



Moving to the Clouds: Implementation of LSP Alma in the LSMU Library

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Library services platforms (LSP)

Main technical characteristics:

- Next generation of library management system that has beyond all inbuilt features of an ILS
- Cloud-Based Architecture
- Web-Based Interfaces
- Multi-tenant SaaS platform
- Beyond Client/Server Computing
- Open Platform: APIs & Standards



WHY was that necessary?

Circumstances:

- Rapid changes of ICT and services
- Growing amount of electronic publications
- Problematic management of printed, electronic and digital objects in ILS
- Moving to Distance Learning due to Covid pandemic
- Moving from printed textbooks to electronic
- Growing expense for Consortium hardware and software maintenance and administration (servers, IT staff, electricity)
- No any autonomy to manage our own resources and services



from Aleph to Alma

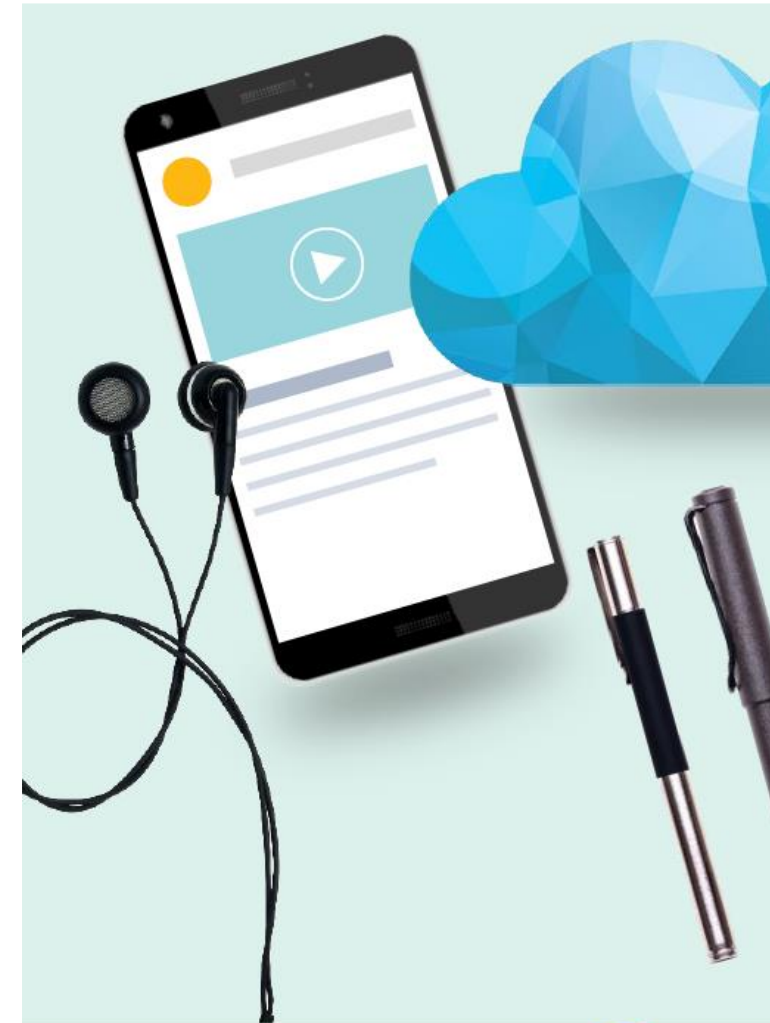


Timetable in brief

- ExLibris commercial proposal of Alma/Primo VE
27.12.2020
- Agreement between ExLibris and LSMU
22.02.2021
- Alma live at the LSMU Library
20.12.2022

ExLibris project team

- Focus on all one-time technical tasks as
 - Data Migration
 - System configuration and setup required for go live
 - Support for 3rd party integrations
- All based on library's input
- Provide consultancy and ongoing assistance to the library's project team



