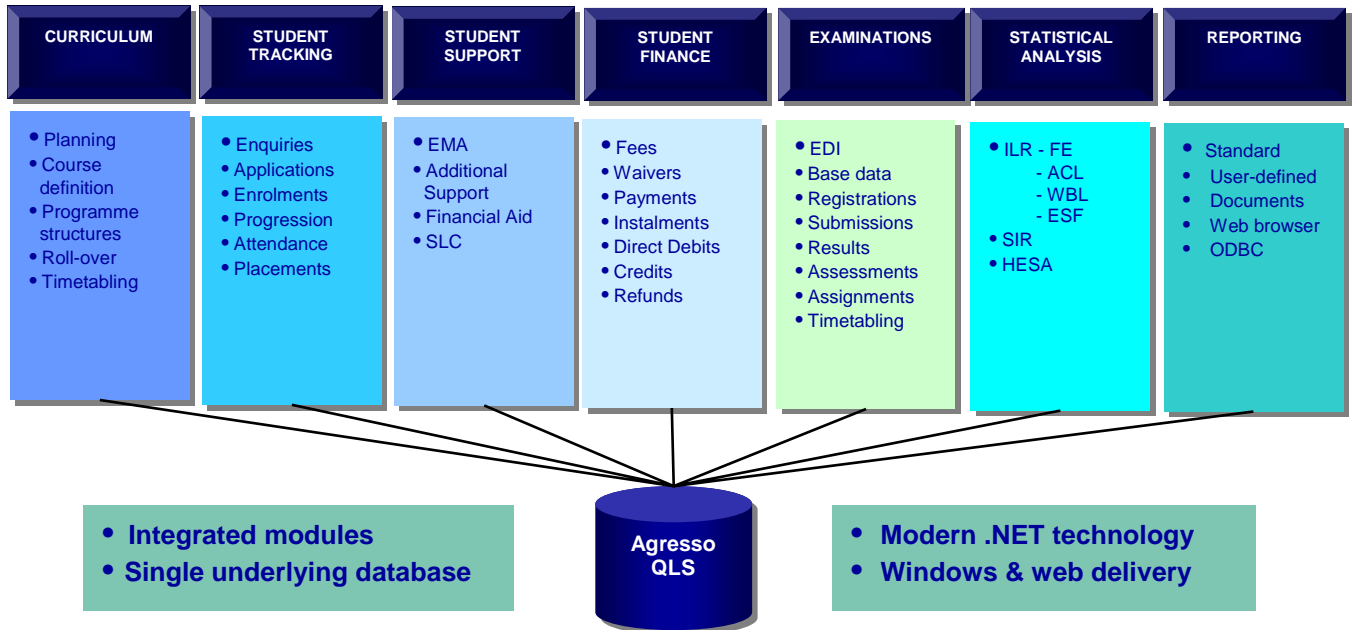




F.E. Agresso QL Students Overview

Agresso Systems (formerly known as Distinction) has been supplying student management systems to the FE sector since 1993. Agresso QL Students (Agresso QLS) has been around since 1997 and is used by over 100 institutions throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland. To reflect the latest technological advances, Agresso has just released Agresso QLS Version 4. Agresso QLS v4, as it is known, combines the breadth of functionality and robustness of operation developed from such a wide user community over many years with the very latest Microsoft .NET technology. This allows a unique combination of Windows and Web-based functionality to satisfy both expert and occasional users across the College campus and beyond. Agresso QLS v4 is a modern system, built on a solid pedigree and able to provide senior managers, MIS practitioners, tutors and students with the support and information they require. The graphic below indicates the full range of functionality provided.



Key Features

- ◆ Breadth of functionality to cater for the full scope of the modern student management application within an integrated database environment. Core functions such as curriculum definition, admissions, exam processing, attendance marking and statutory returns can be augmented with modules for curriculum planning, telesales enrolment, work-based learning, additional learning support, event scheduling and extensive student financial management including EMA and learner support funds. Further integration to customer relationship management, full financial management and HR management is also possible from Agresso Systems.
- ◆ Leading edge technology delivers appropriate functionality to the broadest user community and ensures maximum system longevity. Both expert practitioners and occasional users will feel the system belongs to them.
- ◆ Optimised access to information using functionality and technology that is appropriate to each user's needs and capabilities. A unique blend of Windows and browser-based access is available.

Integrated Approach

Agresso QLS is a modular product with modules available to address the many facets of the modern student management application. Nevertheless, integration is a key feature of the product with all data held in a single, integrated database. Regardless of where data is entered, all parts of the system are updated simultaneously so that data is fully synchronised in real time. Central to this is the single student record that remains with the learner for all time and which forms the basis for all activities be it enquiries, enrolments across academic years, additional support, placements and financial transactions. Integration also enables automation so that a simple enrolment entry can generate register attachments, suggested exam submissions and a complete ILR record. Agresso QLS integration also extends to common, best of breed applications such as postcode databases, specialist scheduling systems and ID card production.

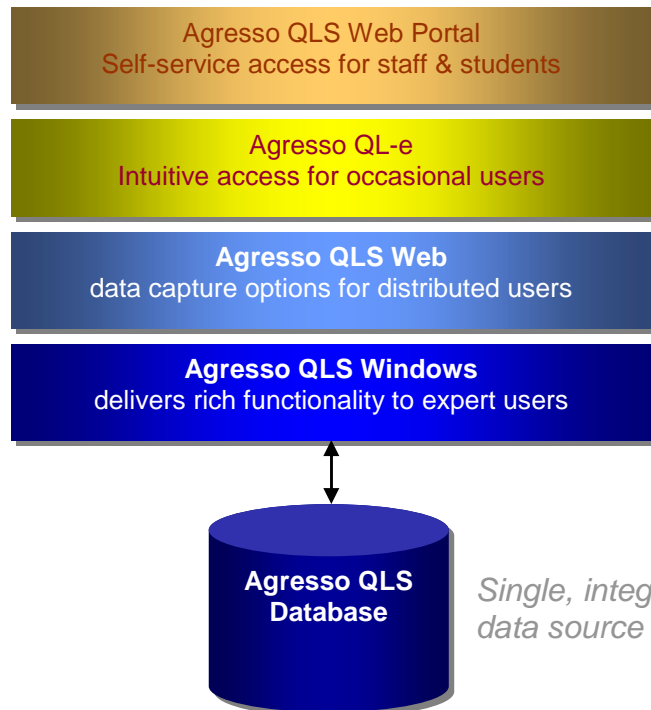
Modern technology benefits the broadest user community

Expert users will appreciate the data analysis capabilities provided by the Workbench desktop interface and the revolutionary ILR processing functionality. Dramatic processing speed and error correction facilities take the pain out of regular ILR returns.

The modern student management system needs to address the requirements of the broadest user community including managers, expert practitioners, tutors and students. The .NET technology is the ideal vehicle to reach this diverse range of users.

The workgroup security system ensures that access to Agresso QLS can be distributed to a wide range of users in the most appropriate way. Menus, screen layouts and business rules can all be amended to suit the requirements and capabilities of different users.

Multi-tier presentation layer to suit widest range of users



All bulk data capture options are browser-based and this allows these functions to be distributed to the widest user community, regardless of location. Browser access is simple to deploy and intuitive to use and allows data to be captured as close to source as possible, thereby eliminating paper-based forms and duplicate handling of data.

Agresso has set as its commercial mission the delivery of student management solutions to its customers on an ongoing basis. This involves enhancements to core functionality in addition to the provision of new technology to allow colleges to respond confidently to the challenges and opportunities that continue to emerge.