

## Transforming University finance with cloud Unit4 ERP

The University of Salford is a global industry-focused research and teaching university with more than 23,000 students and 170,000 alumni worldwide, headquartered in greater Manchester, UK. The institution focuses on the challenges and opportunities presented by the technologies of the “fourth industrial revolution.”

### INFO

**INDUSTRY:** Higher Education  
**EMPLOYEES:** Approx. 23,000 students; 4,000 staff; 400 regular ERP users  
**LOCATION:** Manchester, UK  
**PRODUCT:** Unit4 Cloud Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

## Achievements

### Fewer spreadsheets

Finance teams now work with tools that ensure data accuracy and enable collaboration.

### Versatile and agile

An approach that works for the University’s unique process needs — enabling the creation of custom workflows and greater efficiencies.

### Enabling app teams

Automation of manual processes and outsourcing of maintenance demands give IT teams the time they need to focus on core business app workflows.

## The Challenge

The University’s digital strategy is based on a principle of inclusivity and ensuring everyone in the organization can utilize technology. The cloud is a key element in making the ERP platform more agile for staff. As a Unit4 user since 1998, a move to the cloud with Unit4’s SaaS ERP was the obvious choice.



**“We didn’t look at any other suppliers for moving to cloud. Unit4 seemed a very sensible solution for the move. We’ve been live now on the cloud since mid-June, and it’s been going very well. Working with the cloud team and our Customer Success Manager especially has been excellent. Getting an accountant away from an Excel spreadsheet is quite difficult but it’s starting to happen — the revolution is here!”**

**Michelle Williams**, Finance Systems Manager, University of Salford

## How did Unit4 help?

- Reduces impact on IT teams by removing maintenance requirements through an SaaS platform approach.
- Ensures ERP system is always up to date through automatic cloud upgrades without downtime.
- Provides platform for easy extensibility of solution capability via Extension Kit.
- Expedites and improves report building and sharing across stakeholder ecosystem.



## Impact

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**MONTHS**

To implement new cloud solution from contract signed to go-live

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**DOWN TIME**

Always on, with automated upgrades, enabling a better user experience and greater ease of customization.



**AGILITY**

Changes to the system simpler for IT teams; more opportunity to work on other projects thanks to managed SaaS solution.

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