This research curation takes stock of research articles published in MIS Quarterly in the area of knowledge management. Knowledge may be defined as a justified belief that increases an entity's capacity for effective action (Alavi and Leidner 2001, p. 109), and knowledge management as a systemic process to acquire, organize, and communicate individual knowledge so that others may make use of it (Beck et al. 2011). Knowledge management systems, which support these processes for creating, exchanging, and storing knowledge, have been viewed as either repository-based or network-based. This curation highlights 44 research articles on knowledge management, which have appeared in MIS Quarterly from 1991 to 2017.

**Progression of Knowledge Management Research**

**Early Work**
- Exclusive focus on knowledge management within organizations.
- Mostly focusing on knowledge management processes & knowledge management system design.
- Considerable attention to the antecedents of knowledge management.

**Recent Work**
- Consideration of knowledge management beyond organizational boundaries, including online communities & crowds.
- Increasing interest in strategies for managing knowledge.
- Increasing focus on the use of knowledge management systems.
- Increasing attention to the consequences of knowledge management.

**Methodology**
- Published research includes theoretical reviews, case studies, & empirical papers.
- Diverse research methods, including qualitative studies, experiments, surveys, econometric modeling of longitudinal data from community networks, & mixed methods.
- Diversity of the research methods used in knowledge management research has increased over time.

**Thematic Advances in Knowledge**

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