

CNOUS – A Success story

Apparo Fast Edit



Centre national des œuvres universitaires et scolaires



Student services provided by French universities

Founded in 1955 with the aim of improving students' lives and working conditions, CNOUS heads a network consisting of 28 regional centres (CROUS), 16 local centres (CLOUS) and over 40 specialised offices that provide services directly to students.

Before they discovered Fast Edit:

CNOUS utilised a whole host of applications (HR, finances, specific business applications, etc.) to manage all their business activities.

The old solution was partially based on Excel tables with VBA scripts – the data administration alone proved to be extremely time-consuming.

There was also no metadata for integrating referenced data into an enterprise data model. As such, they were looking for a solution that would transcode the data and store it in relational databases.

The client's goals:

Goal 1: A solution that's easy to use for everyone

Goal 2: Improved performance and data quality

Goal 3: Simplification of data communication

Goal 4: The option to analyse data throughout the various systems

It was also important for the client to be able to integrate data from existing applications when creating business views.

The Apparo Fast Edit solution:

Full integration into IBM Cognos (portal, security, SSO)

Introduction of an enterprise metadata model without influencing the source systems

An easy-to-use, intuitive user interface

The project was implemented within just three weeks, from the initial specifications to launch.