

heidi 4 and beyond

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Aims of the session

- To summarise the development process that has led to heidi 4
- To introduce you to the new interface and new features
- To outline next steps for development
- To explain longer term development aspirations

Drivers for heidi 4 development...

- User survey published Feb 2009
- Perceptions of the user interface
- The need to utilise the latest appropriate web application development technologies (ASP.NET, jQuery, AJAX)
- Demands for more data (and more flexible data)
- Functionality to host Estates Management Statistics

Resulting priorities for heidi 4.0 development

- An improved user interface
- Improved system navigation
- Improved report designer
- Review of data architecture
- Additional functionality/data for EMS
 - New chart types (scatter and distribution)
 - New aggregate functions
 - 5 years of historical EMS data and ratios

Heidi 4.0 demonstration...

What have we not managed to do in heidi 4.1?

- Re-architected data for students and DLHE
- Ability to retain focus within the heidi data explorer

Longer term development post heidi 4.0

- Move away from single annual system release to more frequent 'mini-releases'
- Further user interface improvements
- Federated user account system
- System data management

Longer term development continued...

- HESA benchmarking project
- Stream of work to enhance heidi as a benchmarking tool
- Building database capacity
- Enhanced data visualisation functionality
- Enhanced report generation – sharing of reports across HEIs
- Statistical benchmarking
- New data sources
- New training
- Promote heidi interoperability through an API

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