polonicum

Aleph500
- FU Berlin
- HU Berlin
- HdfK Berlin
- TU Berlin
- HFF Potsdam
- HBZ

Allegro
- BBF Berlin
- FES Berlin/Bonn
- UB Potsdam
- VÖB Brandenburg

Horizon°
- SBB
- DDB°
- GBV°
- Hebis°

Pica°
- FHW Berlin
- TFH Berlin
- SLB Potsdam
- FH Soz.arb. Berlin

BRS°
- WZB Berlin

Adis/BMS°

Bis°
- VÖBB Berlin*
  [Test]

BVB-KAT°
- SWB°
- BVB°

* Sub-Consortium of KOVB
° German Library Consortium / German National Library (DDB)

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KOBV-Zentrale (Central Office)

- **Hosted at ZIB** (Konrad-Zuse-Zentrum für Informationstechnik Berlin / Center for Scientific Computing)
  - at the Department of Scientific Information Systems

- **Service Sector**
  - 6 positions (3 Librarians / 3 Computer Scientists)
  - operating and support of the KOBV Search Engine
  - coordination, support, representation of KOBV

- **Development Sector**
  - 4 temporary positions (2 Librarians / 2 Computer Scientists)
  - permanent development of KOBV
  - current project: „KOBV Information Portal“
    (2001-2003; at the moment: conception phase)
Information about KOBV

http://www.kobv.de/

KOBV Search Engine:

http://www.kobv.de/suche