UF ERP Becomes UF Bridges

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The UF Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project has a new name -- UF Bridges. Bridges symbolizes the construction of a new set of business practices and systems for the University as well as a means of "crossing over" to them. The project Web site can now be found at www.bridges.ufl.edu [http://www.bridges.ufl.edu].

The PeopleSoft systems -- portal, finance, human resources, enterprise performance management and student administration -- work with several other systems, new and existing, to meet the needs of the university.

*Kerberos* is the system used by GatorLink to determine that a GatorLink username and password are valid. All PeopleSoft systems will use Kerberos and existing GatorLink usernames and passwords for sign on. You will not need a new username and password to access PeopleSoft systems.

*LDAP* is the system used by UF Directory Services to store information about people and organizations. PeopleSoft systems use the existing UF LDAP role information to create appropriate portal pages at sign on.

*GLAuth* (GatorLink Authentication) is an existing system developed at UF Academic Technologies and used to provide single sign-on across Web-based applications. PeopleSoft will use GLAuth to provide single sign-on from the portal to the UF Admin Menu, ISIS and GatorLink account services. Once you are signed on to the portal you will not be asked to provide a username and password as you access other systems.

*STAT* is a new system for PeopleSoft version control. As the implementation progresses, the UF Bridges team must manage the configuration of PeopleSoft to ensure that changes are tested and re-tested before they are put into production. STAT controls the movement of changes between environments and implements UF workflows to ensure that the appropriate testing has been completed.

*AppWorx* is a new system for job scheduling and processing. AppWorx controls the scheduling of jobs and gives job schedulers and operators tools for viewing job queues and schedules and arranging schedules to avoid production bottlenecks. AppWorx can perform complex, conditional notification and sequencing tasks.

*Cognos* is a collection of new systems for reporting. The university will use Cognos tools for Web-based, ad hoc and production reports. Cognos tools will enable users to make their own reports from the new university data warehouse. The data warehouse will be described in next month's *Update*.

These systems will combine with the PeopleSoft systems to provide comprehensive enterprise system support for the work of the university.

Your Comments are Welcome

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