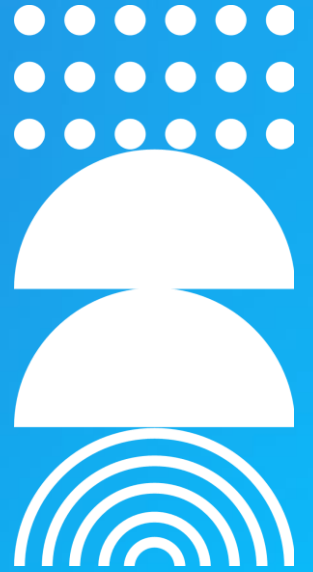
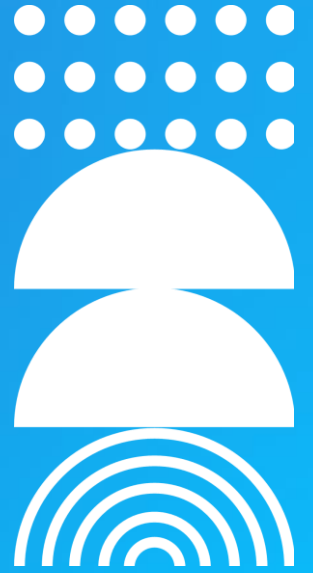


UCAS-Link: How are Ellucian going to solve the dual running conundrum

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History



Way back.....



HISTORY





Then.....

UCAS announced a new API product called API-Link.....in 2015 which was a **revolutionary change**

Then.....

They rebranded it and started to launch it again in 2017 as UCAS AMS which was a **revolutionary change**

Then.....

They **cancelled it!**



Today.....



ODBC-Link was decommissioned in December 2023

Institutions must use XML-Link (SOAP based APIs)

Future





Future

XML-Link is with us for the foreseeable future

UCAS-Link was announced as the **evolutionary** future in Q1 2023 (REST APIs)

- New developments **ONLY** in UCAS-Link
 - Records of Prior Acceptance (RPAs)
 - Modern Contextualised Data Service (MCDS)
 - Other future developments from UCAS, eg document management, personal statement reform, extenuating circumstances question

Evolutionary means they will only turn off XML-Link when UCAS-Link has had parity of service for three complete cycles

When.... Nobody knows.....

Solution



Solution



Dual running XML-Link and UCAS-Link will become mandatory over time

Running both types of API into Banner will be required to get a complete applicant record

FUTURE



Banner Solution

- Data Connect to replace WINC functionality
- Data Connect to connect to **both** SOAP and REST APIs
- All UCAS-Link data will only come into holding tables until the complete application is downloaded by XML-Link processes
- You will **not** have applications held for UCAS-Link data
- As features are released by UCAS, we will deliver them through Data Connect
- Quercus is already using Data Connect for all applications through XML-Link
- We will only be building the new UCAS-Link functionality into Data Connect, not WINC
- Document Literal changes from UCAS will be implemented and then we will expect Data Connect testing, with the expectation you will be using it for the Sept 2024 cycle change

The screenshot shows a web application interface for 'Integration Packages'. The top navigation bar is blue with a 'Home' link. Below it, there are tabs for 'Integration Packages', 'Crosswalks', and 'Settings'. The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, under the heading 'PACKAGES', there is a dropdown menu for 'UCAS XML LINK' which is expanded to show a list of packages with their respective versions. On the right, under the heading 'Package: UCAS XML LINK', there is a table listing the pipeline names and their versions.

Pipeline Name	Version
Xml-link UCAS Applicant Data GET	0.0.2
Xml-link UCAS Applicant Data SET	0.0.1
Xml-link UCAS Password Expiry GET	0.0.2
Xml-link UCAS Password SET	0.0.2
Xml-link UCAS Reference Data GET	0.0.2
Xml-link UCAS Results GET	0.0.3
Xml-link UCAS Results Match GET	0.0.3
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Xml-link UCAS Unicode Applicant Data GET	0.0.1
Xml-link UCAS Units GET	0.0.2



Banner next steps for you....

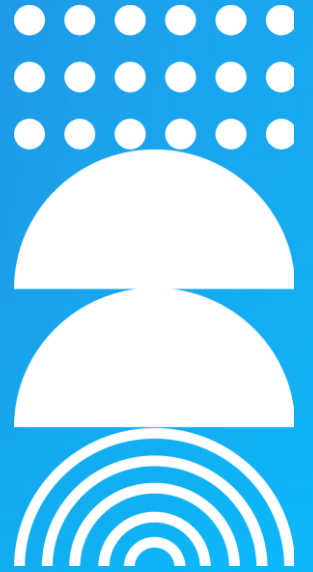
- Begin to look at Data Connect and how it is configured and works if you don't run DfE Apply
- Consider your processes and what may need to change – any customisations to WINC/XIGN
- Begin to consider any retraining you may need for a user to use Data Connect with confidence
- After the Document Literal change is released, request access to the UCAS XML-Link and UCAS-Link packages
- Join the Focus Group meetings where we talk about and demo changes – events in Banner UK & Ireland Community
- Figure out if you will be taking the MCDS data immediately or when you plan to start using it
- Figure out if you want to use the UCAS-Link RPA functionality and how you will do that

Questions



**Thank you for attending the conference
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