

SUSHI – COUNTER Alma Integration

Project Details

About

What

Counting Online Usage of Networked Electronic Resources (COUNTER) is an initiative that was established to standardize electronic resource usage statistics across the board. COUNTER Release 5 is the latest set of electronic resource usage standards.

Using COUNTER allows librarians, vendors, and publishers to harvest and report consistent usage data in the same format and terminology. This not only streamlines the process but makes it easier to compare, report, and interpret how electronic resources are being used by library patrons. Each year UAB Libraries reports e-resource COUNTER stats to the **Association of Research Libraries (ARL)** and to the **Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL)**. Ultimately this reported data can be used for collection development, acquisition workflows, can show library usage growth, and can be used to compare usage with outside libraries across the globe.

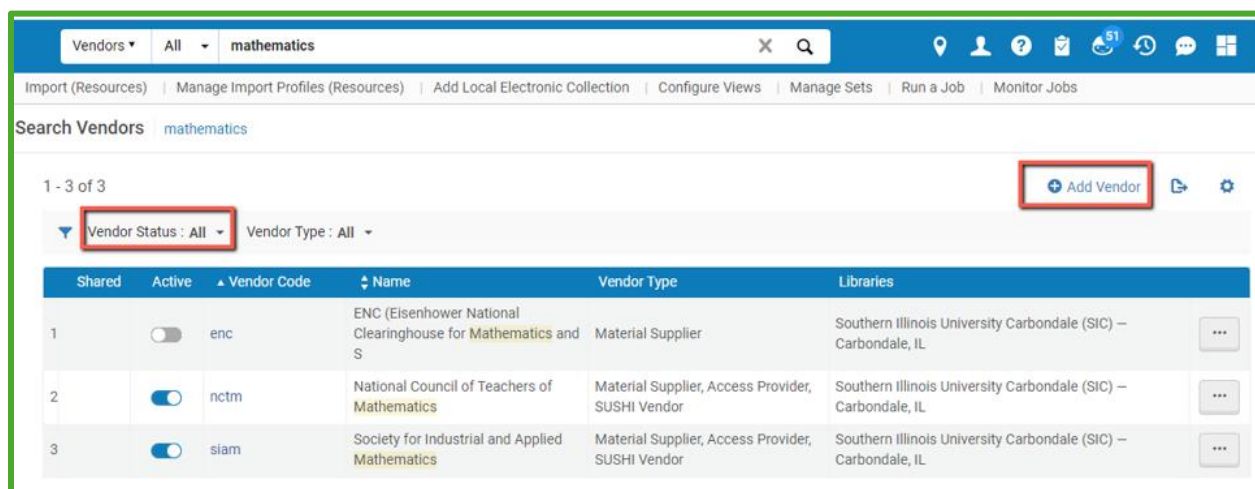
Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative (SUSHI) is a way of automating the harvesting of COUNTER reports. It is a standard that defines the automation process for harvesting electronic resource usage data and is designed to work with each release of COUNTER stats.

Why

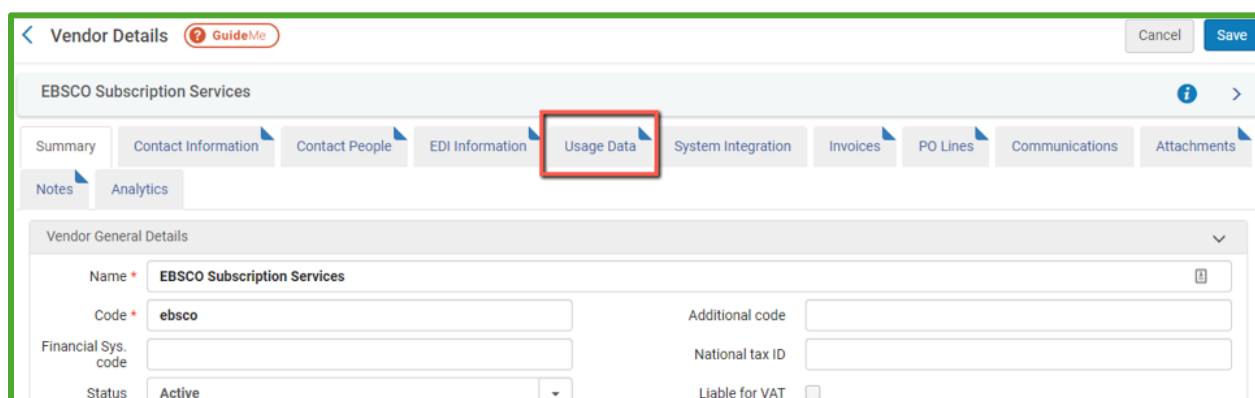
Integrating SUSHI harvesting into Ex Libris Alma will automate the process for librarians required to submit COUNTER data to ARL & ASERL each year. Currently, UAB Libraries harvests COUNTER data manually by logging into individual vendor accounts to download the data or by contacting a vendor representative directly. With hundreds of vendors and publishers, this process is cumbersome, lengthy, and outdated. Automation of the process will make this workflow easier, quicker, and compiles the information into a single space (Alma).

Creating SUSHI accounts in Alma

A vendor record must be present within the Acquisitions module before configuring a SUSHI account. Add vendor record if not present, pictured below.



Once all relevant vendor accounts are created, choose the ellipsis next to one vendor to add a SUSHI account for that vendor.



