



Working with Verde

A open discussion on the use of Verde, and an opportunity to share best practice, and to discuss the challenges of managing electronic resources with (or without!) Verde

Louise Cole

Senior Information Advisor, Collections

Kingston University

louise.cole@kingston.ac.uk

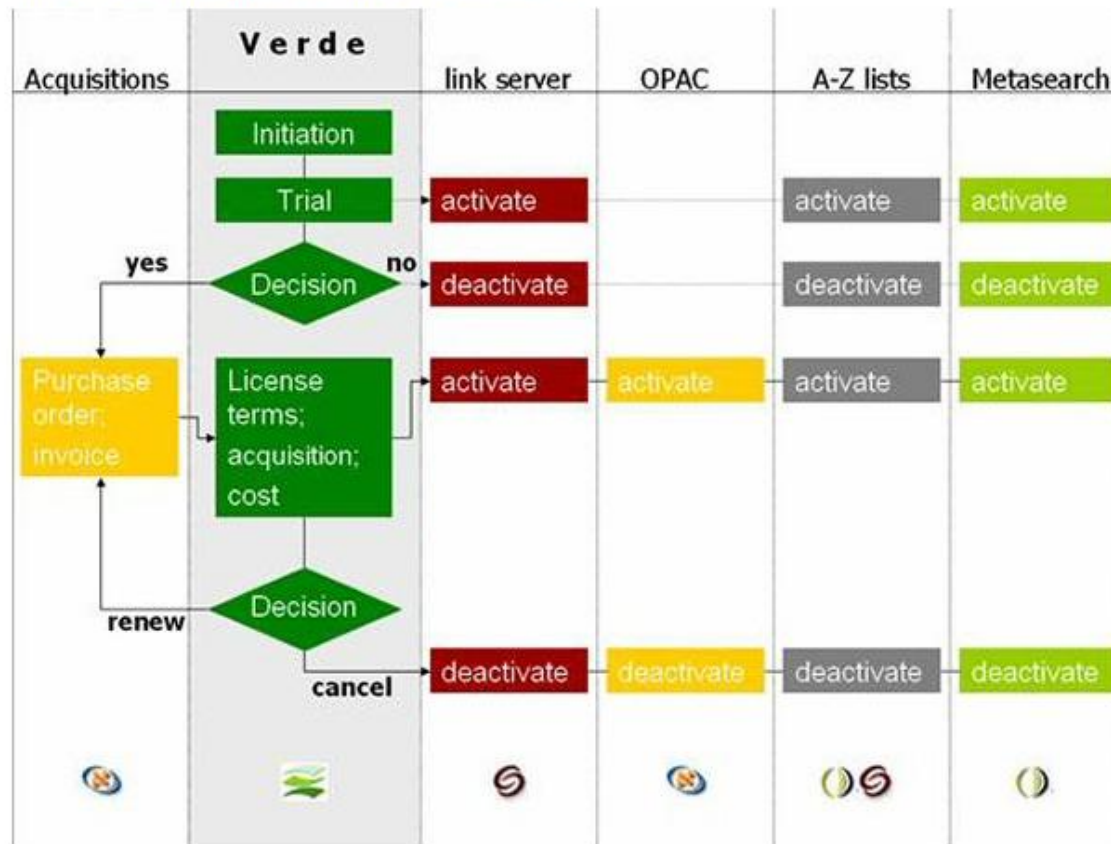
EPUG, British Library, 15th October 2012

Verde in context

- Verde – launched 2004
- Now on version 2. End of life product ...
- Capabilities:
 - Links to **Aleph** (acquisitions and payment data)
 - Links to **SFX** (harvesting data, pushing out licence data to customers)
 - No obvious way of linking to and from **Metalib** or **Primo**
 - Ustat – manages usage data in COUNTER format

Where Verde fitted in, 2004

Figure 2. Verde integrated into a library environment



Our aims at KU

- Make some clauses of licence data **available to customers** and library staff
 - ILLs
 - Walk-in users
 - Coursepack use
- Include both A&I and full-text products, journals and books
- Log downtime and **resource reliability**
- Log required browsers, operating systems, etc.
- **Speed up** and **simplify** our processes!

Top priorities for librarians ...?

- **Librarians' Top 6 ERM Priorities**

- 1. **WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT**

- Support across e-resource life cycle, including resource tracking, reminders, status assignments, routing and redistribution of workflow, and communication, or notifications to stakeholders or patrons

- 2. **LICENSE MANAGEMENT** Manage license details, provide storage for agreements, and display license terms for internal and external users

- 3. **STATISTICS MANAGEMENT** Obtain, gather, and organize usage statistics. Auto-upload statistics using -SUSHI standard. Provide historical statistics

- 4. **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION STORAGE** Store and make accessible administrative information, such as usernames and passwords

- 5. **ACQUISITIONS FUNCTIONALITY** Provide acquisitions support for budget management, fund management, financial reporting, repository of cost data, and invoicing

- 6. **INTEROPERABILITY** Interoperate across systems, including the ILS, to support auto-feeds, data loads, and auto-updates

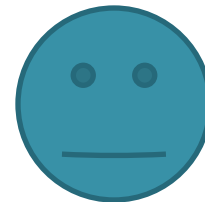
- Source: Building a better ERMs (Collins and Grogg, 2011)

And lower list priorities ...

- Subscription management ... **public display** ... vendor contact information ... support for collection evaluation ... **consolidation of ERM information** ... package management ... **holdings management** ... reporting ... and usability.
- What would your top priorities be?

Is Verde the ERM to answer our prayers?

- ... discuss ...
 - Front end tool or back office helper?
 - Sophisticated document store or simple storage mechanism?
 - Has the ERM had its day in the age of resource discovery tool?
 - Are we expecting too much?
 - VERDE > ALMA





Working with Verde

V – vendor management

E – electronic resources

R – reliability/robustness of platforms

D – digital deliverables

E - evaluating best practice