

Update on Turning Off Legacy Systems



Last October, a number of the University's systems were replaced by ConnectCarolina and InfoPorte. Some of these legacy systems (such as InDEPTH) were turned off last October, but many are still up and running (such as Finance Central, Finan\$eer, ePrint, and the legacy Payroll system). We aren't using these systems to create new transactions, but we're still using the information stored on them.

Why Don't We Keep Our Legacy Systems?

You might be wondering why we don't just keep our old systems around. Here's why we can't do that:

- We need to be careful not to rely on information stored on obsolete technology, in case that technology stops working.
- The older systems get, the fewer staff members have the knowledge needed to work on them.
- Older systems put us at greater risk of exposing sensitive information.
- Information on these systems is no longer being updated and grows steadily staler.
- Maintaining the legacy systems costs the University more than \$1,000,000 per year.
- To make our new systems all we need them to be, we need to focus our team on maintaining and improving our new systems instead of on old systems.

When will these systems be turned off?

The goal is to finish decommissioning most systems (not all) by the end of this calendar year. Some systems (such as EPAWeb) will be turned off sooner, and some (such as WebFocus) remain longer, depending on what needs to be done to get all needed information and tools off the systems.

Before HR and Finance ConnectCarolina went live, we communicated earlier dates, but the research and planning process has shown that there is still some work to be done to move us off these systems.

Want to know more?

The [legacy systems page](#) on the ConnectCarolina users' website is a central place to check on the systems you are most interested in. We'll update it as decisions are made and as more information comes in.

Are you worried we'll miss something?

We'll also be holding focus groups to gather additional information, plus continuing to interview staff on campus and in central offices. But if you're worried we'll miss something, please let us know by sending an email to connectcarolina@unc.edu.

A Careful Approach

One important thing to know is that the team is taking a careful approach. The ConnectCarolina team has been doing detailed analysis to make sure we understand who still uses each system, what information is needed from them, and how we will address those needs going forward. In some cases, the legacy system will stay up and running for a while longer, while in others we are making sure all information we need is off the legacy system so we can turn it off.

More Updates to Come

We'll share more information as it's available, on the ccinfo website, in the ConnectCarolina user group meetings, and through email.