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

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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

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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
  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
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V – vendor management
E – electronic resources
R – reliability/robustness of platforms
D – digital deliverables
E – evaluating best practice