

# Success Story

## Time and attendance for students – University of Hertfordshire as a pioneer

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**Time and attendance for employees is common practice in companies. Yet it is still an innovation for students. The solution in use at the University of Hertfordshire in the UK demonstrates interesting perspectives for other universities too, however.**

The University of Hertfordshire is located in Hatfield, to the north of London. The campus consists of two main sites and a smaller site in St. Albans, 8 kilometers away. With its 24,000 students, 2,000 of whom are foreign students from 85 countries, the university is one of the leading business-oriented universities in the United Kingdom. The university has undertaken to submit a whole series of analyses to the government, the border control authorities and other organizations so that the students

can obtain loans and visas. This was why the university was looking for a solution to making this process simpler. After a multi-stage selection process, the managers opted for the solution 'CoreSA' from the Kaba partner TDS (Time Data Security) Ltd. This time and attendance solution for students convinced in particular with its automatic list functions. The TDS solution includes approx. 50 fixed terminals of the type B-Net 93 20 that are connected via Power over Ethernet (PoE). The students record their attendance times at them. They are obliged to book their times at the terminals with their Mifare student badge at least once a week. If the attendance of a student falls below the required threshold, he or she is automatically notified by SMS or e-mail.

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In future, B-Net 95 80 terminals are to be used as information kiosks for the students. The PoE functionality was an important factor for the university. Consequently, neither power lines to the terminals nor power supply units in the terminals are required, which significantly reduced the overall costs of the project.

The CoreSA solution is seamlessly integrated into the student administration system already in use at the university which automatically supplies the required student data to the time and attendance system. The software solution from TDS automates all elements of presence control of the students. It includes the recording of attendance data, the integration into the university information system, notification in the event of insufficient attendance and the internal and external reporting.

The University of Hertfordshire thus has an entirely integrated solution that records the attendance of its students, simplifies the course administration and offers the university a uniform and efficient data processing system overall.