

New and emerging acquisitions workflows

Check availability and pricing

Overview

- The “Check Availability and Pricing” feature allows the librarian to check the availability and pricing of an item before purchasing it.
- This can be done
 - For a specific vendor (such as Amazon)
 - For multiple vendors in a comparative manner (such as Amazon, Coutts and Harassowitz)
 - Be configured to also include Resource Sharing partners
- This is a significant time saver for the librarian, as he does not need to leave Alma and enter multiple web sites to do a comparative analysis – it’s all in one place and in Alma.

Check Availability and Pricing

- From the Alma Main menu, click the 'Check Availability and Pricing' entry under Acquisitions > Purchase Requests.

Purchase Requests

Create Purchase Request

Manage Purchase Requests

Check Availability and Pricing

This option appears if the user has role 'Selector'

Check Availability and Pricing

The metadata entered in the 'General Information' tab will be searched in the resources which appear in the 'Rota' tab.

Check Availability and Pricing Go

General Information Rota

Resource Information

Citation type Book Journal

Title

Author

Edition

ISBN

LCCN

OCLC number

Publisher

Publication year

Place of publication

Note

Volume

Rota member 'Amazon-USA'

The vendors which appear in the Rota tab are those which have "System Integration" set up to be "Availability and Pricing". **This is 'Amazon-USA'**

The screenshot displays the 'Vendor Details' page for 'Amazon-USA'. The 'Vendor name' and 'Vendor code' are both 'Amazon-USA'. The 'System Integration' tab is selected, showing 'Availability and Pricing' as the active attribute. The 'System Type' dropdown is set to 'Amazon-US', with a list of other options including Amazon-Canada, Amazon-UK, Amazon-Germany, and Amazon-Japan. A red arrow points to the 'Availability and Pricing' checkbox, and another red arrow points to the 'Amazon-US' dropdown menu.

Vendor name Amazon-USA

Vendor code Amazon-USA

Summary Contact Information Contact People EDI Information Usage Data System Integration

Attachments Notes

System Integration Attributes

Availability and Pricing

System Type * Amazon-US

URL

Amazon-US

Amazon-Canada

Amazon-UK

Amazon-Germany

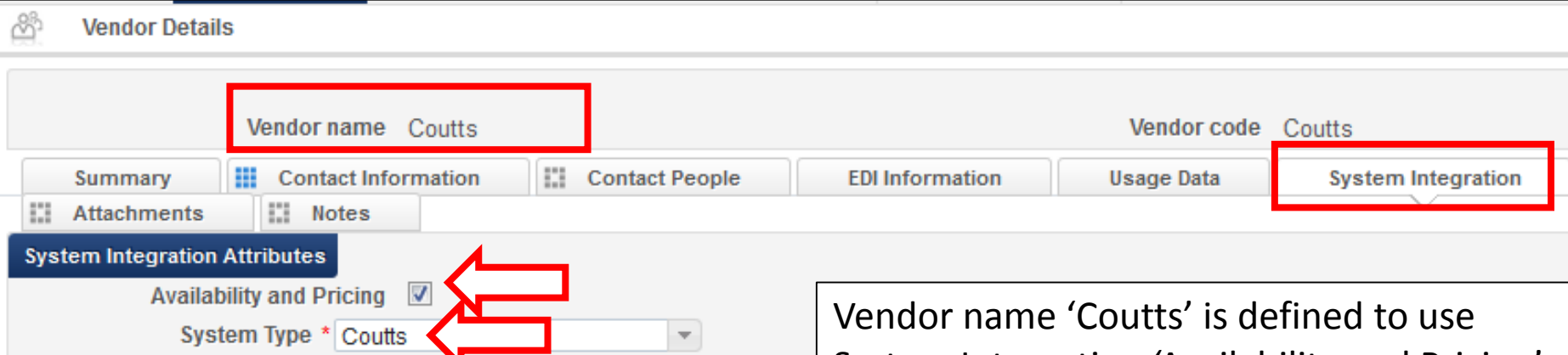
Amazon-Japan

Amazon-US

Vendor name 'Amazon-USA' is defined to use System Integration 'Availability and Pricing' with System Type Amazon-US

Rota member 'Coutts'

The resources which appear in the Rota tab are those which have "System Integration" set up to be "Availability and Pricing". **This is 'Coutts'**



The screenshot shows the 'Vendor Details' page for 'Coutts'. The 'Vendor name' is 'Coutts' and the 'Vendor code' is 'Coutts'. The 'System Integration' tab is selected, showing the 'System Integration Attributes' section. The 'Availability and Pricing' checkbox is checked, and the 'System Type' is set to 'Coutts'. Red boxes and arrows highlight these specific fields.

