

S1's Enterprise Assessment Solution

Today, colleges and universities are struggling to identify effective ways for responding to increased demands for greater accountability from prospective students and their parents, regional and specialized accreditation associations, and legislative and funding bodies. At the same time, colleges and universities are dealing with growing constituent (staff & student) expectations for “anytime, anywhere” access to information and services. In both cases, with S1 Enterprise Assessment Solutions, institutions can provide the right information at the right time to the right people responsible for ensuring that the institution is meeting the education quality goals defined in its mission.

TracDat by Nuventive empowers institutions to manage the entire accreditation process including planning, analysis and utilization, follow-up, and reporting. iWebfolio is an online digital portfolio that gives students, faculty, and staff a personalized and flexible tool powerful enough to store and present a lifetime's worth of education and professional experience. Together, they form the basis of S1's Enterprise Assessment Solutions, flexible enough to serve both the institution and the individual, yet comprehensive enough to form a unified approach to performance management.

Through a strategic alliance with Nuventive, S1 offers institutions a powerful way to address the growing demand for measuring and tracking personal and organizational performance outcomes. With TracDat and iWebfolio, individuals and institutions gain the tools they need to document and manage a broad array of learning goals and experiences. These Enterprise Assessment Solutions represent an important component of S1's e-Education Infrastructure, a strategic framework for the digital campus that delivers superior interoperability, service delivery, and information access.

TracDat by Nuventive

TracDat by Nuventive is a Web-based software solution for managing an institution's planning, self-study, and accreditation processes through a structured framework for continuous improvement.

Consider the following benefits that **TracDat by Nuventive** can offer your institution:

- Simplifies the planning and assessment process. With TracDat, objectives identified by administrative and academic units across all organizational levels are aligned with the institution's mission, and with requirements established by external governing bodies. This allows you to focus on institutionally relevant goals — minimizing overzealous and unnecessary data collection — and

establishes a foundation for efficient maintenance of your strategic plan.

- Increases faculty involvement in the accreditation process. With TracDat, faculty staff get Web-based access to a timesaving structure, uniform interface, and process definition for the entire planning and assessment cycle. Additionally, users can customize the software with the “common language of assessment” used at your institution, facilitating the adoption and utilization of the software.

- Streamlines data management and data collection. With TracDat, all of your assessment data can be accessed from one application. Whether it's observations or statistics, an Excel spreadsheet, a Web site or a portfolio, they're all available from your desktop. You can run standard reports, create ad hoc queries, and develop online surveys through a simple wizard interface. Moreover, your faculty staff retain autonomy over their assessment data while gaining high visibility for their contributions towards achieving institutional goals.

iWebfolio

iWebfolio offers a unique and powerful approach for serving the individual and the institution. First, iWebfolio offers tremendous value to the individual as a secure environment for storing, managing and sharing a lifetime's worth of learning and experience. Beyond that, iWebfolio serves the institution by providing robust capabilities for template creation; for acquisition of evidence to support institutionally defined learning and performance outcomes; for rich collaboration including narrative feedback, ratings, rubric evaluation, and self-assessment; and for administration of the iWebfolio solution. Ultimately, both approaches come together to align the individual's need for self-promotion (skills, competencies, achievements) with the assessment needs of the institution (outcomes, standards, goals) in a perfect blend of functionality and value.

Nuventive's extensive research has shown that the portfolio user must be at the center of the solution and must be the owner of the portfolio. At the same time, institutions must have the right to access and gather valuable assessment data as evidence towards achieving their program improvement goals. iWebfolio offers the unique ability to do both — serve the specialized needs of the individual and the broader needs of the institution. The S1 solution offers iWebfolio Personal Accounts that are owned and purchased by individuals (much like a textbook) and an iWebfolio Administrative License that is purchased by the institution.

Consider the advantages that an *iWebfolio Personal Account* offers to your students, staff, and alumni:

- *An unlimited number of customized portfolios.*

With an iWebfolio Personal Account, you can create customized portfolios to reflect your academic, personal, and professional accomplishments.

- *Selective control over who gets to see what about you.*

With an iWebfolio Personal Account, you get “real-time” control over who gets to see each portfolio and when they get to see it. Furthermore, you decide whether access is granted as “read-only” (for “viewers”) or, if you want to receive feedback, “read-write” (for “reviewers”).

- *A lifetime repository for managing intellectual assets.* With an iWebfolio Personal Account, you receive 50 MB of file space in a secure, Web-based environment for storing and managing your intellectual assets. Any item stored in the repository can be “shared” via any number of portfolios (eliminating the need for multiple submissions), and updates to any item can be “rolled” across all instances of the item.

With an iWebfolio Administrative License, departments, schools, and institutions can launch and manage a portfolio initiative without incurring up-front costs for hardware, help-desk support, or software development. That means you can offer this valuable service to your students, faculty staff and alumni without jeopardizing your budget.

Consider the advantages that an *iWebfolio Administrative License* offers to your institution:

- *An unlimited number of customized portfolios and templates and assessment measurements.*

With an iWebfolio Administrative License, your faculty and staff can create, share, distribute, and update customized portfolio templates and assessment measures (simple scales, rubrics) specific to their program needs.

- *Authentic assessment results.*

With an iWebfolio Administrative License, your faculty and staff can capture relevant data within portfolios (or portfolios as a whole) to document achievement of desired learning and performance outcomes.

- *Secure, Web-based portfolio environment.*

With an iWebfolio Administrative License, you can strengthen the reputation of your institution by taking a leadership role in offering a valuable and in-demand service to your students, faculty staff, and alumni. At the same time, you can standardize on a solution that has the proven ability to serve academic, administrative and student service needs across the entire institution.

Ensuring Success

Effective assessment processes within your institution rely on more than just software solutions. S1’s Professional Services experts provide consulting and domain expertise in the areas of planning, assessment, and continuous improvement. S1’s higher education experts will guide your institution’s faculty, staff, and administration toward a complete understanding of the software

and share best practice methodologies for implementing these solutions for maximum value.

S1’s Enterprise Assessment Solutions – Act Now

- Streamline the administrative process and establish a culture that recognizes assessment as an institutional imperative with widespread participation.
- Document and communicate the achievement of individual and organizational performance goals.
- Empower all your constituents to manage their education and professional experiences.
- Strengthen the reputation of your institution by helping students, faculty, administrators and staff to present themselves in a professional manner to a broader audience.

About S1 Consulting and Software Services

S1 Consulting and Software Services Pty Ltd is a Sydney and Melbourne based consultancy focused on helping customers worldwide extract superior returns from their Information Technology investments. S1’s commitment to innovation, excellence and expertise in collaborative customer relationships strongly guarantees first time success for clients.

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