



UGC-HEMIS

Using a Data Warehouse in Higher Education Decision Making

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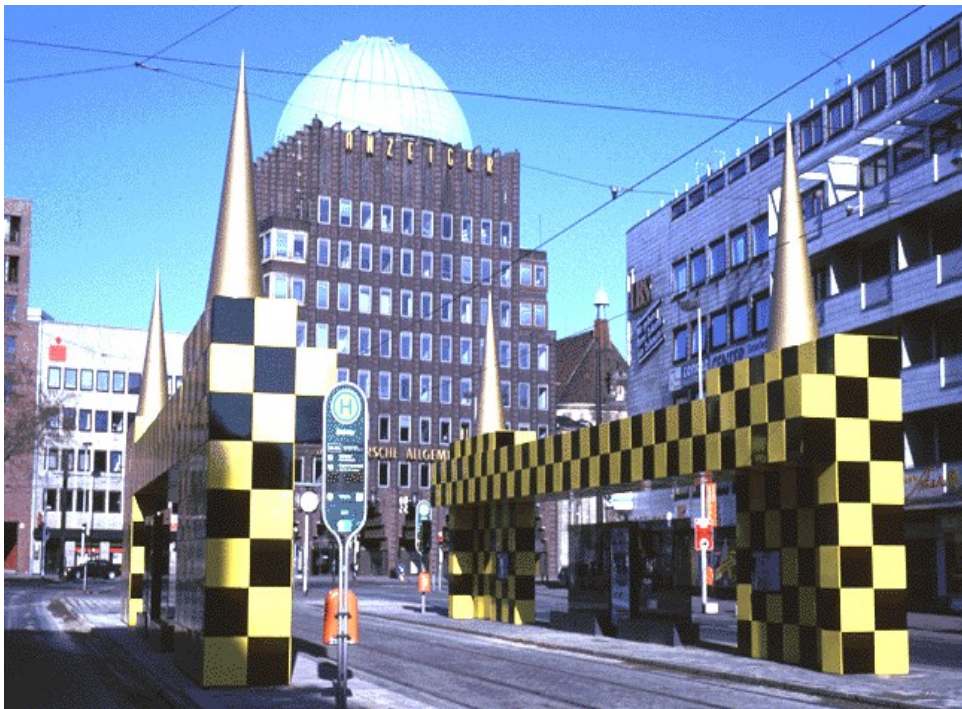
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Hochschul-Informations-System GmbH

(Higher Education Information Agency Germany)

Assisting:

- Leadership
- Decision-making
- Steering



Higher Education-IT

Information technology for higher education administration

Research on Higher Education

Studying, teaching, research, funding

Higher Education Development

Planning, resources, organisation

General information about HIS

- HIS was founded in 1969 and is jointly owned by the Federal Republic and the *Länder* (*States*) of Germany
- Headquarters in Hanover, Germany
- HIS has around 280 employees, 140 of them working in ICT
- Annually HIS receives government grants of about €8.5 million and additional project funds of around the same size

How was UGC-HEMIS implemented?

- UGC-HEMIS was implemented by customizing an already developed system: eduStore
- eduStore was developed by HIS Higher Education Information System, Germany
- The system has been used over 13 years in Germany by Federal Ministries and State Ministries of Education to produce various reports needed to make decisions.

