

Information Builders enables agile information solutions with business intelligence (BI) and integration technologies. Flexible, scalable, and secure, WebFOCUS – the most widely utilized BI platform – permeates every level of the extended enterprise through a simple and intuitive user experience.

WebFOCUS for FAST

Fast, Flexible Reporting for Higher Education Administration



Solution Overview

Information Builders and Millennium Computer Systems Ltd. have partnered to provide a comprehensive turnkey reporting solution for Higher Education and K-12 institutions. Millennium's FAST Administration Support Tools provide an integrated data model and off-the-shelf finance, student, and HR reporting for SunGard Higher Education's Banner, Datatel Colleague, and PeopleSoft. Information Builders WebFOCUS extends FAST's prepackaged reports with sophisticated enterprise business intelligence and reporting capabilities, including ad hoc reporting, OLAP, dashboards, and key performance indicators (KPIs), as well as integration with other application systems.

Problems Addressed

At higher education institutions, IT staff is often stretched so thin that they can't quickly meet the reporting requirements of diverse end-user communities; for example, finance and human resources staff have different reporting requirements than students and faculty.



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Educational institutions need to provide their users with easy access to information and empower them with self-service reporting. FAST starts by providing out-of-the-box reports that anyone can use. When end-users across departments need additional information, WebFOCUS gives them the ability to create, save, and share their own reports. WebFOCUS enables end users to automate reporting activities at the strategic, tactical, and public levels, supplying consistency in the way people develop, format, and distribute reports.

Benefits of WebFOCUS for FAST

Millennium's reporting modules include FAST Student Reporting, FAST HR Reporting, and FAST Finance Reporting. These modules integrate with SunGard Banner (and others) and can be installed and running in a single day. The value of the Millennium FAST solution is two-fold: it provides a robust data warehouse as well as rich predefined reporting content for the education institution's end users.

WebFOCUS extends this solution with its unique self-service reporting capabilities, ensuring maximum flexibility for executive, analytical, and operational business users everywhere without requiring organizations to deploy complex business intelligence tools to everyone. Users simply need a Web browser to obtain and share information – no plug-ins or additional software are necessary.

WebFOCUS' parameter-driven reporting templates easily access data in its current location and format (legacy, relational, data warehouse), then publishes it securely on the Web. And since most users instinctively understand browser interfaces, this flexible approach significantly reduces the end user learning curve for accessing and receiving information.

The combined WebFOCUS/FAST offering makes information part of an organization's natural culture by providing out-of-the-box productivity, a premier design environment for automated ad hoc and parameter-driven reporting, and information delivery to the masses in any format using whatever device or application is part of their daily working life. WebFOCUS offers a complete environment that combines the best query tools with the best of OLAP for conducting in-depth analysis of data stored anywhere – including legacy, relational OLAP (ROLAP), and multidimensional sources.