



The University of Nottingham Launches New Campus Portal using SCT Luminis

First University in Europe Goes Live with the Luminis Platform III and Luminis Integration Suite, the Latest Versions in SCT's Successful Luminis Product Family

MALVERN, Pa. — December 17, 2003 — Using SCT Luminis™ technologies, the University of Nottingham recently launched an institution-wide portal that will:

- Integrate University information and services into a single online location,
- Help students and staff make better use of available services and save time,
- Make online information and services easier to access and use, and
- Give individuals the freedom to accomplish the tasks they want, at the time they want.

The project is an integral part of the University's emerging eKnowledge strategy, a commitment to providing the best possible online learning and support environment for students and staff.

The University ran a pilot program in 2002-2003 using the JA-SIG uPortal technology, becoming the first UK institution to adopt the open source platform. The University chose to build on the project's success and expand the scope using portal, content management, and integration technologies from the SCT Luminis product family. "We have been supporters of the uPortal initiative and want to continue working with the technology," said Graham Moore from the University's Information Services Department and responsible for the delivery of portal development at Nottingham. "However, Luminis incorporates the uPortal technology, allowing us to build on our development investment and expand the project using SCT's integration and content management technologies. This will give us a real advantage in achieving the results we want rapidly, on a solid, proven platform, combining our existing skills with expert SCT support and development."

The pilot implementation involved approximately 1,500 students during 2002-2003. The expanded, institution-wide implementation will initially encompass 19,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. In addition a staff pilot focusing on research will be implemented in three schools. Access will eventually be extended to cover all of the University's 25,000 students and 5,000 staff.

New features planned include single sign-on to the University's e-library gateway, integration with both WebCT and Blackboard course management systems, a connection to the Novell GroupWise email system, and access to career center information. In

addition, students will be able to further customize their personal environments, and choose from a variety of links to information sources outside the University. Bryan Pentland, vice president for SCT in Europe, Middle East and Africa noted, "The University of Nottingham is leading a new wave of thinking in UK Higher Education ³/₄ pushing the boundaries of portal development, leveraging in-house skills, and recognizing the value of working with an experienced solution partner like SCT to better serve their University constituents. SCT Luminis technology projects are an area of rapid growth for SCT in the UK. The first SCT Luminis user group meeting was held in London last month. We expect Nottingham to play a very key role in this group moving forward."

The University of Nottingham is a multi-campus university, serving students through three local campuses, a fourth in Malaysia, and a medical school. The portal development using SCT Luminis technologies is seen as a key element of the University's eKnowledge strategy. It will enable the University to deliver information from a variety of disparate sources through a personalized and secure Web environment that connects the academic, community, and administrative aspects of university life in a seamless manner.

About The University of Nottingham

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