

Turning Administrative Information Inside Out: A report on creating a University wide Research Portal based on Research, Finance, HR, and Library Systems

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Abstract:

In 2006, as part of the Implementation of its Research System Implementation, the University of Melbourne embarked on an ambitious project to construct a Research Portal based on the University's core administrative data.

This report highlights the issues and challenges associated with this project including:

- * How the vision of a Research Portal was sold.
- * How a Research Portal can be used to change perceptions and expectations about the uses of centrally held data.
- * What needs to be considered when determining what data can be made public from internal administrative systems.
- * Gaining Academic acceptance of the project
- * The ongoing task of turning administrators across Finance, HR, and Research into 'data curators'
- * Using a Research Portal to close the gap between Library and Administrative systems.