Paratext Releases *bird*

(November 1, 2023, Middleburg, VA) – Scholarly publisher Paratext announced today the release of its newest application, ***bird: Base Inventory of Research Databases**.™* ***bird*** will be shown for the first time on **November 7, 2023** at the *Charleston Conference*.

Published by Paratext, in technology partnership with Compendium Library Services, ***bird*** is a cloud-based application covering the vast ecosystem of scholarly databases that users typically have access to via their university or public library.

The identification and curation of all data is administered by the ***bird*** editorial team of experienced research librarians, who know the data and how it is used.

bird currently includes contextual assessments and bibliographic detail for more than 7,500 commercial and Open-Access web-based databases. ***bird*** comprehensively covers fee-based and OA databases, but also includes those that have ceased publication entirely or are no longer updated.

bird itself is updated daily by the librarian editorial team. It also filters resources to those databases a library currently owns. Additionally, each library account has point-and-click ability to keep local holdings current with ***bird***, along with sophisticated analytical tools.

Paratext president Eric M. Calaluca notes that "***bird*** offers a synoptic assessment of the scholarly database realm. This new application aligns the wisdom of experienced librarians with the flexibility of cloud-based data exchange. I fully expect *bird* will do for databases what the venerated *Guide to Reference Books* did for general information awareness a generation ago, and become a staple of serious research."

About Paratext:

Paratext, founded in 1993, is an independent database and analytics company based in Middleburg, Virginia. Paratext products include *Eight Centuries, Reference Universe,* and *United States Masterfile*, which are used by libraries in North America and throughout the world.

About Compendium Library Services:

Compendium Library Services specializes in cloud-based public services solutions, including *Desk Tracker* and *Space Tracker.* Compendium was founded in northern Colorado in 2006.

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