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# CORAL Workflows for New Acquisitions and Renewals

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Centralized Online Resources Acquisitions and Licensing

CORAL is an electronic resource management system built by the University of Notre

Dame's Hesburgh Libraries. The first module, Licensing, was released as open source software in the summer of 2010 and we have continued releasing new modules since then. It is designed to be both simple and highly customizable – each module can be installed independently or used together depending on your library's needs. If you do decide to install the entire suite, easy access to linked records help make sense of the electronic resource through the entire life cycle:

Acquisition Licensing Administration Support Usage

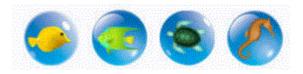
CORAL runs on PHP 5, MySQL 5 and your webserver. It is a very small installation and most users (including Notre Dame) have it installed on a server alongside other production applications. CORAL is released as open source software under GPL v. 3 and is available on GitHub. While we are quite happy with the CORAL product for ourselves, we are always open to project contributors. If you have a great idea for CORAL please post it in the forum – we would love to hear about it!







## Rationale for Adoption

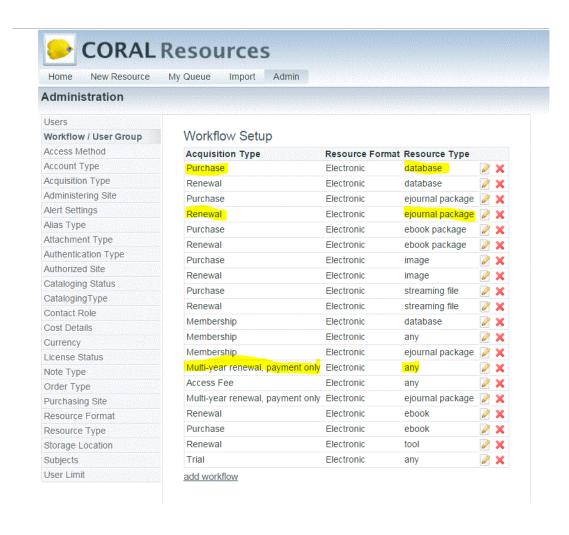


- Integrated modules for organizations, resources, licenses and usage data
- Centralized repository for interrelated data previously distributed...widely among files, platforms
- Focus here on workflows in Resources module, not entire e-resources management system

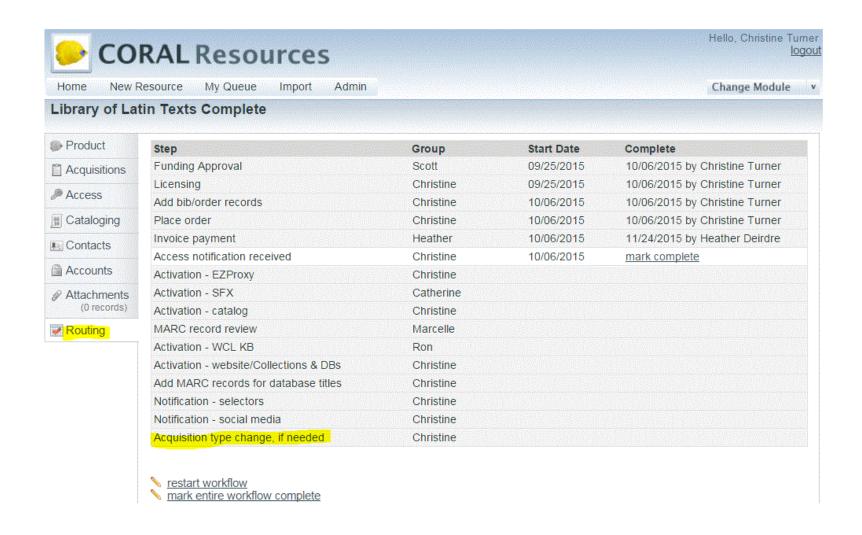
## Why Workflows?

- Opaque, disjointed processes for acquiring and renewing resources
- Scattered responsibilities for tasks among acquisitions staff
- Timely access to new resources provided inconsistently
- Needed better support for renewal decisions

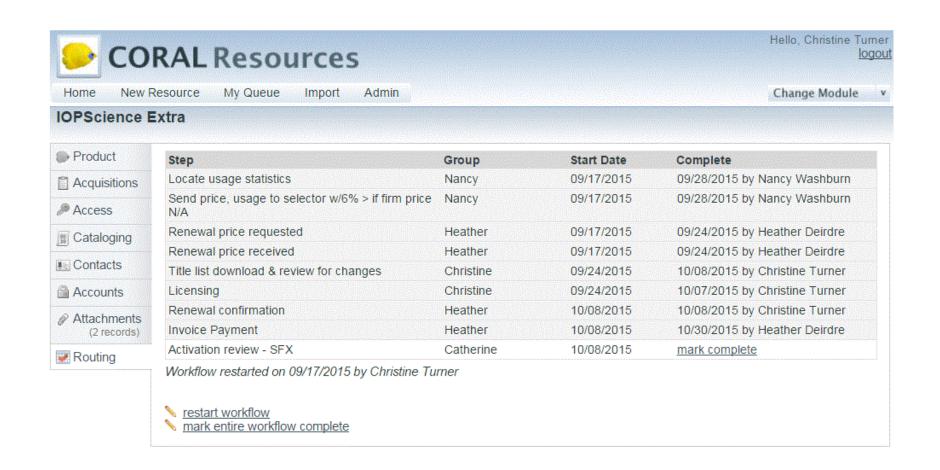
#### **How Workflows Work**



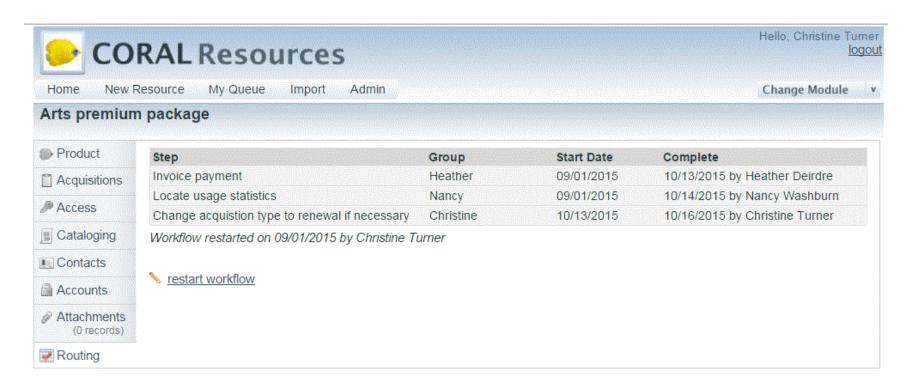
#### **Database Purchase**



## E-Journal Package Renewal



## Multi-year Renewal, Payment Only



## Degree of Difficulty

- Cost free = easy
- Technical -?
  - Reportedly easy, good support network
  - Our guy is good (and very pleasant)
- Personnel
  - Conceptual challenges
  - Customizing processes
  - Practical approaches

### Meeting Our Needs?

- as a central repository for data YES
- to make transparent workflows that trigger task for responsible staff in timely manner -Mostly.
- as tool to support renewal decisions...To a point, but we need more data and awareness (adoption)
- Still a work in progress. Next up: individual ejournal subscriptions