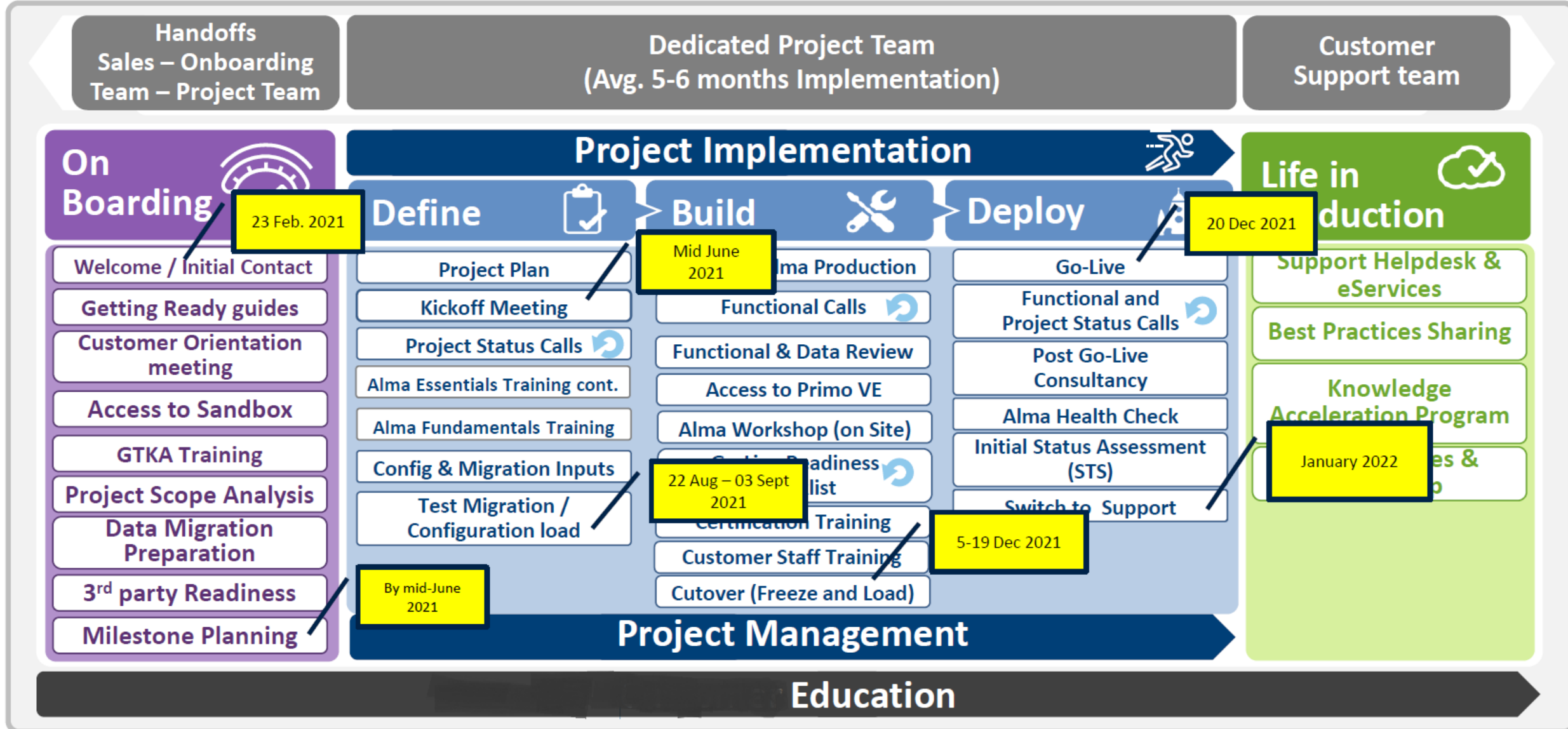
Library project team

Using knowledge about the local specifics

- Focus on the intellectual aspects of work:
 - Provide input for migration and configuration
 - Work on 3rd party integrations
 - Perform testing
 - Transfer Alma knowledge to remaining staff
 - Take responsibility for and manage the change in the Library



Alma and Primo VE implementation



Alma training approach

- Watch the assigned recorded training videos each week (accessible via the Ex Libris Knowledge Center)

Learning



- Perform exercises in your sandbox*, learn and experiment with new workflows in Alma.

Practice



- Work with your project team to refine your workflows, solidify understanding, and work on configuring Alma to work for you
- **Alma Functional Workshop** is an on-site event that typically takes place after test load is delivered

Refine



Train-the-Trainer

Ex Libris uses the Train-the-Trainer Approach
Start training your full staff early, hands-on after test
load data review

Roles and Responsibilities

Project manager	Functional experts per area	System administrators (2)	IT staff (1)
Manage involvement of project team	Provide expert input into all areas of processes: Acquisitions, Resource Management, Fulfillment, data in all listed areas, Public Services	Become proficient in Alma and Primo configuration (attend Alma Administrator Certification Program)	Provide technical expertise regarding existing systems and environments, and help develop/validate overall technical solution architecture
Work with the Ex Libris project manager on work planning/deadline management		Open Ex Libris Support cases as needed	Ensure necessary technology resources are involved as needed to support project activities
Work with Ex Libris to monitor progress and track		Handle day-to-day technology requests after launch	Support testing and debugging activities
Status reporting			Coordinate technology touch points and processes on a day-to-day basis

Alma Advantages


- Managing print, electronic, and digital materials in a single interface
- Library **workflow efficiencies** in selecting and purchasing e-resources. Real time acquisition (integration with Proquest OASIS, EBSCO GOBI; PDA, EBS, DDA)
- **Analytics and Assessment** – a powerful suite of tools that integrate analytics and reporting into everyday workflows to improve decision making based on evidence
- **CZ and metadata support:** MARC with RDA, Dublin Core, MODS, BIBFRAME.
- **Bulk loading** and clean-up of bibliographic records. Alma supports vendor-specific import profiles enabling libraries to automate processes, providing with immediate savings of staff time previously used for data loading and cleanup
- **E-resources activated** within Alma as part of an acquisition's workflow are automatically activated in Primo VE for discovery, eliminating what was a manual operation
- CZ incorporates **global authorities** and a central knowledgebase, enabling automatic authority updates and synchronization of metadata for e-resources.
- As a SaaS web application, Alma **continuously being updated** with new functionality and added integrations
- As a completely cloud-based service, Alma provides libraries with a **cost-effective library management** solution and ensures growing staff competencies

What do librarians think about Alma?



Laura, Information services:
"Now it's so easy to manage our subscribed e-resources!"



Lina, Acquisition: 
"In Alma I've got all the information in one pocket – no need for hundreds of Excel sheets, different folders any more, no more installations – it's like after years of using old Nokia I've suddenly got the latest iPhone!"



"Alma open our mind for new possibilities in the library services and created opportunities to independently adapt it in our library and create new workflows"

Daiva, System
admin:



Rima, Fulfillment:
"Customization of quick links on the main page allows for easy access to most-used tools and pages"



Daiva, Primo admin:
"PrimoVE makes real-time publishing possible as indexing occurs instantly (within 15 minutes)".

Thank you for attention!

**Congratulations with 160th
anniversary!**