Vendor name Coutts

Vendor code Coutts

System Integration

System Integration Attributes

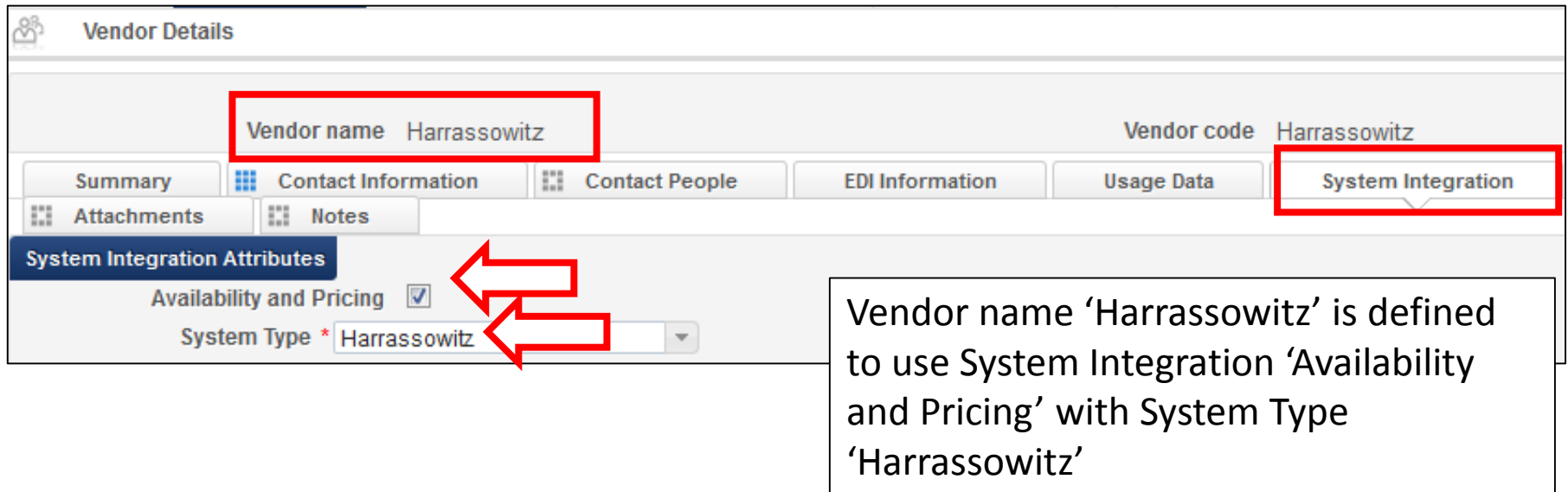
Availability and Pricing

System Type * Coutts

Vendor name 'Coutts' is defined to use System Integration 'Availability and Pricing' with System Type 'Coutts'

Rota member 'Harrassowitz'

The resources which appear in the Rota tab are those which have "System Integration" set up to be "Availability and Pricing". This is 'Harrassowitz'



The screenshot displays the 'Vendor Details' page for the vendor 'Harrassowitz'. The 'Vendor name' and 'Vendor code' are both 'Harrassowitz'. The 'System Integration' tab is selected, showing the 'System Integration Attributes' section. The 'Availability and Pricing' checkbox is checked, and the 'System Type' is set to 'Harrassowitz'. Red boxes highlight the 'Vendor name' and 'System Integration' tab. Red arrows point from the 'Availability and Pricing' checkbox and the 'System Type' dropdown to a text box.

