

In the early 1990s The University of Exeter embarked on a project to investigate document imaging and what benefits it could bring. The primary drives for this project were not only the availability and security of data but also the need to save valuable storage and office space. The project culminated in the implementation of STICS, a member of the WinDIP product family, in 1995 to facilitate the scanning, indexing and archiving of student related paperwork.

Implemented:

2006

WinDIP Components:

Core System

Microsoft Office Plug-In

Additional WinDIP CALs

The implementation took place when general document imaging was still in its infancy putting the University at the forefront of this technology. Gateway Computing was chosen as the partner having been developing the WinDIP product family since 1993. Gateway's track record with other educational, NHS, local government and private organisations enabled the University to have confidence that the software, services and support would meet their needs.



The system was quickly adopted and soon became an essential part of the day-to-day running of the University's student administration. It provided for the scanning and automatic indexing of student based paperwork based on the capture of student numbers from predefined forms as well as other manual indexing. This information was archived to optical media providing for the security and longevity of data.

The system continued until in 2000 STICS was upgraded to WinDIP v6 to provide continued support and development of the application in line with enhancements in the general IT systems within the University.

In late 2004 the University contacted Gateway to discuss the way forward with Electronic Document Management Systems (EDMS). A presentation of the latest evolution of WinDIP, WinDIP Enterprise, was provided and this led the University to consider how such a system could be beneficial to the organisation as a whole.

Gateway was subsequently invited to present WinDIP Enterprise to other departments including Finance, Payroll, Personnel, Buildings & Estates, IT and School of Historical, Political and Social Sciences. At the same time Gateway was also invited to attend SROC 2005 to exhibit and to present on EDMS. Following this the Student Records department upgraded to WinDIP Enterprise in October 2006.