



Query Repository View Enhancements (Project IUUN0020)

Academic Workgroup

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ATTENDEES:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WebFOCUS Application Demonstration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keith said, last year at this time, we were running FOCUS on the mainframe, and in the process of converting to WebFOCUS. He said at that time there was no opportunity to look at all the features of WebFOCUS, that the push was to get the focexecs converted as quickly as possible. Keith said he asked Brenda McCool to put together a demonstration of the product features for Doyle. This has led to demonstrations for other focus groups. ▪ Keith said they would like to bundle reports that are used by 10 to 20, or more users. Security levels can vary from being 100% public to needing to authenticate access to the system. ▪ Keith said Brenda had created a sample of reports from all the functional groups. He said they are in the process of collecting requirements for web delivered reports from IR. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACTION: If anyone is interested in web delivered reporting, they should contact Keith.LaVey@uky.edu, skoll@email.uky.edu, or WFSupport-L@lsv.uky.edu. ▪ Jayna said there will be a demonstration for the deans tomorrow. Jayna said everyone should think about reports they use that they could share with their peers, or reports that could be used by the deans.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brenda said the reports she would be showing would progress in complexity. ▪ The first report was the SIS Enrolment Statistics program that Ruby Watts runs. This normally takes 45 minutes to complete. Brenda said the program was put on the scheduler to run in the early morning, and the results are now available on demand. This is an example of a static report, exactly the way Ruby sees the data. ▪ The next report was an HRS parameter driven report. Brenda said any parameters could be used, and multiple report outputs, such as HTML, PDF, or Excel are available. Brenda said this report runs against the Oracle extract (Query Repository) and may take awhile to run, depending on the complexity of the report or the number of people using the system at the time the report is run. ▪ The next report was a parameter driven report, "Last Day to Add" created by Janet Baynham, which shows data for several years. Data by college is available, but is not part of the current parameters of the report.
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	<p>wants to be able to drill down to the college and department level, and she demonstrated how this can be accomplished. Brenda said the hierarchy for drill downs needs to be defined when the report is written.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brenda said the reports in Excel format can be pulled to the desktop or printed on a local printer. ▪ Brenda showed a report that displayed graphs of the data, and the ability to drill down on sections of the graph. The graphs shown were a small sampling of the graphs available in WebFOCUS. ▪ Brenda said a report could show the data along with a graph, and both could have drill down capabilities. ▪ There is a link on the pages to allow the user to connect to WebFOCUS to do adhoc reporting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John asked if the demonstration for the deans would be presented as this is something they have access to such as a dashboard, or if they would need someone in their departments with the ability to produce these reports. Jayna said UK does not currently have dashboard software. The current option is to select reports to run from a list/menu of reports. • This is currently being called the Web Report Delivery System. Each area could have its own separate web site, and their users would go to this site and have access to do what makes sense regarding reporting. • Brenda said some people have been given access to Managed Reporting, just to run reports that someone else has written. This could be eliminated by bundling the reports on a web site.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith said IT is trying to identify report commonality, reports that can be utilized by many users, or many areas. • Diane said another option in WebFOCUS is the ability to email the reports to the users. Keith said electronic bursting by department is available. • Keith said this is not necessarily for current WebFOCUS reports only. • Jayna said she would ask the deans to identify someone from their areas to work with Diane to identify the top 10-20 reports that could be delivered over the web. • John asked when this would be available for use. Jayna said IT recently purchased a new tool to automate the process and there will be a learning curve on the product. She also said the users need to define the requirements for the reports, and the time to do this would be determined by the users. • Diane said she has a template to help define the requirements. • Keith said a lot of processing can take place at night, such as pre-joining data, so this did not have to be done each time a report is run. • Jayna said the top 20 reports would be a mix of financial and student data.