



# Bringing the Power of Portals to Higher Education

Using the latest collaboration and communications technologies the Microsoft Learning Gateway provides a single point of access that can be personalised by students, teachers and administrators to create productive, thriving communities across a single campus or many institutions. By connecting with their peers worldwide, tutors can promote great new ways of teaching; students can share knowledge and broaden their horizons; and policy makers can exchange and enhance best practices.

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## An Architecture for Education

The Microsoft® Learning Gateway is a powerful education portal that enables everyone in higher education, including tutors, students and administrators, to share information and collaborate on projects from a single point of access. Scalable, standards-based, and interoperable, the Learning Gateway can be used to bring together administration, management and learning tools, as well as other applications, so that they can be accessed quickly by members via an easy-to-use interface. Supported by a global community of developers, partners and education-specific support centres, the Learning Gateway provides all the resources you need to realise your potential in higher education.

### Making the e-Learning Experience Easy

The Learning Gateway is an information-rich environment that can be personalised by members, giving them a single view of all applications, documents and valuable learning resources.

As a member of the portal, you are in control. By providing parameters that match your role, when you log on the Learning Gateway you get a view of the applications, tools and other resources that meet your exact requirements. No more wasting time searching through complex networks to find the application or the document that you need. And you don't have to log on with a user name and password every time you access a different area of the system.

### Collaboration and Sharing

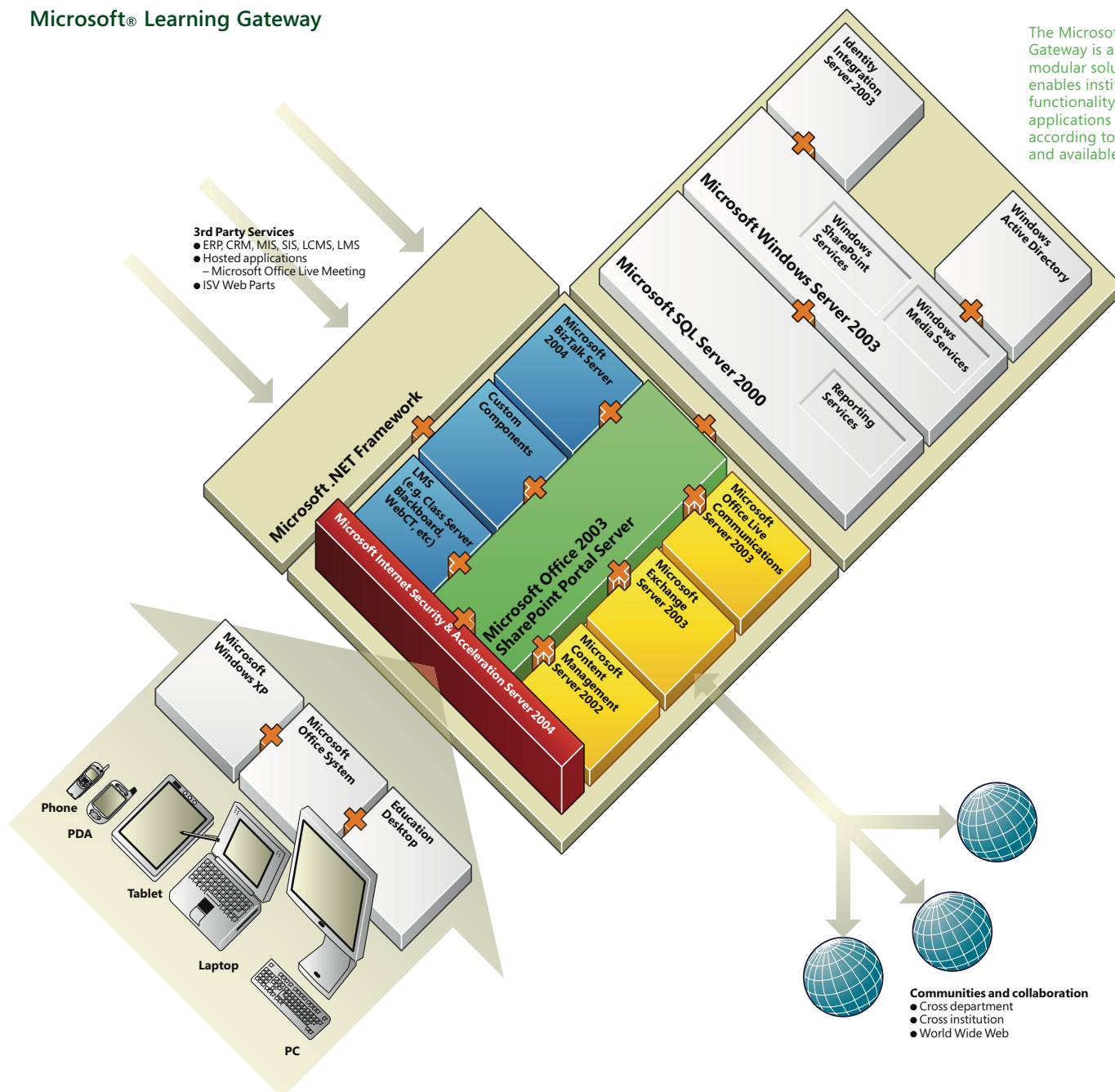
Microsoft Office SharePoint® Portal Server 2003 is fully integrated with the Learning Gateway. This enables students, lecturers and administrators to share educational resources and collaborate effectively on important projects.

