

Banner Browser

Banner Project Team Update



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Access Workbooks and CBTs on Symposium

SunGard SCT's Symposium provides a secure online community where you can access workbooks and computer-based training materials (CBTs) for Banner 6 and Banner 7. Symposium allows the University System to take advantage of the GaBEST purchase of SSCT CBTs. The contract allows institutions to access CBTs for all SSCT-contracted products. To access the materials on Symposium, follow the instructions at the bottom of this page.

The screenshot shows the SunGard SCT Symposium web application. The header includes the SunGard SCT Higher Education logo and the word "Symposium" in a script font. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with tabs for "Services", "SCT Banner 6 Workbooks", "SCT Banner 7 Workbooks", "SCT Luminis Training Materials", and "SCT Banner CBTs". The date "February 14, 2006" is displayed on the right. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column lists several workbook categories: "SCT Banner 6 Accounts Receivable Workbooks", "SCT Banner 6 Advancement Workbooks", "SCT Banner 6 Finance Workbooks", and "SCT Banner 6 Financial Aid Workbooks". Each category includes a note about interim product releases and a list of specific topics. The right column lists "SCT Banner 6 General Workbooks" and "SCT Banner 6 Student Workbooks", also with notes and topic lists. A sidebar on the left contains links for "My Account", "Content/Layout", and "Welcome Cindy Taylor". A top navigation bar includes links for "e-mail", "calendar", "groups", "logout", and "help".

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1. Go to the Symposium site at:
<http://symposium.sct.com/cp/home/loginf>
2. Use your current SunGard SCT Customer Support Center user ID and password to log in to Symposium. If you do not already have a user ID and password, you can create one from the Customer Support Center site at:
<https://connect.sungardsct.com>
3. After logging in to Symposium, you can access tabs for Services, SCT Banner 6 Workbooks, SCT Banner 7 Workbooks, SCT Luminis Training Materials, and SCT Banner CBTs.

Banner 7.x iAS Upgrade Workshop in Athens

OIIT is offering a Banner 7.x iAS Upgrade Workshop on April 24-28, 2006 in Athens. The class will meet from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. each day. Attendance is limited to 16 institutions. Seats are going fast and space for 6 institutions remains. Pre-workshop preparation is required (refer to the January 5, 2006 reminder posted to GABEST and other USG listservs). Please contact Karen Nunn (karen.nunn@usg.edu) to register.

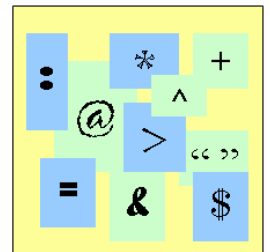
V7 Beta Common Testing Environment Available

There's still time to get access to the Banner V7 Common Testing Environment hosted by OIIT. If you are interested in beta testing V7 but your institution's hardware and required infrastructure isn't ready yet, contact Karen Nunn (karen.nunn@usg.edu) to sign up as a V7 Beta Site and get details about the Common Testing Environment. Note: This environment will not include an interface to a mock PS Financials database and will only be available during the beta testing period.

This pre-production release experience will provide an opportunity to update business process documentation and potentially train staff to accommodate new or changed functionality.

Special Characters in Banner and the Impact on WebCT Vista

Using special characters in the College Code Validation Form (STVCOLL), Course Title field on the Basic Course Information Form (SCACRSE), and course title on the Schedule Form (SSASECT) are problematic for WebCT Vista. When loading these fields in WebCT Vista, an error is created. The error is resolved during the load process by replacing the special character with a space but the problem persists in the fact that it takes much longer to load the file than it should.



These special characters are: (/, \, :, *, ?, <, >, |, ;, ", &, =, +, \$, @, ., ^). The special characters are UNIX and XML commands and cannot be used during the loading of data into WebCT Vista.

