

VANDALIZER

Vandalizer Open-Source Release

Vandalizer is Coming to the RA Community: Two New Editions Now Available

We are excited to announce that Vandalizer is now available to the public in two new editions. Vandalizer is an AI-powered document processing platform designed to help research administrators automate repetitive tasks like extracting information from funding announcements, summarizing complex documents, and generating structured outputs from unstructured files. By building reusable workflows, teams can process research documents faster and more consistently while maintaining human oversight. To make Vandalizer accessible to a wider audience, we're launching two ways to get started:

Vandalizer Trial Edition

A hosted version running on University of Idaho servers that allows users to try Vandalizer online for a limited period. Because this environment is shared, only a limited number of users can access it at a time. If capacity is reached, new sign-ups will be placed on a waitlist and admitted as space becomes available. This edition is ideal for individuals and research offices who want to explore Vandalizer before deploying it themselves. **It is important to note that sensitive or secure information cannot be loaded to the Trial edition of Vandalizer by users during the trial period.**

This edition also includes a pre-survey at the start of your trial access period, and a post-survey which will occur at the end of your two-week trial period. Our teams will use these surveys to improve Vandalizer and satisfy NSF reporting requirements. **The pre-survey will be required as part of your trial edition access request. Completion of the post-survey will be required for you to renew your trial access period.**

Vandalizer Community Edition

For organizations ready to run Vandalizer in their own environment, the Community Edition provides the complete open-source codebase, along with documentation for installing and

running the system on local servers. This option is designed for institutions that want full control over deployment, data security, and customization.

Both editions support the same core idea behind Vandalizer: building AI-powered workflows that automate document analysis while keeping humans in the loop. We're excited to see how the research administration and open science communities use Vandalizer to streamline document workflows and reduce administrative burden. **If your team decides to implement Vandalizer at your institution, we'd love the opportunity to connect and hear about how it's making your RAs' lives easier – Feedback is critical to the success of AI in RA! We encourage you to reach out via our contact page, attend our monthly office hours, or email ai4ra@uidaho.edu to tell us about your experience.**

Click here to get started: vandalizer.uidaho.edu

For community edition deployment resources, select “docs” (landing page top right)

For Vandalizer support, use the internal Vandalizer support button (top right) or ask questions in the Vandalizer AI chat.

For general inquiries use the [AI4RA website contact page](#)

Vandalizer 4.0

Vandalizer 4.0 is a ground-up rebuild of the platform on a modern React plus FastAPI stack, replacing our legacy application. It introduced major new systems for automation, knowledge management, quality assurance, and collaboration. This makes Vandalizer a more complete, university-ready platform for AI-powered workflows.

- Complete modernization – New React frontend
- Automations – Trigger workflows and tasks in response to folder uploads or API calls
- Knowledge bases – Curated document and URL repositories with semantic search, web crawling, health checking and verification. All knowledge bases can power chat and workflows.
- Validation – AI powered validation checks and automatically score extraction and workflow quality. Will grade across dimensions such as completeness, correctness and hallucination with actionable improvement suggestions

- Support center – In-app ticketing system with threaded messaging, file attachments, and support staff.
- Certification program – A gamified learning pathway with modules, XP, streaks, levelling, and formal certification.
- Much more. There are so many details in Vandalizer 4.0 it would be difficult to list them all here. This is not a minor release; it is a profound shift in Vandalizer’s capabilities.

Note: Because Vandalizer 4.0 is a rebuild of the platform, it comes with the typical risks associated with new application development. If you come across any bugs or other issues, please report them using the internal reporting tool.