Vendor name: Harrassowitz

Vendor code: Harrassowitz

System Integration

System Integration Attributes

Availability and Pricing

System Type * Harrassowitz

Vendor name 'Harrassowitz' is defined to use System Integration 'Availability and Pricing' with System Type 'Harrassowitz'

The Rota tab

These three vendors now appear in the Rota list

The screenshot shows the Alma system interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ExLibris logo, the Alma logo, a user profile icon, and a search icon. Below this, there are tabs for 'Tasks' and 'Analytics', and a status indicator 'Currently at: Main Library - Main Circula...'. The main content area is titled 'Check Availability and Pricing'. Underneath, there are two tabs: 'General Information' and 'Rota', with the 'Rota' tab highlighted by a red box. Below the tabs, there is a 'Partners' section with a 'Partner' input field, a search icon, and an 'Add partner' button, which is pointed to by a red arrow. Below the 'Partners' section, there is a table with the following data:

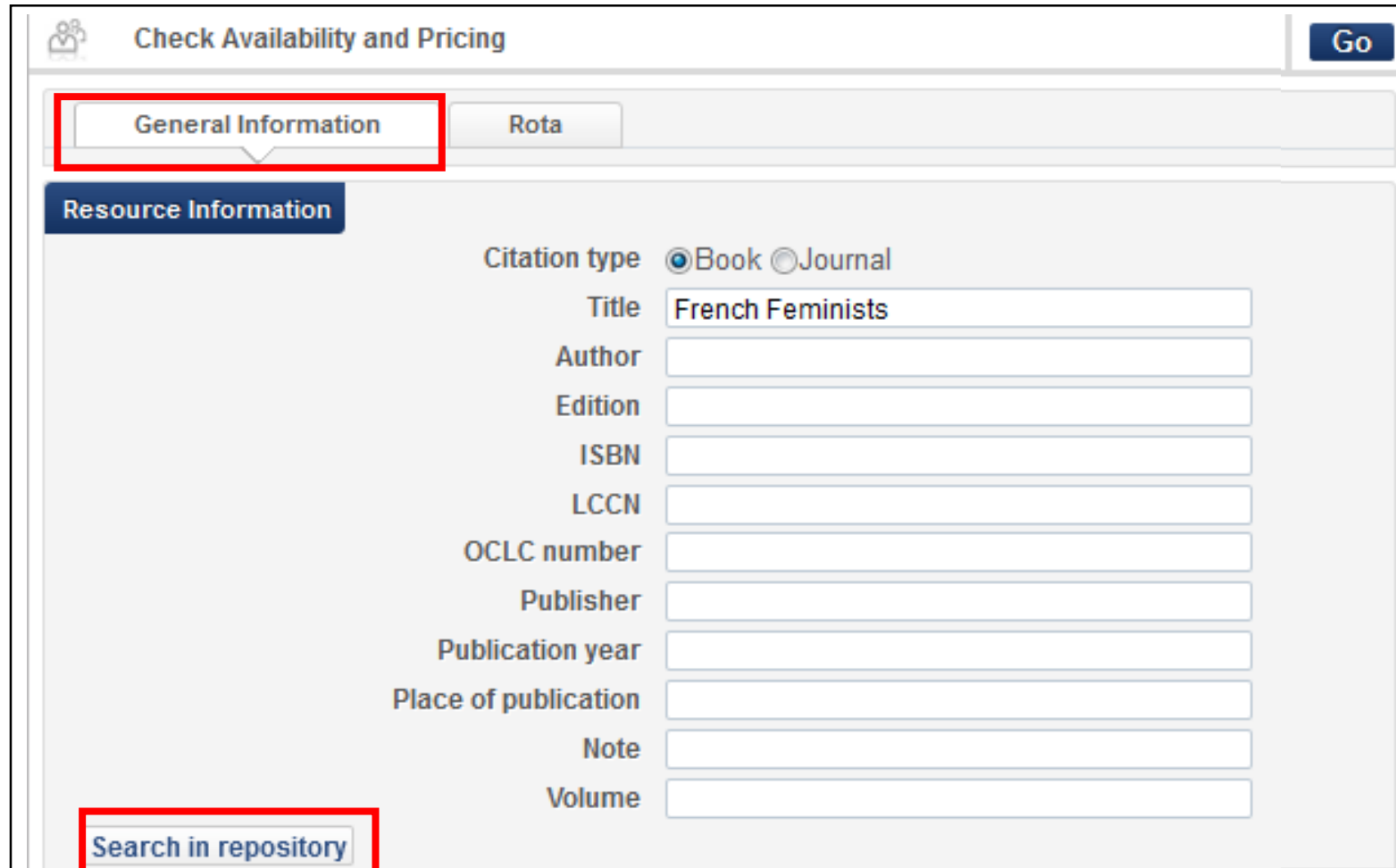
	Exclude	Name	Code	Type
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amazon-USA	Amazon-USA	Vendor
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harrassowitz	Harrassowitz	Vendor
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coutts	Coutts	Vendor