Banner Student System Consolidation Project Gets Underway

The Banner Student System Consolidation (SSC) Project - better known as the Banner Hosting Project - got underway in January 2006. Phase One includes six volunteer campuses - Bainbridge College, South Georgia College, Waycross College, Fort Valley State University, Atlanta Metropolitan College, and Georgia Gwinnett College. The student and financial aid systems for these institutions will be hosted on hardware residing in the OIIT Athens facility where levels two and three technical support will be provided. While each institution will have its own production and test instances, all will be running the same "model" Banner system, based on Banner baseline plus the GaBEST mod set. Business process analyses will be conducted at each institution and potential enhancements may be made to ensure USG students receive the benefits of efficient, consistent operations at each campus utilizing the full potential of the Banner software. The project schedule calls for initial analyses and testing over the summer, training during late summer and early fall 2006, and moving the institutions into production during the fall semester 2006.

Banner Production Support Web Site Updated

The Banner Production Support site (<https://www.usg.edu/banner/>) provides both technical information and functional documentation about baseline Banner and the Georgia Enhancements directly to technical personnel and functional users at University System of Georgia institutions. Links to technical documents, release information, test plans, user instructions, and functional training materials are included. The site is updated for every release.

Access to this site is restricted to University System of Georgia personnel due to the proprietary information included. To obtain a user name and password, contact your institution's Banner Project Leader (<http://www.usg.edu/gabest/>).

Product Calendar

The Product Calendar at <https://www.usg.edu/banner/calendar.phtml> has been updated. This calendar lists SSCT baseline Banner components and GaMod releases anticipated for delivery in the coming months. The intent of the calendar is to provide a 12 month rolling window with short term and long term planning windows.

Important: Release titles, descriptions, contents, and projected release dates are all tentative and subject to change.

OIIT Projected Release Date	Release Title	Description
Quarter 1 of 2006	GaMods 6.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level One defect corrections only for 6.x• GSFC Deliverables<ul style="list-style-type: none">- GSFAPPS Load to Banner- GAcollege411 Load to Banner• Program Improvement<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Direct Debit ACH File Process- HOPE Invoicing Extraction Process- Paid Hours Load Process- TouchNet 1.2
Quarter 2 of 2006	GaMods 7.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Production release of Georgia Enhancements 7.0 for model USG institutions• GaBEST Transition of Immunization, Transferable XML Transcript, decommissioning Georgia Enhancements Transcript, decommissioning of Georgia Enhancements Immunization• Program Improvements for 6.x and 7.x<ul style="list-style-type: none">- FFELP Loan Authorizations

GAcollege411 Business Practices

A new GAcollege411 Business Practices page has been added to the Banner Production Support Web site. This page contains documents that explain standard functions or procedures related to GAcollege411.



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GAcollege411 Business Practices

The following business practices explain standard functions or procedures related to GAcollege411.

Title	Date Last Revised
GAcollege411 Application Payment Process	February 2006
GAcollege411 Application Download Process	February 2006
GAcollege411 Baseline Banner Business Practice	January 2006

Related Links:

- [GaBEST Model Project](#)
- [GaBEST Listserv](#)
- [OIIT Home](#)
- [OIIT Customer Services](#)
- [ACIT](#)
- [SITCAP](#)
- [BOR Policy Manual](#)
- [Academic Affairs Handbook](#)
- [USG by the Numbers](#)
- [USG Home](#)
- [SunGard SCT](#)

[GAcollege411 Business Practices](#)
[CAPP Business Processes](#)
[Transfer Articulation Business Processes](#)

HOPE Scholarship Authorization

When HOPE Scholarship authorizations are made by the student via Self Service, an authorization code is placed on the Authorization Form (TVAAUTH). This code authorizes the institution to use HOPE Scholarship funds to pay outstanding charges other than tuition and mandatory fees. Institutions may have varying results for application of payments and refunding based on the use of the Banner Baseline delivered Return to Title IV Enhancement. Documentation regarding the HOPE Scholarship Authorization can be found at https://www.usg.edu/banner/6x/docpdf/2005/gamods/userdocs/gamods6_9titlefouruserdocfinal_rev1.pdf in the "Implementing Title IV and Hope Scholarship Online Authorization" documentation. Return to Title IV baseline documentation can be obtained from the SunGard SCT Return to Title IV Handbook.

