

Argos Reporting Tool

Frequently Asked Questions



Change Viewpoints



Long ago, a curious plague struck a small village. When afflicted, its victims went into a deep almost deathlike coma, and most died within a day. The problem was that the villagers couldn't tell if a victim was dead or alive. After discovering that someone had been buried alive, an alarmed town council convened. The majority - hoping to save lives - voted to put food and water in every coffin. They realized it would be expensive but more than worth the cost if lives could be saved. Another group proposed a cheaper solution: implant a stake in every coffin lid directly over the victim's heart. When closed, all doubts about the victim's condition would vanish. What differentiated the solutions were the questions used to find them. Whereas the first group asked, "What if we bury somebody alive?" the second group asked, "How can we make sure everyone we bury is dead?" Remember the second assault on the same problem should come from a total different direction. How can you change your viewpoint? How would someone of the opposite sex approach your problem?



Definitions

- ❑ Reporting Team: Individuals from the TCC institutions that are tasked with teaching, leading and finding ways to implement the Argos product with Banner implementations.
- ❑ Argos: Evision's third party software that is able to create user reports from relational databases.
- ❑ Datablock: Is a view or subsection of the underlying data. Is used by the Argos product to create end-user reports.
- ❑ ODS: Operational Data Store. Database associated with Banner that is primarily used for reporting purposes. The ODS is the primary database to be used for reporting purposes.



How do I access Argos at my institution?

- ❑ Argos is a reporting tool that is available to end users through the web.
- ❑ A user will need to be given access to the Argos reporting area by the institution's Argos administrator.
- ❑ An Argos user will fall primarily into one of three categories:
 - Datablock creator: Person who can create datablocks.
 - Report Creator. Person who create reports.
 - Report User. Person who runs reports.



What training is available?

- ❑ The TCC reporting team will periodically conduct Argos report training during the Banner implementation.

- ❑ Argos provides online training that is available to all user of the Argos reporting tool.
 - Scheduled during the month. May require pre-registration.
 - Training from new-user to expert level.
 - <http://www.evisions.com/products/argos/index.asp>

- ❑ Contact your institutions Argos report team representative for more information on in-house and Argos training.



Who is on the Reporting Team?

The following representatives are on the reporting team.

Chair: Chuck Standfuss.

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- Gary Seaburg

Macalester –

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Northwestern –

- Jan Hale
- Karen Boatman

St. Kates –

- Jerry Goetze
- David Sengstock



What is the purpose of the Reporting Team?

The initial purpose for the creation of the reporting team was to provide a place where common reports for finance conversion could be identified and created.

Create a base of individuals that can train other individuals on the Argos reporting tool.

A place where reporting needs, problems and solutions can be identified and addressed across the TCC.



Is the reporting team closed to other participants?

Membership on the reporting team is currently being handled by the individual TCC institutions.

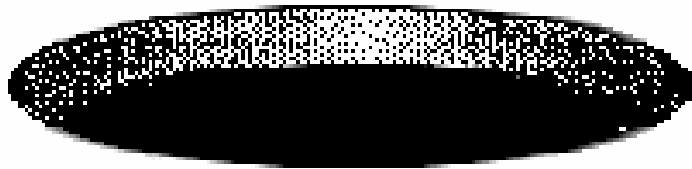
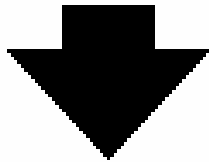
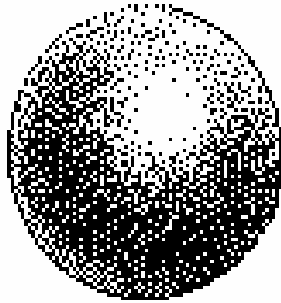
Some institutions have identified permanent members that will be part of the reporting team across the entire Banner implementation. Others have decided to cycle in and out members based on the area being implemented.

The reporting team currently meets on a weekly schedule at St. Kates.

Contact your current reporting team representative for more information.



Drop An Assumption



Columbus challenged the Spanish courtiers to stand an egg on its end. They tried but failed. He then hard-boiled one and stood it on its end. "That's not fair," they protested, "you broke the rules." "Don't be silly," he replied, "you just assumed more than you needed to." What can you let go of? What unnecessary assumptions can you eliminate? How would that change the way you view your issue?



John and Mary are lying dead on the floor and there is broken glass and water all around them. How did they die?

Five beautiful and well-dressed women are standing in a tight group. One is crying and she's never been happier. The other four are smiling and they have never been more disappointed. What is going on?

‘Franz is guilty of no crime, and yet he is surrounded by four uniformed men, one of whom hits him till he cries. Why?’