In addition, the staff user can include Resource Sharing partners to also be in the Rota

These three vendors were defined with System Integration 'Availability and Pricing'

Performing the search

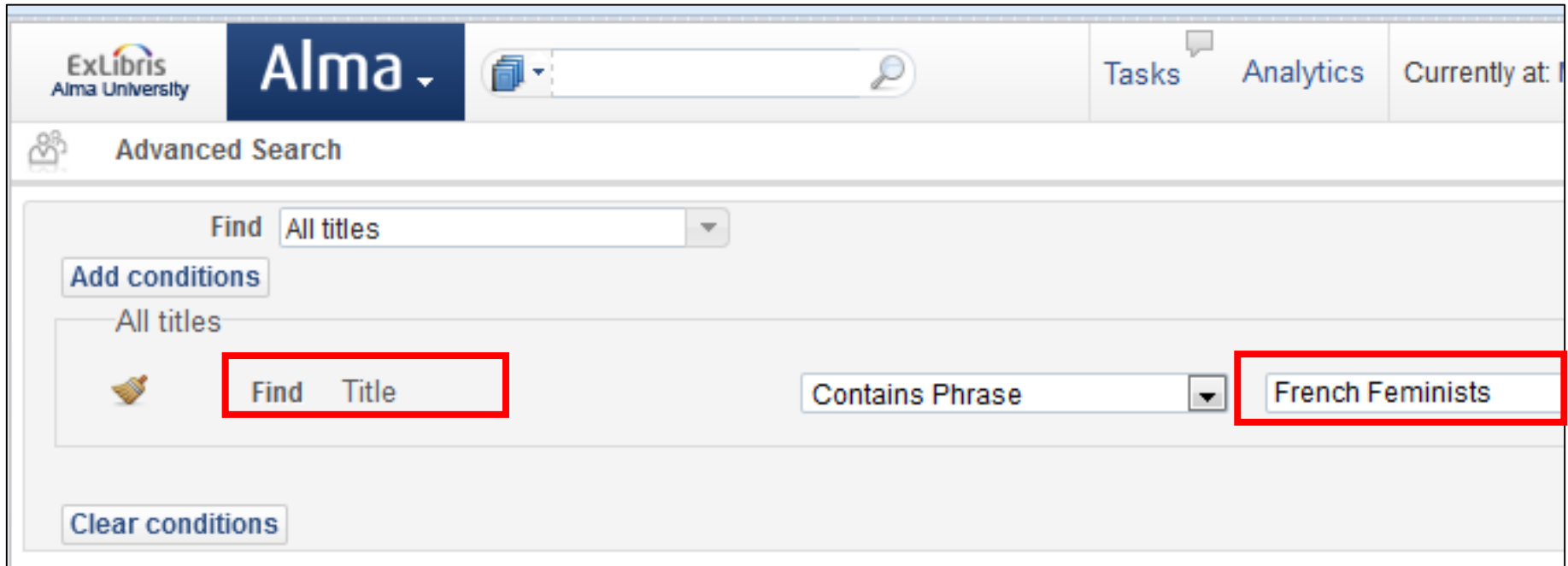
From the 'General Information' tab enter bibliographic data. Clicking 'Search in repository' will open the Repository search' page to search only the local repository



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Check Availability and Pricing" with a "Go" button in the top right corner. Below the title bar, there are two tabs: "General Information" (highlighted with a red box) and "Rota". Under the "General Information" tab, there is a "Resource Information" section. This section contains a "Citation type" field with radio buttons for "Book" (selected) and "Journal". Below this are several input fields for bibliographic data: "Title" (containing "French Feminists"), "Author", "Edition", "ISBN", "LCCN", "OCLC number", "Publisher", "Publication year", "Place of publication", "Note", and "Volume". At the bottom left of the form, there is a "Search in repository" button (highlighted with a red box).

