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Forms Automation

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**TRANSFORMING TEACHING
INSPIRING LEARNING**



Agenda

- Enterprise Forms automation
- Student Services Forms
- Phased approach
- Choice of Technology
- Area of Improvement
- Planning Process
- Improvement
- The Transformation
- Q & A

Enterprise Forms Automation

- Computer system to manage, distribute, complete and process paper based forms
- Achieve paperless office
 - Boost productivity
 - Save resources
 - Save space
 - Information sharing easier
 - Information more secure
 - Protect the environment



Objective of Forms project

1. To improve student's user experience of submitting request for student administrative matters
2. 120+ student forms to automate
3. Eliminate 17,000 hardcopies per year
4. To improve back office efficiency in handling request



Phased out approach

Phase 1 (Digitize)

- High impact forms
- Streamline of data
- Choice of software architecture

Phase 2 (Maximize)

- Rest of forms
- Outsourced

Phase 3 (Automate)

- Streamline of process
- Design of workflow engine

Jan to April 2018

April to Oct
2018

Aug to Jan
2019

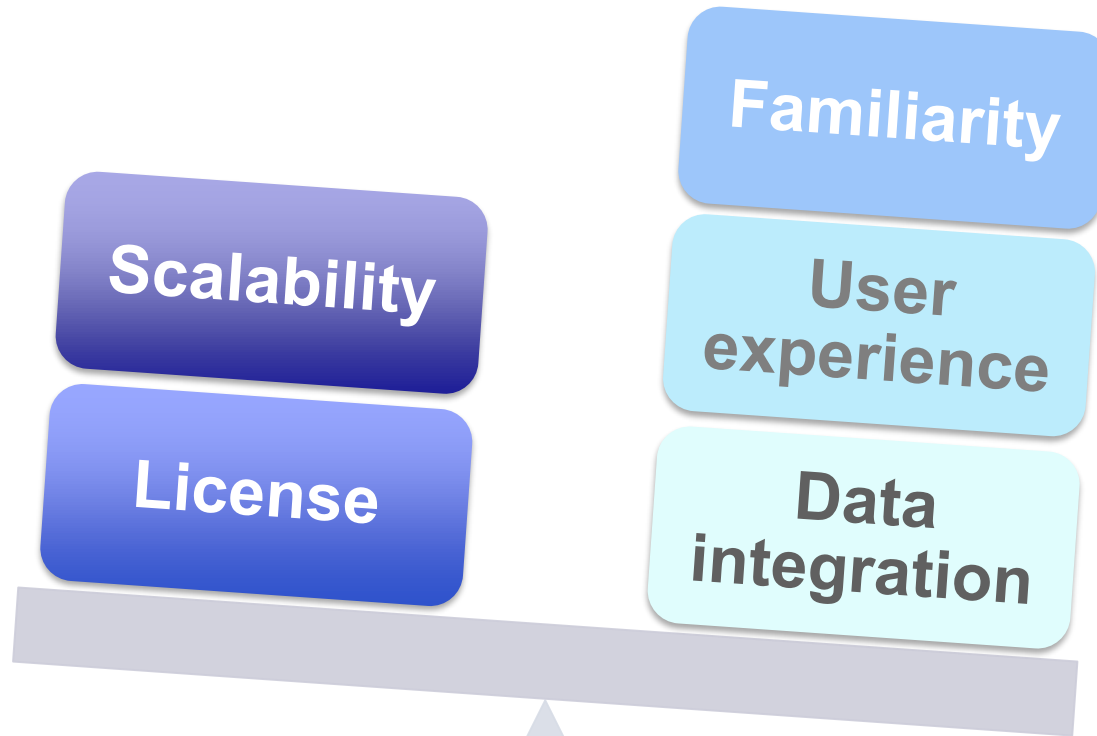
Choice of Technology

servicenow



COTS

Extend Student System and mobile app



Design points



Forms Details

- Scalable unstructured Data storage
 - JSON in clob rather than structured tables



