

Legacy and ctcLink Tools Comparison (11/15/2013)

Legacy		ctcLink		
Reporting Tool	Purpose	Reporting Tool	Purpose	New Tool Notes
On screen lists	Data views during routine transactions	Online summary; inquiry screens	Delivered web-based access to routine data needs during business processes	Seamless, user-friendly interface and access as part of delivered workflow from the PS application
Data Express (datax) procedures	Data extraction to excel, on screen lists or other file types	PS Query	Routine, scheduled and "on-demand" extracting and reporting	Users can build needed queries based on security roles; public common reports delivered. User-friendly development interface; automatic table joins;
HP scheduled "jobs"	Routine and large extracts and reporting processes; sometimes combining many datax scripts	Process scheduler	Manage batch processes; distribute output through the web in different formats (HTML, PDF, Excel, email) to users based on their user or role ID.	Centralized tool that enables application developers, system administrators, and application users to manage PeopleSoft batch processes. Using PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture (PIA), you can access a list of processes through a web browser and queue and run a process request.
By request	Distributes scheduled reports to users in a specified format (e.g. Word)	Report Manager	Administrates, manages and distributes scheduled reports to users in a specified format (e.g. HTML).	As part of PeopleSoft Process Scheduler, Report Manager provides several different methods of viewing reports, based on the level of access granted.
Excel	Forecasting; calculating; charting; interactive drilling; pivot tables	nVision	Forecasting; calculating; charting; interactive drilling; pivot tables	PS/nVision retrieves information from your PeopleSoft database and places it into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, in a form that helps you see the big picture, explore details, and make decisions. You use familiar Excel commands to format and analyze the data. With PS/nVision, you spend your time analyzing results rather than summarizing data and entering it into a spreadsheet.

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Excel	Budget Development	Hyperion	Budget scenario development and predictive “what if” analyses	Centralized, Microsoft Office and Web-based planning, budgeting, and forecasting solution that integrates financial and operational planning processes. It supports best practices such as rolling forecasts and driver-based planning to enable dynamic operational planning and the ability to evaluate the impact on financials.
Access/ SSRS/ local development	Program specific student tracking	Keep current and/or use PeopleSoft	Track progress for common or unique student groups	Delivered PS allows identification of student groups, term snapshots and graduate tracking, as some examples.
Dashboards (Tableau, SSRS, Dundas, etc)	Visualize trends and indicator performance, enrollment monitoring	Keep current and/or use Oracle Business Intelligence Suite	User-friendly drill down for ad hoc analysis and trend monitoring	OBI delivered dashboards and metrics in addition to local developed solutions; seamless access based on security roles; central development of common delivered reports; college-specific development also
Statistics (SPSS, SAS, R, etc)	Conduct and generate statistical analysis to uncover causal factors in student and institutional success	Will still use	Same purpose	Same as it ever was.