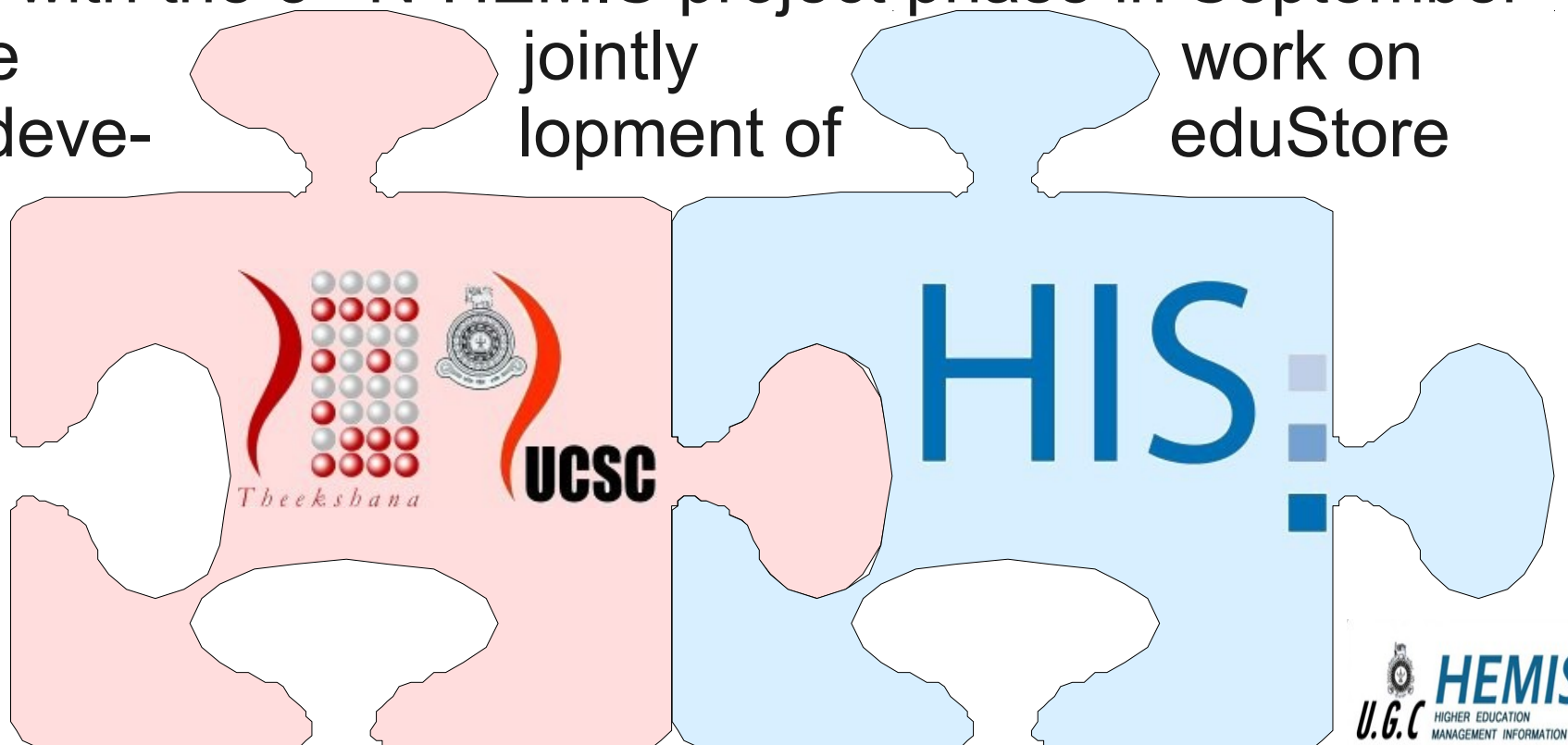
eduStore is free software!

- Open Source: **Source code is available free of charge**
- Everybody is allowed to use the software
- Everybody is allowed to **change the source**
- Everybody could **adapt the software** to one's specific needs
- Open Source software provides you with the **freedom of independency**
- **No new dependencies** on foreign countries or on any company

Sri Lankan – German collaboration

HIS Hanover and UCSC Colombo have established a long-lasting collaboration ...

- ... for helping to bring N-HEMIS and UGC-HEMIS on the way
- ... for common further development of eduStore
- Starting with the 3rd N-HEMIS project phase in September 2008 we further develop jointly work on eduStore



What is eduStore?

- eduStore is a web-based Data Warehouse Application.
- It comprises of
 - A data store: Data is organized around topic fields – Data Stocks.
 - Each Data Stock is characterized by a set of keys (characteristics and attributes)
 - A collection of tools
 - To import data to the data store.
 - To manage the data store.
 - To analyze the data.
 - To produce reports.

eduStore main System Features

- **Web application:** Access via Java capable Webbrowser
- **Open Architecture - Platform independence**
 - **Operation System:**
Server-side: Linux, Sun OS, MS Windows
Client-side: All commonly-used platforms
 - **Database:**
Commercial Databases: Oracle, Informix
Open Source Databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL

Feature: Flexibility

- **Flexible data import**
 - Data with any structure and depth of structure can be imported
 - New topics can be included
- **Flexible data analysis**
 - Flexible table generator
 - Combining information from several data stocks
- **Flexible data export**
 - HTML, MS Excel, PDF, XML, ...

Feature: Data Integration

- Data harmonization with an **integrated key system**
- **Centrally maintained** uniform eduStore key system
- **Equivalency rules**
- System knows **internal key hierarchies**

Feature: eduStore user-tables

- Analyses can be stored as eduStore user-tables in standard table collections on the server
- **Integrated automatic updating** of eduStore user-tables (or whole user-table collections)
- eduStore user-table export formats: HTML, XML, MS-Excel, Gnumeric, PDF, ...

