Beyond Vendor Solutions: Homegrown COUNTER Usage Statistics Reports and Analysis

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ER Usage Statistics 101

- COUNTER
 - → JR1 (Journals)
 - DB1 (Databases)
 - BR1/BR2 (ebooks)
- Non-COUNTER
- SUSHI protocol (for automated retrieval)

Vendor options vs. DIY

Pros

- Usually involve SUSHI retrieval and *hopefully* acquisitions data integration
- Saves time spent otherwise manually retrieving usage reports
- Enables some reporting and visuals

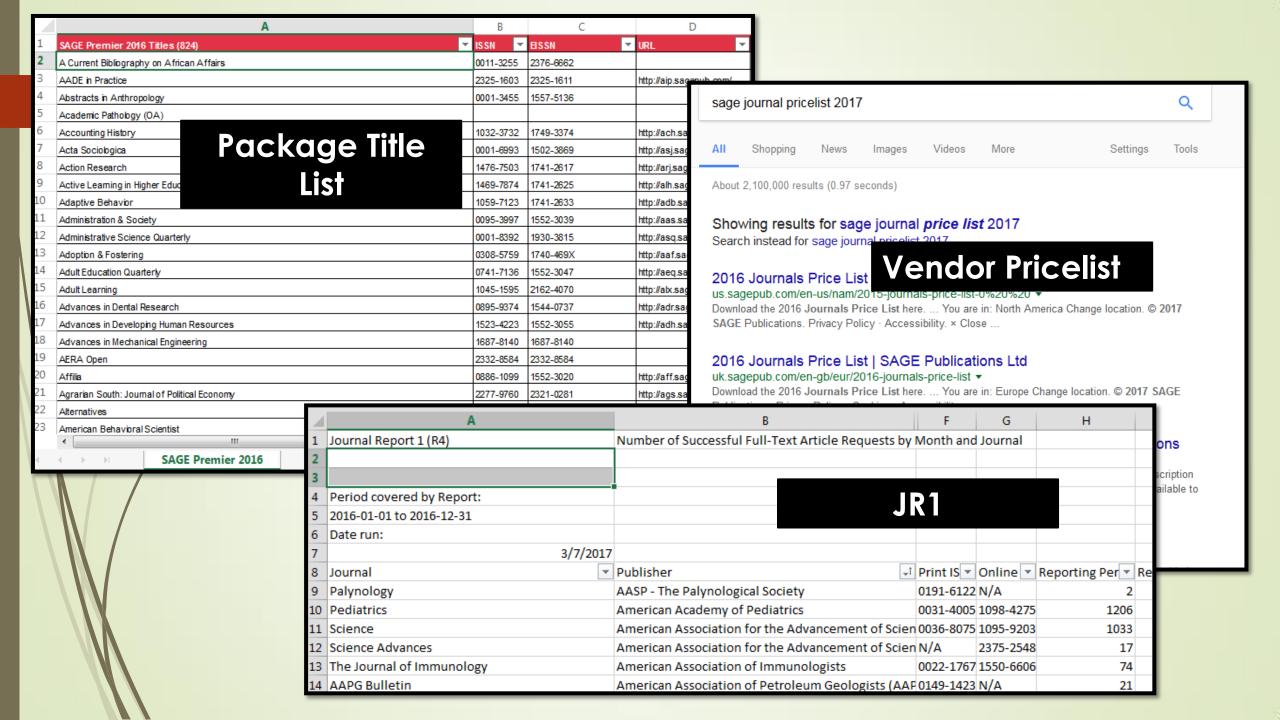
Cons

- **\$\$\$**
- Still have to configure SUSHI accounts for EVERY vendor
- Sometimes, still have to retrieve usage reports manually and upload
- Acquisitions integration is not always reliable, especially in a "mixed" shop
- Available report options often not adequate or customizable

Homegrown Usage Reports: Some assembly required

- COUNTER reports
- Acquisitions cost data (ILS, Vendor Pricelist, etc.)
- Package titlelist (for Big Deal journal packages)

ALL of these will come in the form of spreadsheets (.xlsx, .csv, .tsv, KBART)



Database reports

- Ebsco, ProQuest, Gale
- COUNTER reports (DB1s) are NOT that useful
- Non-COUNTER reports contain full-text download statistics

FULL-TEXT DOWNLOADS ARE GOLD!!!!!

Journal Package Reports

- Elsevier ScienceDirect, Sage Premier, society packages like American Physical Society
- COUNTER JR1 reports for multiple years (ex. 2014-2016)
- Utilize cost data from a generic publisher titlelist, not from ILS
 - Looking at what cost-per-use would be if subscribing to journals individually instead of in a "Big Deal"
 - These lists can often be found on publisher sites or through an internet search
- Utilize a list of what journal titles your library is entitled to in the package in the given year

Excel Formulas: VLOOKUP and IFERROR

- VLOOKUP allows you to look for the value of a cell (ie Title X in A2) in a column or array (multiple columns) such as B:D; if a match is found, it will print the value from the column specified (NOT NECESSARILY THE VALUE MATCHED)
 - Allows us to take a JR1 and a pricelist, look for matches between the two utilizing ISSN as a matchpoint, and produce a JR1 list of title usage with cost added into it.
- IFERROR allows you to utilize multiple VLOOKUPs, allowing you to utilize multiple matchpoints.
 - If your first VLOOKUP utilizes a unique ID and doesn't find a match, IFERROR gives you the chance to utilize a second VLOOKUP on ISSN or title.

