

Advanced e5 for Higher Education



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Empower you and your colleagues to meet your organisation's requirements, industry standards and best practice procedures; our solution delivers comprehensive reporting, finance, procurement and receivables management.

Relieve the pressure on Finance

With pressure mounting on Higher Education institutions from economic changes such as Brexit, in addition to strict budget cuts and student retention demands; Finance teams require more from their financial systems. They demand more document digitisation, and process automation, more data-sharing with other systems, and more timely visibility of key data for incisive decision making. Finance professionals must meet increasingly demanding regulatory, statutory and procurement policy requirements. As such, financial systems must consistently support due diligence and compliance measures, allowing for quick responses to audits or Freedom of Information requests. Finance teams are also tasked with managing a variety of financial and institutional processes, from student debt collections to verifying research project proposals.

Advanced Financials

Serving the industry for decades and continuing to enhance our solutions to specifically meet your needs, we understand the huge variance in the requirements of different Higher Education institutions. Rather than providing a 'one size fits all' approach, we offer optimised solutions; meeting the needs of institutions such as Sheffield Hallam University and University of Portsmouth.

An end-to-end solution

Delivering effective management of end-to-end accounting processes in one fully integrated system, our solution is flexible and scalable to your industry and institution's requirements. With extensive functionality, enhanced modules and powerful reporting capabilities; finance professionals are able to efficiently meet increasing demands and drive success.

Major benefits

Your institution in one system

View data from across your institution and gain a holistic view of your performance.

Powerful reporting

Our extensive suite of standardised and configurable reports enables you to easily meet internal, statutory and regulatory reporting requirements regardless of complexity, providing you with instant data analysis for incisive decision making.

On demand insight, optimising your decision-making processes

Our solution equips users with an extensive suite of intuitive and customisable dashboards, collating, condensing and presenting up-to-date status information, for instant analysis. Finance professionals can quickly and easily share information with key stakeholders, and effectively drive sharper financial decisions.



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e5 Reporting Services					
Procurement to pay		Order to Cash		Account to Report	
Self-service Procurement	Procurement Management	Sales Invoicing	Direct Debit Mandates & Collections	General Ledger	Fixed Assets & Leasing
e-Supplier Portal	Advanced Cloud Invoicing	Accounts Receivable		Open Item Reconciliation	Bank Reconciliation
Accounts Payable	Service Ledger	Student Debt Management	Cash Receipting & Income Management	Project, Ledger, Timesheet Recording & Job Billing	Collaborative Planning
Commitment Accounting					Proposed Projects
OCR Capture					
Document Management					
Workflow Capability					

"Advanced e5 helps us to effectively manage the Finance, Procurement and Receivables needs of the University. The solution enables us to efficiently collect student debt and manage the complex relationships between the student, their sponsors, and the types of debt incurred."

Andrew Redmond >
Systems Accountant >
University of Portsmouth

Procure to Pay

Blending powerful technology with enhanced functions for your institution, our solution empowers your colleagues with efficient devolved requisitioning, while enforcing and policing contract spend. It enables buying professionals to quickly test the market through quotation options, and carry through to contracts and to orders. Through streamlined procurement processes, self-service procurement capabilities and mobile-friendly features, Finance teams are liberated from the burden of lengthy and complex procurement management.

Order to Cash

Eliminating the labour-intensive task of matching cash to sales invoices, our solution offers flexible invoice management capabilities covering both ad-hoc and periodic charges. The electronic formatting and transmission of invoices, helps reduce distribution costs, whilst their electronic storage optimises your storage capabilities and reduce costs further. With strong credit management, our solution boasts an unrivalled reduction in cash collection times, improving your cash flow and enabling you to easily maintain your institution's key partnerships.

Account to Report

Enhanced with configurable multi-entity structures, our solution empowers institutions to record financial activities on both a singular and multi-company basis.

Powerful multi-dimensional chart of accounts capabilities provide deep and varied reporting analysis, whilst budget stakeholders are empowered further with budgeting and forecasting tools, optimised for the intricacies of enterprise-level accounting. Burdens on the Finance team are significantly reduced with automated reconciliations of bank and control accounts, and easy management of revenue and capital projects over multiple and historic years, with an integrated asset register.

Supporting your processes end-to-end

- > **Reporting Services** – supportive of statutory reporting, compliance requirements and equipping your institution with an enhanced suite of configurable reports, our reporting services meet professional standards of quality. Deeper insight and enquiry capabilities allow for more meaningful analysis of key data, such as aged debt
- > **Document Management** – significantly reduces the cost of paper processing with electronic management, resulting in quick and effective ROI along with optimised organisational processes
- > **Workflow Capability** – We offer extensive configurable workflow capabilities, including screen design, allowing you to instantly view data important to you for sharper decisions, and mobile applications for various functions to meet mobile workforce demands

Built with Higher Education institutions in mind

Our technology is designed to enable users to customise their solution to optimise their organisational processes and performance; both during and following the implementation process. Modules and enhanced functions specifically developed with Higher Education institutions in mind, are detailed as follows.

Proposed Projects

The challenge

The need to manage research project proposals across all departments of a Higher Education institution, matching them with funding sources and approving them against the budget, burdens Finance teams with lengthy processing and significant manual effort.

The solution

All your submissions in one system for instant analysis and approval; our Proposed Projects module enables you to maximise your budget through quick and effective decisions regarding research and projects.