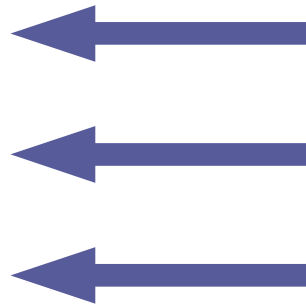
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User-tables

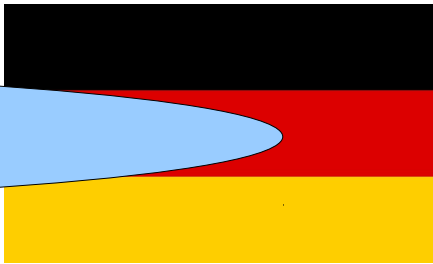
- individual collections
- table search module
- authentication
- integrated automatic updating
- library management

Table Generator

- Table generation
- Calculation, e.g.: percentages differences
- multi stock tables
- Format conversion
 - XML → HTML
 - Excel
 - PDF
 - etc.



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gathering information and data in ICE

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for all ICE installations

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data warehouse
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Universities, etc.)

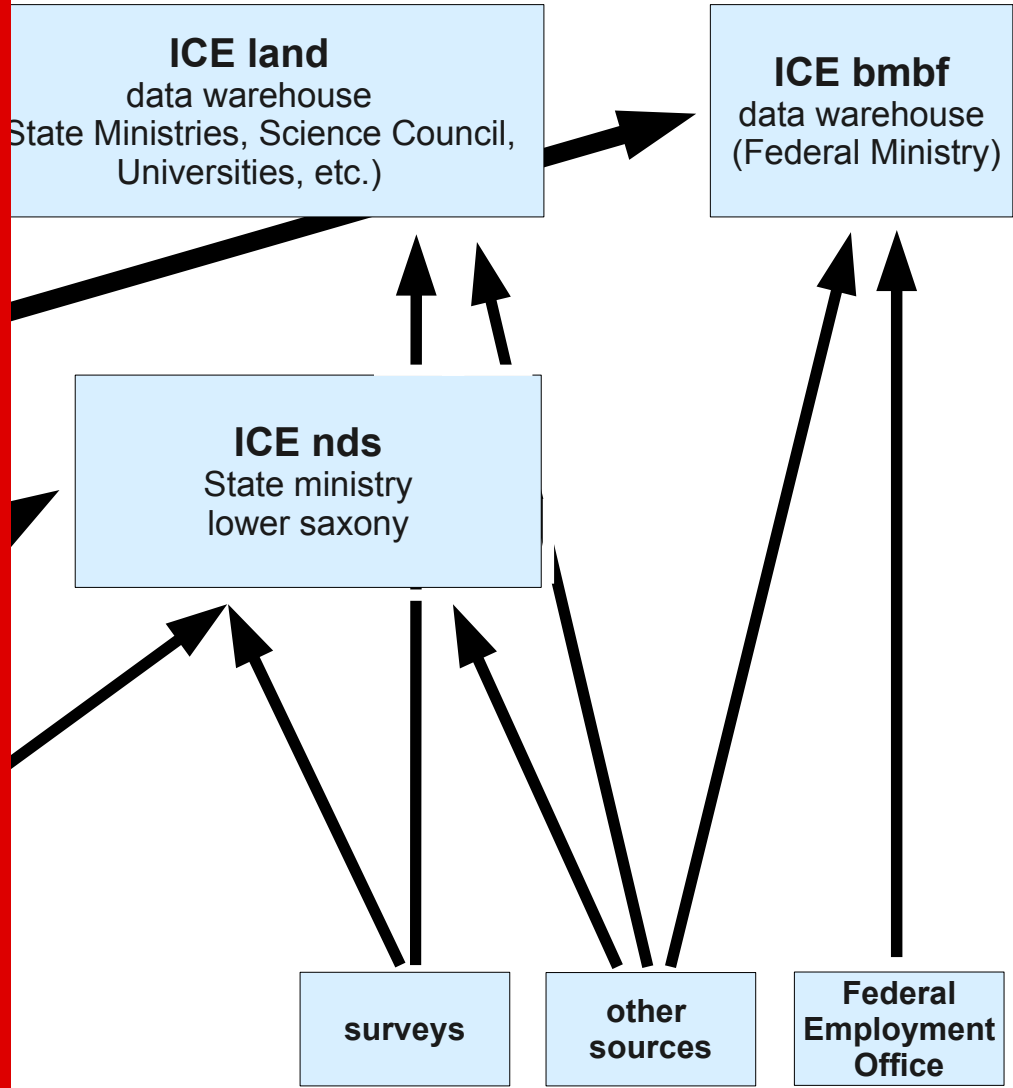
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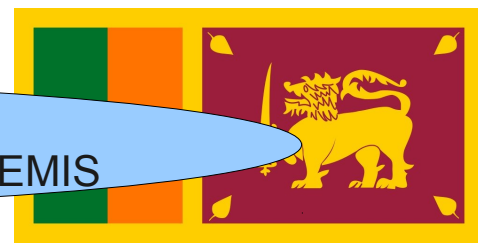