Performing the search

User can now search local repository before searching external vendors. The terms and index are filled in according to the values in the 'General Information' tab of the 'Check Availability and Pricing' screen



The screenshot displays the Alma Advanced Search interface. At the top, the Alma logo is visible. Below it, the 'Advanced Search' section is active. A search condition is defined with the following parameters:

- Find: All titles
- Index: Title
- Operator: Contains Phrase
- Value: French Feminists

The 'Find' dropdown is set to 'All titles'. The 'Index' dropdown is set to 'Title'. The 'Operator' dropdown is set to 'Contains Phrase'. The search term 'French Feminists' is entered in the text field. The 'Add conditions' button is visible above the search criteria, and the 'Clear conditions' button is visible below.

Search term values are taken from what was entered in the 'Check Availability and Pricing' form.

Performing the search

This time we will click 'Go' to automatically search each of the vendors in the 'Rota' tab

Check Availability and Pricing

Go

General Information Rota

Resource Information

Citation type Book Journal

Title

Author

Edition

ISBN

LCCN

OCLC number

Publisher

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Note

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Search in repository

Viewing results and placing an order

- The results appear in same list for each vendor


	Source	Description	RS Availability	Comment	
1	Amazon-USA	Total results: 18	-	-	Review results
2	Harrassowitz	Total results: 0	-	We did not find any matches for your request.	
3	Coutts	Total results: 3	-	-	Review results

- Clicking 'Review Results' will allow the user to see the results per specific vendor.
- For example we will now click results for first entry 'Amazon-USA'


Viewing results and placing an order

- Now we see the results, including price, for that specific vendor and if desired we can begin the ordering process


Item Search in Amazon

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[View in Amazon](#)
Title: Religion in French Feminist Thought: Critical Perspectives
ISBN: 0415215366
List Price: \$52.95
Language: English

[Item Lookup](#) | [Create Order](#)
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[View in Amazon](#)
Title: Only Paradoxes to Offer: French Feminists and the Rights of Man
ISBN: 0674639316
List Price: \$33.00
Language: English

[Item Lookup](#) | [Create Order](#)
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[View in Amazon](#)
Title: Transfigurations: Theology and the French Feminists
ISBN: 1579109330
List Price: \$25.00
Language: English

Viewing results and placing an order

- By using a predefined template for the specific vendor relevant values such as vendor name will automatically be filled in to the POL

1 Religion in French Feminist Thought: Critical Perspectives

ISBN: 0415215366

Description * Religion in French Feminist Thought: Critical Perspectives

Purchase Type * Physical - One Time

PO Line Owner * Main Library

Load from Template Amazon-USA

Assign Inventory Manually

Viewing results and placing an order

- Now the ordering process can be continued 'as normal'

Library	Location	Barcode	Receiving date	Item policy	
1 Main Library	General	AU40456	-	-	Actions

Receiving note

Vendor information

Material Supplier* [Amazon-USA \(Amazon-USA\) Amazon Primary Account](#)

Claiming grace period (days) Expected receipt after ordering (days)

Or expected receipt date

Pricing

List Price* USD Net price

Quantity for pricing* Discount (%)

Funding

Quick Add

Fund* Percent Amount

#	Fund Name	Percent	Amount	
1 1	Library and Information Science (01/01/2016 - 12/31/2016) (5.654.97 USD)	100.0%	<input type="text" value="52.95"/> USD	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
2 Total	-	100.0%	<input type="text" value="52.95 USD"/>	

This is the vendor we chose from 'Review Results' and was in the POL template



Thank You
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