



Case Study

Cal Poly Corporation

California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo, CA

SOLUTIONS USED: **APOS ADMINISTRATOR**
Product Components Used:
InfoScheduler

BACKGROUND:

Since 1940, the **Cal Poly Corporation** (Corporation) has been providing commercial, fiscal and support services to California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly or the University). The Corporation currently oversees more than 150,000 square feet of facilities and employs approximately 1,500 people in a large variety of activities that are ancillary to the core educational mission of the university. From dining services to print & copy services, from textbook sales to housing and conference facilitation, the Corporation provides services to the university to help the University focus on academic excellence.

CHALLENGE:

Cal Poly consists of six distinct colleges on 9,768 acres of land, with more than 17,000 students in 70 undergraduate, 26 graduate and 6 teaching programs, making it a diverse and complex environment to manage. The Corporation publishes monthly reports for a large number of stakeholders within both the Corporation itself and within Cal Poly's administration.

The production and distribution of SAP BusinessObjects reports at month end was a labor-intensive process requiring administrators and system operators to print numerous copies of the same report, then to sort and group pages manually for individual report recipients. Finally, the reports were distributed to all recipients using campus mail. The entire process would normally take an entire day – if all went well.

There had to be a better way.



SOLUTION:

The Cal Poly Corporation was looking for a solution that would allow them to set up report parameters once, run reports automatically, and distribute the reports electronically to all recipients. To top it off, the solution would also need to be easy to use, and not require continuing IT involvement.

The Corporation chose the InfoScheduler module of the APOS Administrator solution. InfoScheduler uses the familiar Microsoft Excel interface to simplify setting up parameters for multiple instances of multiple reports, scheduling them to run, and delivering them to multiple types of destinations – including printers, network locations, FTP servers, and email inboxes.

David Bains, Application Development Supervisor at the Corporation noted how well InfoScheduler matched their criteria: "When we looked at the demo that the APOS sales team showed us, InfoScheduler seemed to be a fairly straight forward solution to our problems."

WHY APOS?

Bains continued: "Setting up, saving and managing monthly spreadsheets in a Microsoft Excel environment is well within the skill sets of our operators. We expect to expand the use of this solution even further within our organization. It also seemed that the integration between APOS products and SAP BusinessObjects was very good."

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