An ELN allows new capabilities compared to paper notebooks:
- A better **knowledge transmission** internally and externally
- Increase the preservation by **automatic backup** and by storing everything on the same location
- An **uniformization of the work** by proposition template and sharing between members

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**INTEROPERABILITY**

- **Can I import my previous notes?**
  - You might want to check the import option and if there is an API.
- **Can I export my data in an open way?**
  - You might want to check the export option and if there is an API.
- **What are the export formats?**
- **Do I have data volume limitation?**
  - You might want to check the ELN business plan and the allowed storage for data.

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**IMPORT/EXPORT**

- **Is the ELN compatible with software I’m using to generate data?**
  - This might help you to import the data you generate.
- **Can I use my cloud software [Google drive, Mendeley …]?**
  - This might help you for integrating the services you are using.
- **Can I use repositories?**
  - Like Zenodo [zenodo.org], figshare [https://figshare.com/], C4science [https://c4science.ch/]
  - This might help you to publish your data.

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**ELN @EPFL**

- SLIMS: Commercial solution proposed by the School. It integrates a sample management and different services for biologists. [https://sv-it.epfl.ch/page-120709-fr-html/lims/](https://sv-it.epfl.ch/page-120709-fr-html/lims/)
- ELN: Chemistry Notebook, developed by Luc Patiny [https://eln.epfl.ch/](https://eln.epfl.ch/)
- Others: The EPFL Library Research Data team can help you to implement a different ELN.

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**Additional information can be find here**

researchdata.epfl.ch and [https://datamanagement.hms.harvard.edu/electronic-lab-notebooks](https://datamanagement.hms.harvard.edu/electronic-lab-notebooks)

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