Attachments

- Attachments to be stored as links in Oracle directory rather than blob



Workflow

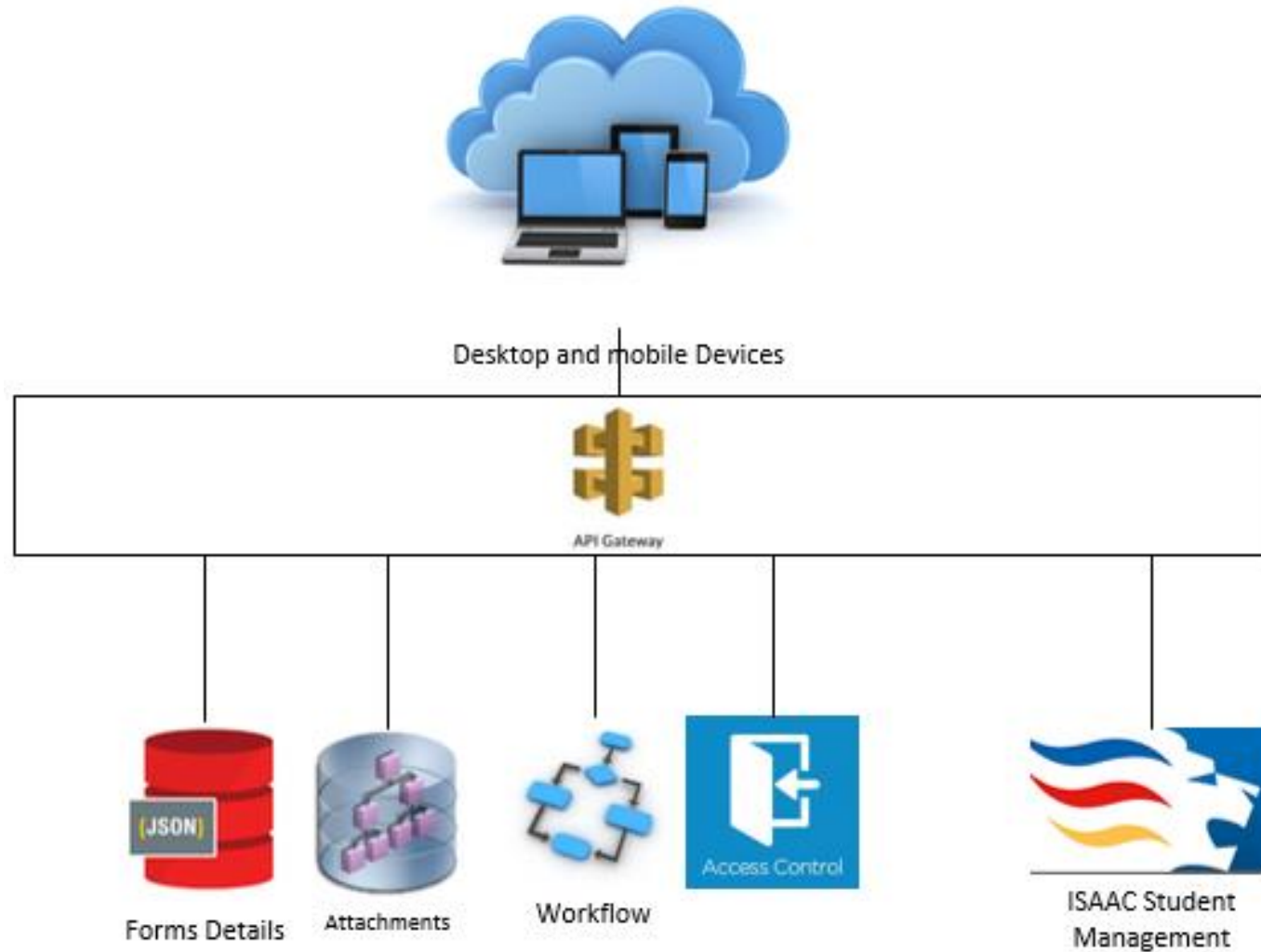
- Workflow to be build on top of forms objects



