

Augusoft Releases New Solution for Data Integration with Campus-wide ERP Systems

Lumens API provides customer control for bridging data to ERP solutions

Minneapolis, MN – May 25, 2010 – Augusoft[®], Inc., the leader in non-credit education software announced a new data integration solution, Lumens[®] API (Application Programming Interface) enabling customers to bridge Lumens data into campus-wide ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) solutions such as Oracle's PeopleSoft[®] Campus Solutions, SunGard Banner[®] and Datatel[®]. Campus developers are now given secure access to the Lumens platform for import and export of data to or from varying platforms or data warehouses. The API provides Augusoft customers greater data flexibility, secure interface and a cost-effective campus-wide integration solution.

Augusoft Lumens Integration

A standard, SOAP-based (Simple Object Access Protocol) web service API was created to interface Lumens data with other platforms. The Lumens API uses industry standards such as HTTPS, SOAP, and XML so an authenticated system can easily submit a standard SOAP request to the API web service with proper request data, and receive a response in XML format immediately. Integrating applications contain the logic for which requests will be sent to the API, and when. The API sends no transaction requests of its own, instead provides a secure way to transmit and receive data between internal systems and the Lumens platform.

Customer Need

The need to cost-effectively migrate non-credit data to existing main campus systems without customizing the ERP or the Lumens solution has been a growing request received from senior level IT. With limited budgets and new demands placed on continuing education programs to service America's ever-changing workforce, Augusoft wanted to help non-credit programs further by giving their IT departments control of data integration.

"IT staff wanted to be involved in building the service so they could easily retrieve data from or push data to Lumens, and translate that into the campus system's data requirements. Our IT customers are no longer limited to what they can do with the data. If they have customized their ERP system, they will have full control of making the Lumens data fit within those customizations. In situations where having data in multiple places cause's difficulties, they will now be able to join data from Lumens into other systems where it makes sense to do so," stated Paul VanderWaal, Director of Information Technology at Augusoft.

The Lumens API is just another way Augusoft continues to provide customers with various data migration options for ERP integration, state reporting, financial auditing, facility scheduling, CRM (Customer Resource Management) or email marketing requirements.

Gaining the Augusoft Edge

By leveraging Lumens API, a host of integration possibilities are now available to IT along with significant staff time-savings, operation cost-benefits and the lifelong learning programs they service:

- Increased staff productivity through decreased data entry and duplication.
- Consistent data information between systems platforms.
- IT-control with secure transmit and receipt of data into various platforms or data warehouses.
- Cost-effective data integration option without customizing the ERP.
- Greater flexibility and movement of student, company, registration and financial data.

Collaborative Innovation

Augusoft reviewed market trends, industry research and consulted with IT experts while collaborating with customer boards to understand various data integration needs. *"Having the right software is now a must. Augusoft's proactive effort to develop the API for data integration into the campus ERP system gives Lumens users the ability to satisfy institution IT and program staff requests while continuing to service their customers,"* stated Greg Marsello, Vice President of Organizational Development with LERN, the leading lifelong learning association.

About Augusoft

Celebrating over sixteen years of innovation, Augusoft develops and maintains Lumens® - the first entirely web-based Lifelong Learning Management System. Augusoft Lumens is designed for the unique needs of continuing, community, corporate education and workforce development programs in the US and Canada. Complementing institution-wide ERP solutions, Lumens increases online registrations, streamlines business processes, reduces overhead and provides easy data analysis with proven ROI.

Augusoft's spectrum of products and services share a proven web-based technology foundation needed to run an effective business in a competitive lifelong learning environment. With Augusoft the security, hosting and compliance issues that are integral to online commerce, are outsourced. Lumens users benefit from scalable core applications, flexible best-practice features and greater user satisfaction. Today, more than 1.8 million students register for classes using Lumens. Augusoft processes more than \$362 million in transactions for its customers. Visit augusoft.net.

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