

Implementing V5.5

Integra Associates uses its unique blend of business and technical skills together with its experience of Agresso and project management to help organisations quickly gain maximum advantage from V5.5.

Agresso V5.5

Agresso V5.5 has been available since early 2006 for new installations of Agresso as well as existing users upgrading from V5.4.

What makes this version so much more exciting is that it is the first full release since version 5.1.1 became available in 1997. It incorporates many structural and functional changes as well as a new look and feel. Parts of the application being totally re-written and most of the existing core modules now incorporating new features such as Planner and Workflow.

There is a huge challenge for stakeholders to not just keep abreast of these differences but to identify the relevance and potential benefits in their own environment, and to seamlessly implement these within the business.

Integra supports its clients in the wider business and technological requirements necessary to achieve the full benefits of operational efficiency and reduced costs.

Integra's experience adds value:

At Integra Associates we pride ourselves on our consultants' ability to not only know the product inside out, but to add value by recommending how to best utilise the Agresso product within the business to achieve maximum business benefit.

The importance of these skills becomes even more essential with the introduction of v5.5. The software is much more configurable, and for most business processes there are now a variety of different ways of using Agresso. What works well for one organisation may not be the best for another and nowhere does this become more obvious than with the introduction of more sophisticated work flow rules that can now be applied to a variety of business process flows.

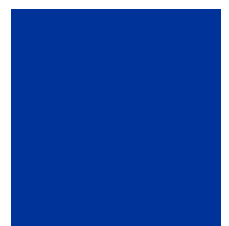
Whether it is a new Agresso installation or an upgrade the Integra team offer a flexible and broad range of services from fully managed projects to specialist consultancy assignments.

Some of our assignments include:

CONSULTANCY

- Application & Lead the consultancy across the V5.5 product range including Planner & Workflow
- Documenting Business Processes
- Differences Training e.g. in Project Costing & Billing
- Production of a Test Strategy and UAT test scripts
- Bespoke enhancements using WinGen to create functionality with total integration & Agresso look & feel
- Development of Crystal and ARC reports

Integra Associates is an independent consultancy specialising in implementing financial business solutions and is made up of qualified accountants and IT professionals.



PROJECT MANAGEMENT

It's a well known fact that few projects fail for technical reasons. Successful project management is about managing the people and relationships as well as the more obvious management of resources, activities, timescales and costs. At Integra we use formal techniques applied cost effectively from project start-up, producing Project Initiation Documentation, through project monitoring and control including important functions such as:

- Proof of Concept
- Risk & Issue Management
- Vendor Management
- Change Management

Our project managers apply their Agresso knowledge and management expertise by working at the different levels of detail required to achieve success. Whether for a new installation or an upgrade we ensure that activities are completed that allow the client to understand and make decisions in, for example, the use of features and facilities, system configuration, look and feel and user set-up. Additional project needs such as data migration, interfaces and customised reporting are planned and delivered to meet the overall schedules. Having established the solution the project manager will draw on a wealth of the current and other project experience to oversee the completion of user training and full implementation roll-out.

TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY

Whether your implementation is large or small, simple or complex we provide the support that's appropriate for your specific needs and resources. Our diverse technical knowledge of Agresso across many implementations and our flexibility allows us to add value directly or by supporting our clients' technical resources.

Our specialist technical management and support has included:

- Technical review and upgrade planning and implementation
- Database migration including Oracle and SQL Server
- Systems integration
- Reviews including performance & resilience server configuration
- Technical training
- Hardware, systems software & network consultancy and of course
- Problem solving

What our clients say about us:

' Using an Integra project manager instilled a greater feeling of confidence and control in our project.

He combined his strong leadership with a keen understanding of the challenges and issues that we faced.

I believe his project management skills and knowledge of Agresso were critical in ensuring the smooth progress and success of our project. '

Howard Crowter-Jones
MARS Project Business
Co-ordination Manager
Finance Office
University of Bath

Our V5.5 clients include:

University of Bath

WYG International

Chorion

The Royal Marsden NHS
Foundation Trust

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC

Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance

Renewable Energy Systems
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The Daily Mail

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