Georgia Summit 2006

Mark your calendars! The Ninth Annual Georgia Summit Conference will be held at the Savannah Hyatt Hotel in Savannah, Georgia. The 2006 conference is scheduled to begin at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 20, and end at 12 noon on Friday, September 22, 2006.



Georgia Summit conference participants include University System of Georgia (USG) campus decision makers, functional users, and support staff who are responsible for the operational functions of SunGard SCT Banner Student Information and Financial Aid System, PeopleSoft Financials and the Human Resource Management Systems, and the USG Data Warehouse. The conference focuses on these applications and their integration to support the USG missions of instruction, research, and service.

For more detailed information about the conference and to register visit our Web page at: <http://www.usg.edu/oit/summit/2006/>

Call for Presentations

The Program Planning Committee is now calling for presentations. We encourage you to take a look at the list of suggested topics on our Web site at <http://www.usg.edu/oit/summit/2006/> (click on Call for Presentations). or propose others that are of special interest to you. Suggested topics focus on best practices, tips and tricks for using the applications, and application integration. Presenters must enter all presentation proposals electronically via the Web page. The deadline for submittal is May 15, 2006. Acceptance/rejection notifications will be e-mailed no later than May 30, 2006. Accepted presenters will receive one conference fee waiver for each session presented. This waiver can also be split with a co-presenter.

Planning is currently underway for the next University System Annual Computing Conference. The 2006 Conference is scheduled for **October 25 - 27, 2006** at **Rock Eagle**. Mark your calendar!

TouchNet and GAcollge411

Eleven institutions currently accept TouchNet credit card payments for the GAcollge411 application fee. TouchNet and Xap are collaborating to enable the webCheck option. This will allow students to pay the GAcollge411 application fee from their checking account.

SunGard SCT Virtual Classroom

The SunGard SCT Education Center is offering valuable instructor-led Banner courses via the virtual classroom. Go to http://www.sungardsct.com/Education/services/se_consulting.html for more details and pricing information. Select the link to "Education & Training" (right column) to access the current schedule of Internet courses or contact the Education Center at edcenter@sungardsct.com.

Date	Title	Course Code
April 07, 2006	Financial Aid System Overview	FA101VC
April 21, 2006	SCT Banner 7 General Features and Differences	GE107VC
May 01, 2006	Student System Overview	ST101VC
May 03, 2006	Pell Processing for COD Full Participants	FA116VC
May 04, 2006	Satisfactory Academic Processing	FA114VC
May 9-12, 2006	DBA Survival Tips and Tricks	OR111VC
May 15, 2006	Electronic Gradebook	SS109VC
May 19, 2006	Registration Fee Assessment	ST110VC
May 22, 2006	Self-Service Admissions	SS106aVC
June 16, 2006	Communication Plan Processing	ST113VC
June 30, 2006	Common Matching for SCT Banner General 7	GE106VC

Resources

GABEST Listserv

To subscribe to the GABEST listserv, go to <http://listserv.uga.edu/>. Select "Browse, Subscribe, Post, Search" In the List Name box, type "GABEST-L." Click "Join or leave the list (or change settings)." Type in your name, e-mail address, and click, "Join the list." In a couple of minutes, check your e-mail for a message. You'll have to click the link in the message to verify your status. NOTE: These instructions may be used for other USG listservs.

SunGard SCT Customer Support Center

We encourage you to use the many resources that SunGard SCT provides through the Customer Support Center.

- Go to <https://connect.sungardsct.com> and log in to the Customer Support Center. If you don't already have a login and password, you can create one.
- You will have access to Defects, Solutions/FAQs, release guides, and user documentation.

For additional OIIT resources and support, contact the OIIT HELPDESK:
Web: http://www.usg.edu/customer_services/ (self-service ticket submission)
E-mail: helpdesk@usg.edu

For urgent or production down situations, call the OIIT HELPDESK:
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