Access Control

- Access control closely integrate with workflow engine

High level architecture



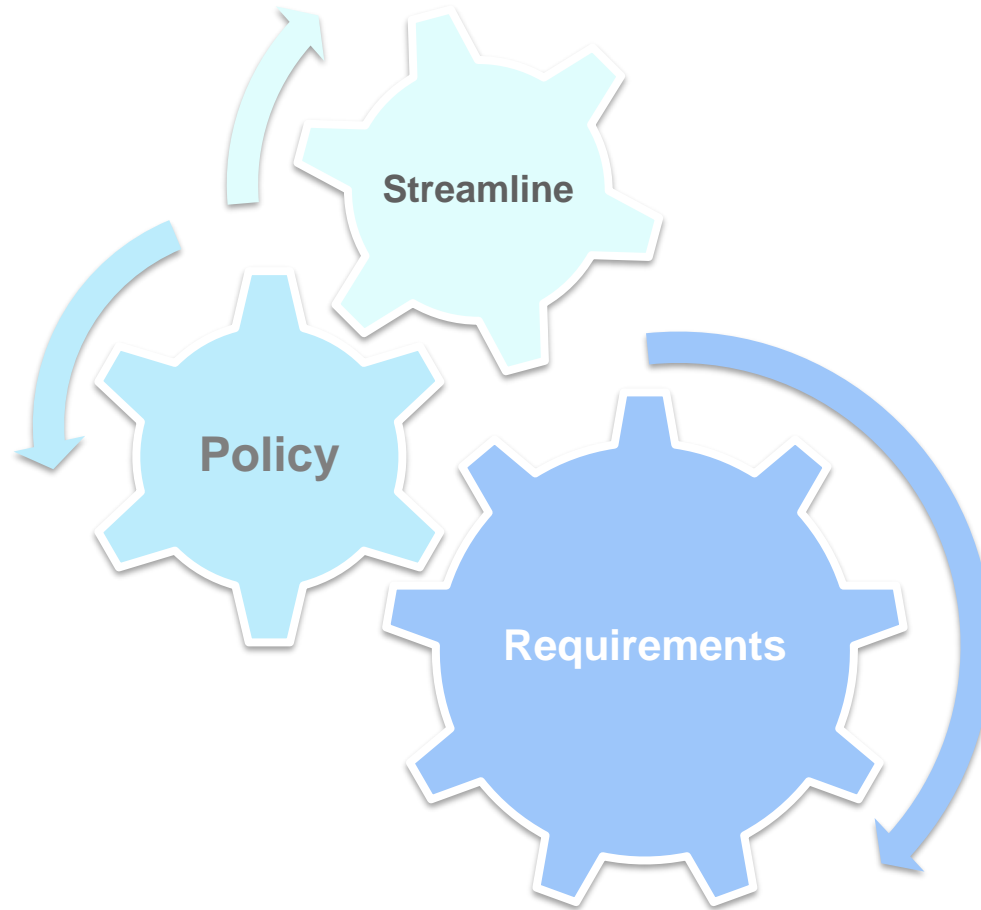
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Area of improvement

- Inconvenient submission process
- Confidential details that is not required

Planning Process



Improvement

- Easy Access and submission
- Control the display of forms
- Common layout
- Minimum details
- Merging of forms
- Remove confidential details that is not required



The Transformation



Procedure to find forms


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Forms List

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+ Attachment Leave

- Candidature Extension

Application for Extension of Candidature (PDCM)

Application for Extension of Candidature (Coursework Programmes)

Application for Extension of Candidature (Research Programmes)

+ Conference Funding

+ Conference Leave / Allowance

+ Confirmation/Conversion of Candidature

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Layout

- 100+ different layout of student's particulars and details required

1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE (After completing this portion, please submit this form to your supervisor together with your thesis)

Name of Candidate :	<input type="text"/>	IC/FIN No:	<input type="text"/>
Degree:	<input type="text"/>	Full Time / Part Time* (please circle one)	
Commencement Date of Candidature:	<input type="text"/>	Academic Group/ Research Centre:	<input type="text"/>
Contact No.:	<input type="text"/>	Email :	<input type="text"/>
Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>
Year of Study:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th	Intake: Jul / Dec *	<input type="text"/>

Common Layout



Integrated Student and Academic Administration System

Tuesday, 18 September, 2018
4:59:29 PM



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APPLICATION FORM FOR INTERNATIONAL PRACTICUM & SEMESTER EXCHANGE

* denotes compulsory fields

SEMESTER EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL PRACTICUM PROGRAMMES

INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

In addition to this completed application form, applicants must submit the following items:

- o Digital copy of passport-size photo
- o Scanned copy of your passport details

Submit the completed application form and all required documents to:

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Deadline for receipt of all documents:

31-Jan-2019 23:55

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Mode of Study:	Full-time		

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Original form – International Practicum

10 CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND MEDICAL STATUS

Please answer the following questions:

11 DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare that the information provided above is accurate and complete. It is my responsibility to inform Office of Teacher Education, NIE of the updates (if any) and the misrepresentation will lead to disqualification of my application for admission in the University of my choice. In addition, I authorise my information provided will be used in the admission process and other purposes in support of my study in the University of my choice.

_____ **Date**

_____ **Signature of Applicant**

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Original form – Semester Exchange

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Remove unnecessary confidential data

9 FAMILY BACKGROUND

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Merge Form and Captured Essential information is captured

SECTION 8: CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND MEDICAL STATUS

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Mode of Study:

Full-time



