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Atomwide USO-AutoUpdate

USO-AutoUpdate is based on an easy to install stand alone Windows application for the automated extraction of data from a school (or other) located MIS application. Extracted data can be formatted, sorted, and distributed according to pre-determined rules and permissions, applied in a hierarchy that typically has the LA as the top level authority, but provides schools within the LA the option to request bespoke inclusions or restrictions to the exported data set compared to any LA standard policy definition.

The service automatically updates itself in terms of both policy sets and base application, and can be configured to export single or multiple data sets. The frequency of exports can be set as appropriate to the data contained, and manually triggered exports are also possible.

Licensing

For a Local Authority that uses Atomwide USO accounts for staff *but not* pupils, this subscription-only service is licensed as follows:

Whole LA licence (USO staff and pupils)	£60 per school per annum
Single school licence (3 year licence)	£200

For a Local Authority that uses Atomwide USO accounts for both staff *and* pupils, this subscription-only service is licensed as follows:

Whole LA licence	£30 per school per annum
Single school licence (3 year licence)	£100

USO-AutoUpdate is a low-impact installation and low maintenance service deployed in conjunction with the licensing organisation and attracting no additional usage fees. Please note that this service is not currently available for non-USO using LAs or schools. Please contact Atomwide if you require further details of the USO Identity & Authentication services and related products.

USO-AutoUpdate is an Atomwide added value service designed to maximise the benefits of the work already carried out to develop LGfL/Atomwide USO (Unified Sign On) in order to minimise the annual revenue an LA needs to commit in the future to ensure accurate automated data updates between dependent systems. It is Atomwide's intention to keep the costs as low as possible, whilst still reflecting its commitment to continued investment in the service to keep up to date with new data handling initiatives and guidance.

With the next increment being due on 1st April 2010, all costs in this document are subject to an annual 5% increment, except where stated otherwise. All costs are shown in Pounds Sterling, excluding VAT. E&OE.

Renewal of expired multi year fixed-cost subscriptions are re-calculated at the price applicable at the time of renewal, using the pricing terms illustrated above.

Support

As with all Atomwide products, service updates are included for all current subscribers. The inclusion of bespoke modifications, and/or additional features identified by the user community, may result in additional licensing or development costs.

All feedback from users is welcome, and should be returned via the following email address:

AutoUpdate@atomwide.com

Support for USO-AutoUpdate is available via the Atomwide or LGfL Support Sites here:

Atomwide Support support.atomwide.com

London Grid for Learning Support support.lgfl.org.uk

Additional information

There are no imposed limits relating to the number of exports users can define (nor of course, their frequency), so if a Learning Platform or VLE provider (for instance) can define their data export requirements from a supported MIS product then USO-AutoUpdate should be capable of extracting that data (subject to MIS capability and the agreement of the LA or school).

The same flexibility applies to the export of SMS text-related data for use by Atomwide USO-AutoText, which is Atomwide's USO-integrated automated SMS message-delivery and receipt service.

For users of USO-AutoUpdate, a *reasonable usage* policy is applied. This acknowledges that multiple 'all schools' exports to different central or local government departments or other agencies may be both desirable and justifiable, but having individual schools conclude that they could use USO-AutoUpdate to export their lunch requirements to the local fish and chip shop on a Friday would perhaps be going rather too far! Somewhere in the middle will be the cut off point, which as always will be determined on merit between the contracting organisation and Atomwide.

As well as producing more accurate user-related data for a variety of uses, USO-AutoUpdate will result in management savings for both schools and LAs engaged in the process of collecting or processing that data.

Partnership

Atomwide is a Capita Partner, and USO-AutoUpdate is accredited by Capita SIMS as a recognised and supported SIMS data extraction process.

A similar process can be initiated directly from Wauton Samuel's PASAPP Pupil Data Management System (v. 7.0.2). Please contact Wauton Samuel or Atomwide for details.

Support for other UK Education-focussed MIS applications is planned for the future. Please contact Atomwide for further details here:

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