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## ANGEL Project Semi-Annual Report

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## ANGEL Project semi-annual report to DNER

*Title of project:* ANGEL  
*Award no:* JILT/ANGEL (B4/B43)  
*Project Manager:* John Paschoud  
*Project Team:* London School of Economics, University of Edinburgh,  
 South Bank University, De Montfort University, Sheffield  
 Hallam University, EDINA  
  
*Duration of Award:* Sep-2000 Feb-2003  
*Period of Report:* Sep-2000 Jan-2001  
*Lead Institution:* London School of Economics  
*Total amount:* £ 378,997  
*Total co-funding:* £ 200,807

### **Aims, Objectives and Methodology**

- To develop and implement institutional Guided Environments for Learning
- To develop and implement a model for a national networked Authentication & Authorisation infrastructure

### **Confirmation Statement**

I confirm that the current research is being conducted under the terms agreed in the initial contract with JISC.

### **Highlights , Outcomes and Important Findings from project**

Initial Formative Evaluation workpackage has not reported yet, so there are not yet any outcomes or findings to report.

### **Changes to the Original Award**

Deliverable due (within this period)	Month due	Month delivered	Status / Comment
D1.1 (Project Plan)	4	6	Delays due to initial negotiations between partners and with JCAS
D3.3 (internal email list)	4	3	Completed early – needed to facilitate initial consortium negotiations (at <a href="mailto:angel-team@jiscmail.ac.uk">angel-team@jiscmail.ac.uk</a> )

### **Project Staff**

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Project Manager	LSE	John Paschoud <j.paschoud@lse.ac.uk>
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Researcher	DMU	Mark Simpson
Technical Officer	DMU	Jason Ferguson
Programmer	DMU	(recruitment in progress)
Programmer	UED	(recruitment in progress)

### ***Involvement with Programme***

DNER Programme concertation workshop (Manchester, November 2000) was attended by John Paschoud, John MacColl, John Eyre and Andrew Cox. This was also used as an opportunity to meet (together with Alan Robiette of JCAS) to discuss project planning and design issues.

John MacColl attended a JCALT meeting on 24 November in Glasgow.

John Paschoud attended the Sparta workshop organised by Alan Robiette at Warwick in December 2000).

Email discussion with other cluster projects has been established, but appears to lacking any external direction on the roles of Cluster Steering Committees and their relationships to projects.

### ***Publications and Publicity***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Details</b>
01-Aug-2000	e-lists	Announcements of ANGEL circulated to various relevant lists, including: lis-elib, jtap-all, authentication (JISCmail), diglib (IFLA)
01-Aug-2000	online journal	Announcement of ANGEL in LT World
10-Jan-2001	Conference	Mentioned at Builder conference by A.Cox in talk on authentication [http://builder.bham.ac.uk/conference/presentations.asp]
Jan-2001	Internal newsletters	Brief descriptions of ANGEL in internal newsletters of UED, SBU, LSE

### ***Engagement with Potential Outcomes Users***

Public website is established at <http://www.angel.ac.uk>, currently containing basic information about the project and contact details.

Initial Formative Evaluation workpackage is in the process of contacting and consulting user groups at each institutional partner.

### ***Detailed Progress and Future Plans***

Project Plan and Consortium Agreement have been under development, delayed due to initial time spent agreeing structure of project consortium and consulting with JCAS on scope and direction of the AN workpackage, but should be agreed by Project Board and submitted to DNER in early/mid-February.

Preparatory work has been started on detailed protocols for ISE of systems products.

Initial Formative Evaluation workpackage is in the process of contacting and consulting user groups at each institutional partner, but has not reported yet. A summary internal progress report on the IFE workpackage is appended.

Future plans are as shown in the Project Plan.

**Financial Summary Table**

Period: Sep-2000 to Jan-2001	This period:		Cumulative for project:		
	5 months		5 months		Cumulative
	JISC budget	Actual	JISC budget	Actual	Variance
Staff costs	£ 55,903	£ 30,198	£ 55,903	£ 30,198	-£ 25,705
Travel & subsistence	£ 3,380	£ 1,519	£ 3,380	£ 1,519	-£ 1,861
Dissemination items	£ 1,383	£ -	£ 1,383	£ -	-£ 1,383
Consumables & other costs	£ -	£ 118	£ -	£ 118	£ 118
Content licensing	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Equipment	£ 2,500	£ 1,395	£ 2,500	£ 1,395	-£ 1,105
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 63,166</b>	<b>£ 33,229</b>	<b>£ 63,166</b>	<b>£ 33,229</b>	<b>-£ 29,937</b>

*Figures shown as "JISC budget" are calculated pro-rata (for the number of months covered by this report) from the total JISC grant for the project over 30 months. Actual expenditure figures reported include expenditure from JISC grant and of partner co-funding ("institutional contributions").*

*The current underspend shown (£29,937) is within planned limits and due to staff posts not expected to be filled from the start of the project, and other expenditure which is not expected to be spread evenly throughout the course of the project.*

***Appendix A: Progress report on ANGEL IFE workpackage***

*Deliverable One – User Needs Analysis*

The project partners have agreed that structured interviews will provide the most relevant data for the project and that these interviews will take the form of qualitative questions, which will be less restrictive to interviewees than set quantitative questions. The interviewer will actively encourage interviewees to be imaginative and forward thinking. The exception to this process will be an initial question asking interviewees to rate the importance and usability of selected resources. The responses to this question will form the basis of a Cost/Benefit analysis. All arrangements required to satisfy T2.1 have been completed. A target of 10-15 interviewees per institution has been established, and dates for the interviews have been set. The interviewing process (T2.2) has begun at SBU.

*Deliverable Two – Institutional Audits*

Suitable courses and academic staff to participate in the Angel project have been identified, and are outlined elsewhere in this report. All partner institutions are in the process of providing full details of local resources to be included in the project to SBU for collation (T2.4).

*Deliverable Three – Research of Issues, Standards and Existing Work*

SBU are currently maintaining a full list of relevant issues, standards and existing work (T2.3). This list is contributed to, and discussed by, all project partners through the project mailing list. This list will provide supporting evidence for **Deliverable Four** and **Deliverable Five**, and will form the basis on which WP3 will be built.

*Deliverable Four – Internal Project Reports*

A detailed action plan for WP2 has been completed and circulated to all project partners. A structured script and set of interview questions has been prepared and revised by SBU, and agreed upon by the project partners. Individual reports of each interview will be prepared, and will be made available to all project partners and all interviewees.

*Deliverable Five – External Reports*

No external reports will be completed for WP2 until the interviewing process is complete.