For example, you can create groups that can share content, view group calendars and stay in touch using powerful Microsoft communication tools. And because the Learning Gateway can be used as a shared repository for large documents, you save time and bandwidth associated with emailing large, content-rich articles and other learning objects. This also makes group projects a more dynamic and manageable experience.

Communication and collaboration are key elements for building communities. With Microsoft Exchange Server 2003 and Microsoft Live Communications Server 2003 as part of the Learning Gateway, these core services can be delivered across entire communities, or made available to colleges, departments or groups of users.

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The Microsoft Learning Gateway is an integrated, modular solution that enables institutions to add functionality and integrate applications progressively according to requirements and available budgets



## Flexible, Scalable Architecture

The Learning Gateway can be configured to the exact needs of organisations whatever their size, budget or existing information systems:

- **Getting started:** Use SharePoint Portal Server 2003 and Exchange Server 2003 to establish a personalised, secure, managed, collaborative learning community across the whole organisation.
- **Evolving:** Add Microsoft Office Live Communications Server 2003 to create a real-time communications environment, and introduce real-time collaboration functionality to Microsoft and other partner applications.
- **Advanced:** Integrate data from enterprise applications. Provide individuals with self-service access to complete admissions, recruitment, assessment, reporting, scheduling and grading. Authorised users can also modify personal data in real time using one Microsoft managed learning environment.

## A Future-Proof Solution

Hundreds of innovative education solutions are available from a fast-growing network of Microsoft solution partners, and can be quickly and easily integrated with the Learning Gateway environment.

Thanks to its standards-based architecture, institutions can encourage researchers and IT staff to enhance or add to existing solutions by creating custom applications or selecting an independently developed application that supports Web-based standards.

## Community, Collaboration and Support

Take advantage of a global support community dedicated to helping institutions get the most out of the Learning Gateway:

- System integrator partners: Help you customise, build and support your Learning Gateway environment.
- Education Support Centres: Hosted by experienced universities, these centres of expertise offer support in your local language during local business hours.
- A worldwide community of users: Sharing content, code and best practices.

## Find out more

For more information on how the Microsoft Learning Gateway can help you make more of your existing technology investment, and realise the benefits of the latest higher education solutions, contact:

<http://www.microsoft.com/emea/education/microsoftLearningGateway.aspx>