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The character or weight of a topological space is the least cardinal number of a complete open basis for that space. Under the assumption that $2^{\aleph_\alpha} = \aleph_{\alpha+1}$ for all ordinal numbers α, the author proves that there exists a universal zero-dimensional compact Hausdorff space X of arbitrary infinite character, i.e., such that every zero-dimensional compact Hausdorff space X of the same character is a continuous image of X. This is accomplished by constructing a Boolean algebra of arbitrary infinite cardinal number such that every Boolean algebra of that cardinal number is isomorphic to a subalgebra thereof. The zero-dimensional compact Hausdorff space associated with this algebra is the desired universal space.

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