Navigate to the **Usage Data** tab. Choose **Add SUSHI account** and select the latest release (Release 4 or Release 5). Most vendors will use the latest release but check SUSHI connection information beforehand either on the vendor's SUSHI documentation, or within our Institution's vendor account.

SUSHI Account Details Test Connection Cancel Save

EBSCO Subscription Services

Account Identifier

SUSHI Account * EBSCOhost Status Active

Vendor URL Override URL

Subscriber * SIU Carbondale for SUSHI harvest Contact Information

Request Details

Requester ID Requester Name

Customer ID Customer Name

User Name Password

Requester Email API Key

Platform

Within the **SUSHI Account Details** pictured above, input at least the vendor URL, requestor ID, and customer ID. Each vendor will have unique connection information. For vendor connection information, check Ex Libris documentation using the following link:

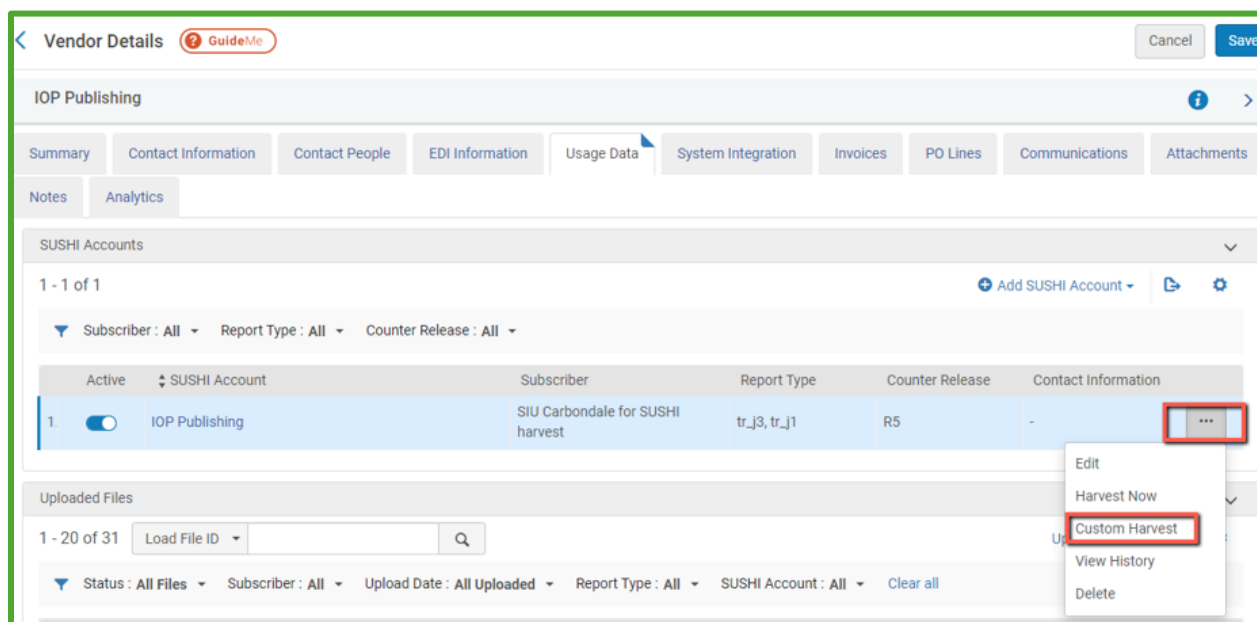
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If a vendor's connection information isn't present on the above Ex Libris documentation, log into our institution's personal vendor account; if the information is not in the personal account, reach out to a vendor representative.

At the top right of the **SUSHI Account Details**, test connection once all information has been inputted. If there is an error in connection, verify SUSHI details.

Harvesting SUSHI data

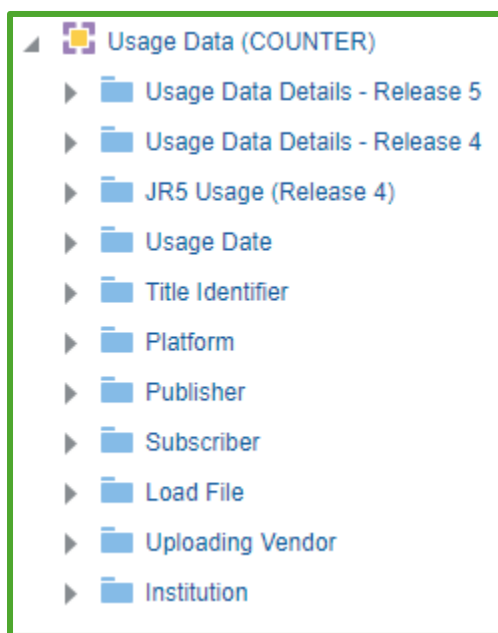
Navigate to **Vendor Details > Usage Data** tab. Choose ellipses next to the preestablished SUSHI account as pictured below. Choose **Custom Harvest**.



Once **Custom Harvest** has been selected, SUSHI data files should appear under **Uploaded Files** within the **Usage Data** tab. Note that only the last 12 months of data will be harvested.

Alma Analytics reports

Navigate to Alma **Analytics > Access Analytics**. Create a report for Usage Data. Pictured below are the available usage data fields.



Project Checklist

- ✓ Create vendor records
- ✓ Create SUSHI accounts
- ✓ Establish a SUSHI connection
- ✓ Harvest data
- ✓ Create an analytics report

Project Timeline & Members

