The Implementation of a Longitudinal Student Assessment Tracking System for Accreditation

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Our Data Challenge: Silos

- Decentralized data- Network drives and local disk space
- Delayed reports
- Challenge tracking students
- Increased cost and effort
Conversion to Cloud

- Paper process to automated, integrated cloud system
- Cloud integrates all data silos
- Centralized and managed by Director of Institutional Assessment
- Cloud provides real-time data
- EX: COCA Standard 1.3
Example: At Risk Student Tracking

- Spreadsheet is created
  - Student names and status change, course failed, time on status

- Mail merge into 1 of 20 templates in Microsoft Word
  - Many times each letter must be merged individually

- Student is emailed letter and told to reply to email or pick up a copy
  - Both the read receipt and original email are manually logged

- Every email (questions, appeals) must be manually tracked
Cloud Impact: Greater Efficiency

Recommendations received
• From the Promotions and Matriculation Committee

Letter is uploaded to Progress IQ
• Working on creating template that integrates fully in the system

All communication are completed through the system and tracked automatically
• At least 1 hour less of time spent on each student tracking
Improved Features

- Centralized, Cloud-Based w/ tailored permissions
- Student Tracking- Time drastically reduced
- Real, real-time student tracking
- Cost savings

- Accreditation Reporting
  - AACOM Survey- Previously took at least 1 month, 8 administrators.
  - This year, 1.5 weeks and 2 staff members

- Overall, greater satisfaction with system
Cloud Benefits During a Disaster

- Tornado struck January 21, 2017
- School up and running the next week
- No data was lost
- All student records were safe
Questions?

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