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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
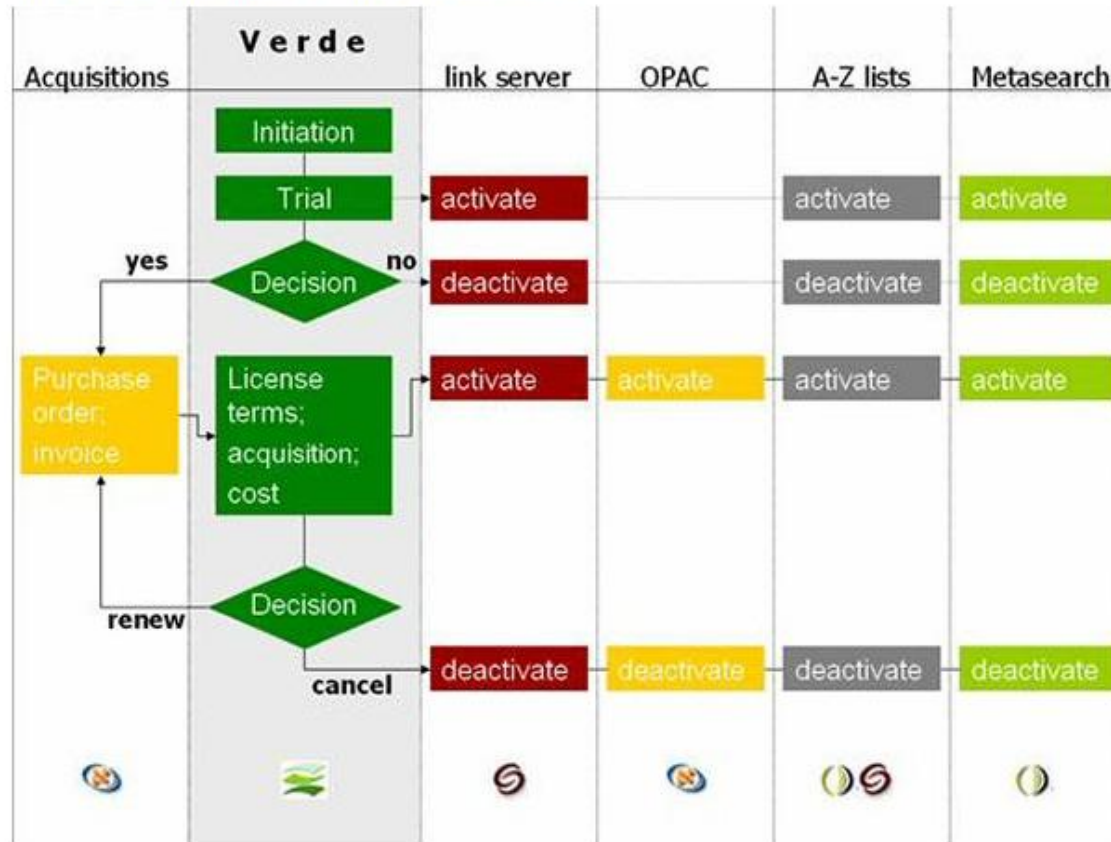
Our aims at KU

- 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
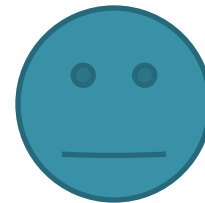
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V – vendor management

       E – electronic resources

              R – reliability/robustness of platforms

                  D – digital deliverables

                       E - evaluating best practice