

Mobile Campus Assistant Demonstration

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This is a time and location sensitive app, developed through rapid innovation, that students could use on their smartphones.

We're getting a demo of the user interface now.

There are departmental news feeds, information about PC availability in computing centres, IT service status (pulling info in from google calendar and co).

They provide maps of campuses. They collate data from [naptan](#) about bus departures.

They show key dates, events, what's on, library opening hours, contact details for university staff.

The project ended last November and the challenge now is to integrate it into university systems. It's also being used in another project called greening events - giving people information about trains and buses and co.

Well, that was a neat app! There could be huge demand for that.

Questions are coming thick and fast again.

Question: A couple of weeks ago I was at an event by a company who have something similar to this who want big fees for using it. Do you have plans to do something similar.

Yes. We're going to be looking for partners.

Question: Is it iphone only?

It's actually a semantic web application and you can get it in various formats.

Question: Why no educational stuff on it?

Answer: it was a very short project so we were only able to do a few things. But we're looking at making it bigger and intergrating with systems like Blackboard.

And that's all we've got time for. Cue warm applause and the rush to grab some lunch and refuel for the afternoon.