The benefits

- > Flexible costing templates for research project submissions, allow for sharper decisions
- > Auto-fill department, requester and funding source functions for quick submissions and traceability
- > Powerful reporting and archiving abilities provide you with instant access to live data, effectively streamlining your proposals management

Student Debt Management

The challenge

The requirement to accurately process and manage each student's debt, places formidable pressure on the time, effort and resources of Finance teams within Higher Education institutions.

The solution

Our Student Debt Management function empowers you with a single view of each student's debt, extensive reporting capabilities and full compliance with industry standards.

The benefits

- > All your student debt data in one system, coupled with visibility of student / sponsor relationships, for effective analysis and debt collection
- > Student Loan Company Payment Allocation, with automated matching of Student Loan Company payments utilising the student's support and University numbers for information integrity
- > Powerful paperless direct debit capabilities, enhancing your operational efficiency

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Cash Receipting & Income Management

The challenge

Finance teams are met with considerable time pressure when attempting to accurately process receipt of cash payments and manage all student related debt.

The solution

Our Cash Receipting and Income Management function evolves existing capabilities to streamline student debt collection processes.

The benefits

- > One system detailing all debt data for each student from across your institution, including tuition fees and library fines etc., supporting effective debt recovery, less errors and unallocated cash
- > Flexible and configurable cash receipting, meeting your policy controls, user codes and needs
- > Multi-currency functions for international students' accounts

- > Receive automated alerts when expenditure moves outside of your specified budget parameters, for superior management of committed to expenditure
- > Benefit from real-time integrated funds checking, preventing any potential overspend by stopping the requisition or order before it is actually created, for optimal control of your commitments

Project Ledger, Timesheet Recording & Job Billing

The challenge

Managing multiple projects, staff timesheets and billing students, burdens Finance teams with time consuming manual processing. This is worsened by strict budget cuts and reduced head counts.

The solution

Maximise the deployment of your workforce and your budget, with effective management of projects, staff timesheets and student invoicing.

The benefits

- > Instantly view, track and analyse the status of projects in one system, against your budget, allowing for effective management and sharper decision-making
- > Easily invoice students, improving student / institution relationships and ultimately student retention
- > Optimised processing of staff timesheets, boosting payment accuracy and employee productivity

Commitment Accounting

The challenge

Strict budget and funding constraints place increasing pressure on Higher Education institutions to 'do more with less' and reduce spending.

The solution

Maximise your budget and operational efficiency with our Commitment Accounting function.

The benefits

- > Instantly track and analyse commitments, obligations and actuals and verify them against your budget, effectively meeting contractual needs

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General Ledger

The challenge

Finance professionals are consistently faced with multiple demands, including statutory, regulatory and internal institutional reporting, complex and intricate accounting and sharp financial decision-making.

The solution

Our General Ledger empowers you to optimise your budgets and decision-making processes.

The benefits

- > Unlike other solutions, our technology boasts a robust and powerful General Ledger optimised for the intricacies of Higher Education accounting
- > Instant access to research project accounting, cost of courses, revenue by course, department or tracking stream, for quick and meaningful analysis, informing effective decisions
- > Flexible and scalable, easily adapting to change as your institution grows and evolves, underpinned by a configurable chart of accounts
- > Full compliance with industry requirements

Open Item Reconciliation

The challenge

With the pace of change ever increasing, and the pressure to keep up with demands, it is imperative to keep on top of Account Reconciliation to meet audit and compliance requirements at all times.

The solution

Our Open Item Reconciliation function evolves existing reconciliation capabilities to streamline your close of accounts processes.

The benefits

- > Easily keep track of reconciled and un-reconciled transactions through automatic matching functions, leading to a quicker close of accounts
- > Customise your solution by automating the initial population of the reconciliation codes on certain accounts based on your institution's rules, boosting your operational efficiency further
- > Providing you with the peace of mind that you are consistently meeting audit and compliance requirements and best practice procedures

Advance your institution

Regardless of your organisation's complexity or requirements, we rise to the challenge. See today how you can advance your organisation further with our wider service and solution offering.

Human Capital Management Suite

- > Optimise your workforce and engage your employees with HR management solutions, scalable to your institution but flexible to your growth
- > On time, all the time. Boost the efficiency of your institution with a Payroll solution which grows with you

Business intelligence

- > Evolve your data analysis, financial decisions and institution's performance further, with our intuitive and customisable dashboards
- > To continue to evolve your institution, we offer Business Intelligence consultancy, working with you and our partners to realise your ambitious intelligence projects

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Services and market solutions

- > Your data, your way. Whether its hosting your solutions in the cloud, or offering a fully outsourced IT Service, we understand how important it is to secure, access and manage your data
- > Reinforce your client relationships with our Microsoft Dynamics CRM solution, optimised to manage your partnerships, supplier and user relationships
- > Reduce paper processing and manual effort with electronic Document Management

Enhanced applications

To drive efficiency and success we offer a variety of enhanced applications.

These include:

- > Collaborative Planning, for sharper budgeting and forecasting insight.
- > Cloud Invoicing, mobile-enabled invoicing functions for your mobile workforce.
- > Air Receipting, mobile-enabled receipting functions for further organisational efficiency.
- > Air Approvals, mobile-enabled approvals functions lessening the burden on your Finance team.

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