

Cutting the cost of report distribution at Roehampton University

Formerly known as the Roehampton Institute, the Roehampton University of Surrey comprises four colleges founded back in the nineteenth century for the training of teachers.

Today the University has over 7,500 students, and is committed to offering a wide portfolio of teaching and learning opportunities across a broad field of topics. Its mission is to be a university with an international reputation for teaching and research, with a secure national presence and distinctive local identity.

Easy information access

The changing nature of education around the world is adding increasing demands on the modern education establishment like Roehampton University. To deliver the best education to students, universities and colleges now link to other institutions anywhere in the world. This makes it essential to create easy access to information for faculties and staff, at anytime and anywhere. However, Roehampton faced increasing costs for distributing reports to staff using its existing reporting solution.

As a result, the University has now implemented the iCapella reporting and alerting solution from Cranes Software UK Ltd to cost-effectively distribute and provide access to its existing reporting software and vital administrative information. With a single low-cost licence fee iCapella Alert is enabling the University to extract key information from its reporting software – such as financial, personnel and student records as well as UCAS (Universities & Colleges Admissions Service) and GTTR (Graduate Teacher Training Registry) examinations' data - and distribute tailored reports from one central location to all recipients via their standard Web browser.

Cost-effective report distribution

Roehampton University of Surrey's Management Information Systems Manager, Dr. John King, said, "iCapella Alert is proving to be a highly cost-effective distribution solution, enabling our staff to run reports simply and easily in a standard interface, and get information on their PCs in a format that makes it easier to digest and use. With reports

accessible via their Web browser the solution has been welcomed by our staff as very user-friendly, and little training has been required."

He added, "What makes the iCapella solution additionally attractive is that complex report production, distribution and software upgrades can be controlled centrally from one location, rather than individually PC by PC. This reduces the need for time-intensive management and maintenance, and takes the strain off the University's internal IT resources."

Threshold alerting

iCapella Alert is a low-cost solution that integrates with major business intelligence and reporting solutions to automate the distribution and scheduling of reports and information snapshots. This information can be made available in a number of formats, including Word, Excel, HTML, XML and PDF documents, and can be viewed and distributed via standard Web browsers, email, SMS text or direct to users' desktops.

The solution can also be used to set up specific event and threshold system alerts to notify users of critical business developments the moment they arise. Roehampton University is considering using this innovative function to enable users to define, request and receive customised alerts when specific reports become available, to further improve the ease in which critical information is accessed and analysed across its organisation.



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