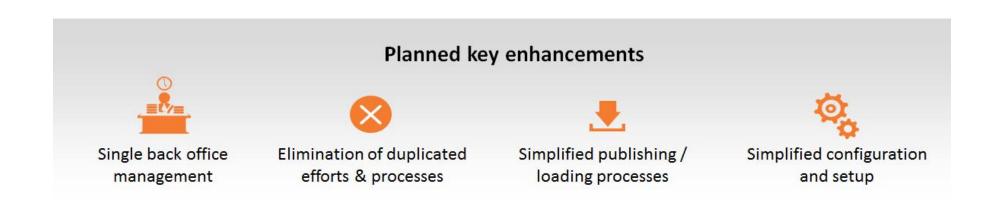# Primo VE

Managing Primo via Alma

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Primo-Alma Workflow Optimization Initiative

- Announced at ELUNA 2016
- Goal to simplify Primo back office processes by leveraging Alma admin capabilities

Planned key enhancements

| Single back office management | Elimination of duplicated efforts & processes | Simplified publishing / loading processes | Simplified configuration and setup |

Drivers for change at UWA

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New Primo UI

- Modern interface customisable with UWA branding

- Device responsive

- Already planned to implement by S1 2017

Alma Integration

- Opportunity for developmental partnership with ExLibris

- Primo Back Office difficult to manage

- Staff & training efficiencies

Benefits of managing Primo via Alma

- Real time publishing from Alma to OneSearch
- Instant configuration changes
- Linked Alma and OneSearch Sandbox environments
- Consolidation of systems
- Ease of configuration
- Ease of staff training

No more Primo Back Office

- No normalization rules
- No pipes
- No publishing
- No job monitoring
- No PNX records
- Reduction of duplicate setup i.e. campus, library, authentication etc.
- Primo Central Index remains separate

Implementation journey

- 1 Librarian full-time from Sept – Feb
- Cross-library project board
- Access to SQA environment based on IP
- Alma releases 2 months in advance for testing
- Regular teleconference with ExLibris development team
- Basecamp for reporting/discussion
- Mapping Primo BO configuration in new environment
- Customisation & branding

New UI

- New staff skill set required for customisation
- IE and iPhone compatibility

Alma integration

- Bespoke authentication no longer supported
- Down-time for releases and system outages
- Monthly not quarterly release schedule
- Local normalisation rules not supported

Functionality still to come

- Loading external sources
- Boosting results
- Facets for ebooks & library locations
- Documentation:
    - Training
    - Release notes
    - Known issues
    - Alma certification

Roll Out Plans

- Implementing early adopters in 2017
- FAQ document will be made public to help clarify questions that are often raised
- New Primo-Alma projects from 2018 will use this deployment model
- Existing customers that may be interested – from mid 2018

Live demonstration

- [UWA_Alma Sandbox](#)

- [UWA_Alma Production](#)

- [UWA_OneSearch Sandbox](#)

- [UWA OneSearch Production](#)

Questions?