



Academus is a cost-effective, enterprise-portal solution, built on open-source technology. Academus combines software with integration services to pull together the crucial components of higher-education institutions.

Academus delivers an easily-integrated and ready-to-use portal solution for your online campus. With Academus, you can quickly connect and efficiently support multiple constituents by facilitating communication, collaboration, and organization.

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Aggregated Layouts

Aggregated layouts allow portal administrators to create tabs that cannot be moved or removed by users in the portal community. These tabs, known as fragments, contain channels that also cannot be moved or removed by the end user. This allows portal administrators to “push” certain channels upon specific groups of users ensuring important information is always in the right hands. In addition, aggregated layouts allow the end user to subscribe to content fragments.

JSR-168 and WSRP Consumer Support

Academus includes a WSRP4J-based WSRP consumer and support for JSR-168 compliant portlets. The WSRP standard simplifies integration of remote applications/content into the portal so that portal administrators can pick from a rich choice of services and integrate them in their portal without programming. The Java Specification Request (JSR) – 168 formalizes the contract between a “portlet” or “channel” and the portal container. This provides portlet container independence and the ability for a portlet to be deployed on different containers/frameworks. Support for this standard will allow institutions to leverage portlets from any source, which adhere to these specifications, within their Academus Portal.



Briefcase Portlet (shown above)

An Academus Briefcase Portlet has been created to replace the existing Academus Briefcase Channel. The portlet version offers the same functionality as the channel version, plus more features and a friendlier interface. The Briefcase Portlet allows individuals to maintain a personal set of folders and files. It also provides portfolio capabilities by allowing a user to share folders and their contents with other portal users. The Briefcase Portlet can be configured to integrate with your campus file system allowing users to access shared network drives or personal file space provided by the institution.

Group Selection Restrictor

In Academus, the group hierarchy can be accessed from a variety of channels in the portal (e.g. Calendar, Forums, Campus Announcements). Previously, all individuals who accessed these channels possessed the capability interacting with any group in the system. Academus 1.5 includes the Group Selection Restrictor. This new enhancement restricts some of this flexibility in the group selection process based on administrative rights.



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Change Password Channel

A channel has been added to the Academus solution for institutions managing users through LDAP or Active Directory. This channel can be pushed to students to give them the ability to change their LDAP or Active Directory password from within Academus.

Support for Additional Browsers

Beginning with the Academus 1.5 release, support for the Firefox 1.0 and Safari 1.2.3 browsers has been added in addition to the previously supported Mozilla, Netscape and Internet Explorer browsers.

New User Preferences Mode

In Academus 1.5 the User Preferences screens have been simplified to make it easier for users to maintain their portal layouts. Users switch to a user preferences mode that graphically represents the current state of their layout and allows them to personalize it adding channels, organizing channels, subscribing to fragments.

Site Map Link

The new **Site Map** link is intended to give each user a representative diagram of their current tabs and the channels and portlets that currently reside on each tab. Users may

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