

The Importance of Publication Costs in Unsub and OpenAlex

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OpenAlex is an open index of millions of interconnected entities across the global research system. Unsub leverages data from OpenAlex to help libraries reevaluate their serials collections options. For costs, Unsub forecasts currently incorporate a-la-carte title subscription prices. We would like to incorporate APCs into Unsub to be able to account for institutional spend on APCs; and we hope this APC data can come from OpenAPC/openCost. We think this can be a win-win situation in which Unsub users are encouraged to contribute APC data to OpenAPC/openCost, from which Unsub can leverage to account for APC spend. In addition, we're interested in adding cost data to OpenAlex, including journal level APC costs, and article level APC costs.

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