VLOOKUP

- =VLOOKUP(A2,'Ebsco Usage 2015'!A:D,4,FALSE) (From Ebsco_DatabaseUsage report spreadsheet)
- Looking for Academic Search Premier in the Ebsco Usage 2015 tab in column array A-D. If a match is found, return the value found in the 4th column (D).

IFERROR

- =IFERROR(VLOOKUP(B2,'Sage JR1 2013'!D:R,15,FALSE),IFERROR(VLOOKUP(C2,'Sage JR1 2013'!E:R,14,FALSE),"No stats")) (From Sage Premier report)
- If the first VLOOKUP checking for a match on the Sage JR1 2013 tab does NOT find a match via Print ISSN column, do another VLOOKUP for a match in the Online ISSN column. If the second VLOOKUP does NOT find a match, do another VLOOKUP in the title column. If no match is found, print "No stats".

Extras

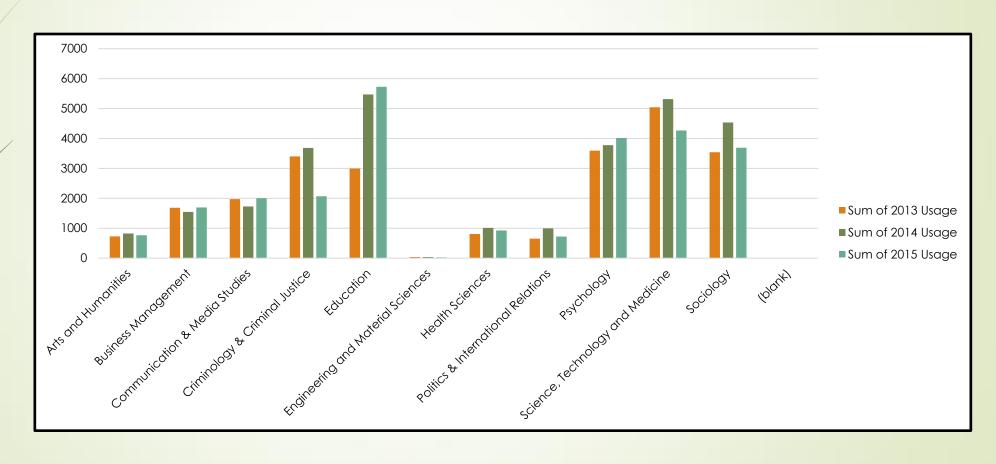
- Conditional formatting
 - Graphical visualization of which titles have high or low usage or CPU

- Pivot tables
 - Depending on extra information provided in base titlelist, you can show usage by journal subject (see Sage Premier report as example)

Sage Premier – Multi-year usage with conditional formating

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SAGE Premier 2016 Titles (824)	2013 Usage 💌	2014 Usage	2015 Usage 🔻	2016 Price 💌	2015 CPU	Subject	Su
A Current Bibliography on African Affairs	No stats	No stats	0	\$593.00	\$593.00	Arts and Humanities	
AADE in Practice	No stats	No stats	5	\$424.00	\$84.80	Science, Technology and Medicine	Dia
Abstracts in Anthropology	No stats	No stats	9	\$1,136.00	\$126.22	Arts and Humanities	
Academic Pathology (OA)	No stats	No stats	No stats	No price match	No price match	Science, Technology and Medicine	
Accounting History	3	10	9	\$971.00	\$107.89	Business Management	Ac
Acta Sociologica	7	18	12	\$631.00	\$ 52.58	Sociology	So
Action Research	6	4	11	\$995.00	\$90.45	Education	So
Active Learning in Higher Education	31	65	42	\$904.00	\$21.52	Education	Tea
Adaptive Behavior	2	3	3	\$853.00	\$284.33	Science, Technology and Medicine	So
Administration & Society	26	49	38	\$1,681.00	\$44.24	Sociology	Pu
Administrative Science Quarterly	14	7	16	\$317.00	\$19.81	Business Management	Bu
Adoption & Fostering	7	24	32	\$554.00	\$17.31	Education	Ch
Adult Education Quarterly	27	41	19	\$472.00	\$24.84	Education	Ed
Adult Learning	8	11	13	\$286.00	\$22.00	Education	Hig
Advances in Dental Research	5	4	4	No price match	No price match	Science, Technology and Medicine	De
Advances in Developing Human Resources	15	33	41	\$793.00	\$19.34	Business Management	Hu
Advances in Mechanical Engineering	No stats	No stats	0	No price match	No price match	Engineering and Material Sciences	T
AERA Open	No stats	No stats	No stats	No price match	No price match	Education	Ed
Affilia	131	98	82	\$847.00	\$10.33	Psychology	Wo
PivotChart_SubjectUsage SAGE Premier 2016		Premier 2016	Sage JR1 2013	Sage JR1 2014	Sage JR1 2015	Sage Pricelist 2016	

Sage Premier Pivot Chart – Usage by subject



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