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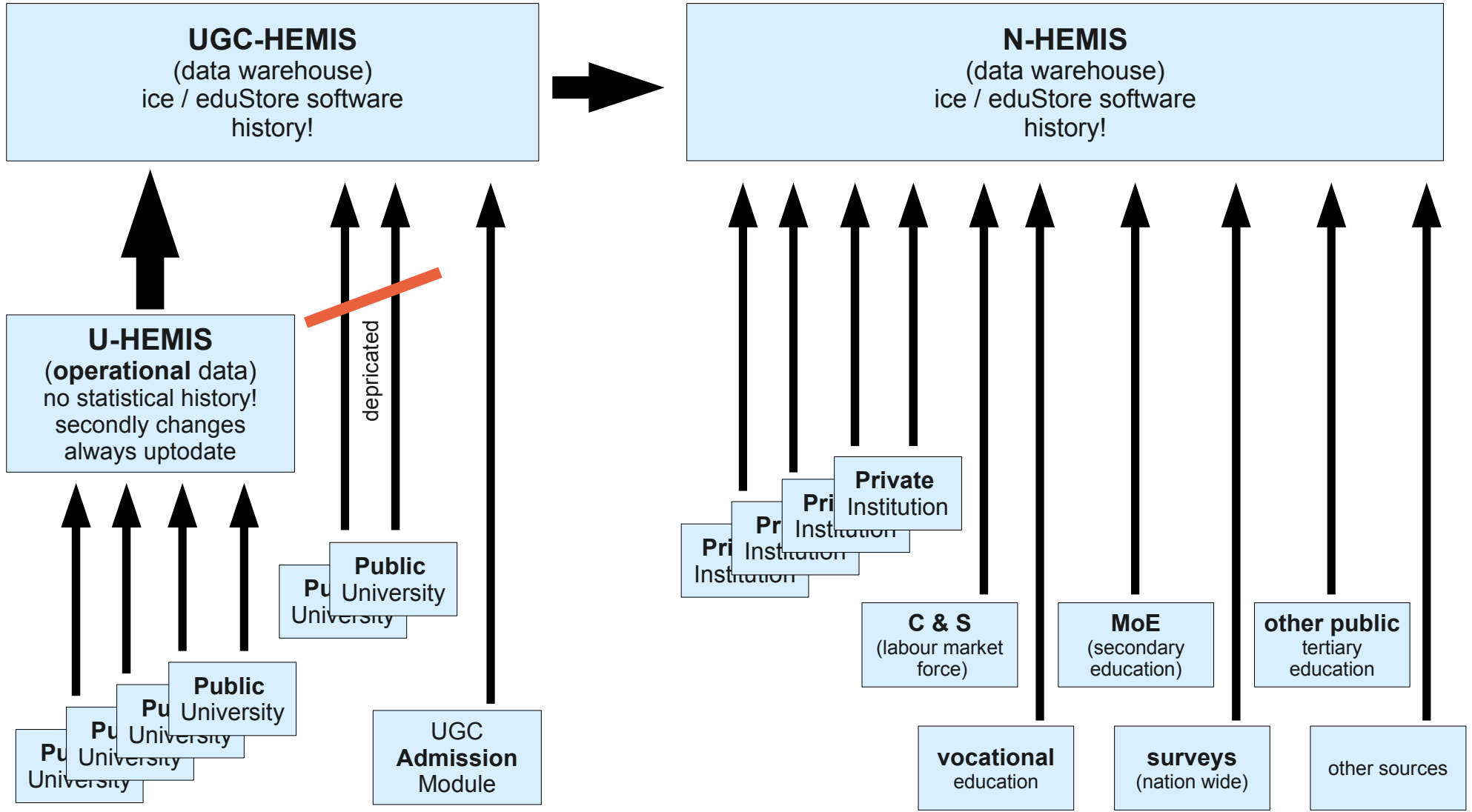
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HEMIS Management Committee
 defines requirements concerning information and data in UGC-/N-HEMIS

N-HEMIS Operational Group (N-HEMIS-OG)
 operates and maintains UGC-HEMIS and N-HEMIS



German Federal Higher Education Statistical Law

All Higher Education Institution have to deliver the following data twice a year:

- About **students/graduates**: e. g. gender, study program / discipline, semester etc. (~ 50 characteristics)
- About **staff members**: e. g. category (scientific / administrative), gender, discipline, salary-levels, nationality etc. (~ 20 characteristics)
- About **rooms and spaces**: e. g. room dedication, size in sqm etc. (6 characteristics)
- About **finance**: revenues, expenditures, non-government-income etc. (~ 15 characteristics)