



AUTOMATION WALHALLA: A SHOWCASE OF AUTOMATING COMPLEX PROCESSES

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Faculties

15



Nobel Prizes

46



Bachelor's programmes

78



Master's programmes

115



Nationalities

26,900



Students

104,000



Alumni

2



Cities

5,500



Employees

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VERSION



PS CS 9.0 (9.2 upgrade planned 2018)

Peopletools 8.55.13 bundle 41

Live since 2010 and continuously evolving

10 FTE functional team

Collaborating Higher Ed institutions: Leiden University, University of Amsterdam, Hogeschool van Amsterdam (UoAS)

Technical partner and hosting:



OVERVIEW OF THIS PRESENTATION

1. DEREGISTRATION IN THE NETHERLANDS
A brief overview of the rules and procedures
2. VISUALISING THE PROCESS FLOW
How we visualized the process flow (multiple times)
3. CALCULATIONS WITH THE HELP OF SQL VIEWS
How SQL views can help in (complex) calculations

DEREGISTRATION IN THE NETHERLANDS

A brief overview of the
key rules and procedures

(DE)REGISTRATION VIA



- Studielink is a national web portal for student registration at all higher education institutions in The Netherlands
- Every student gets his or her own account which can be used for registration and deregistration
- Institutions control when a student can request registration
- Studielink controls when a student can request deregistration

CRITERIA FOR REQUESTING DEREGISTRATION

- Studielink uses three criteria to allow students to request deregistration:
 - The student needs to have a definitive registration
 - Deregistration is only possible per the last day of the month (31st, 30th, 28th, 29th)
 - A student can only request deregistration per the end of the current month or later (past dates are not allowed)

STORING THE DEREGISTRATION REQUESTS

Requests for deregistration submitted via Studielink are stored in a special *deregistration table* in PeopleSoft Campus Solutions (uSis).

Studielink Cancellation Requests

ID:	1900021	Jane Doe	Academic Institution:	LEI01
Academic Career:	15	Master	Sequence Number:	1
BRINcode:	21PB	BRIN-code Leiden University	Academic Program:	1312
Message Date:	16-10-2017		Academic Plan:	13121
Process Status:	Unprocessd		Enrol Seq Nbr	1001234

Cancellation Details

Request Status:	Undetermnd	
Academic Year:	2017	31-10-2017
End Reason:	Article 7.42.1e	
Request Refund:	False	
Explanation:		

TUITION FEES (SIMPLIFIED)

Two types of tuition fees:

1. Statutory fee
2. Institutional fee

Students pay per month that they are registered
(irrespective the number of registrations)

We will not discuss all exceptions



USING EQUATION VARIABLES FOR TUITION FEE CALCULATION

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Equation Variables

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Jane Doe1900021

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Billing Career:15Master

Institution:LEI01Leiden University

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Term:2170Inschrijf 2017 - 2018

Numeric Variables

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Var Num2:	<input type="text"/>	Var Num7:	<input type="text"/>
Var Num3:	<input type="text"/>	Var Num8:	<input type="text"/>
Var Num4:	<input type="text"/>	Var Num9:	<input type="text"/>
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MANUALLY DEREGISTERING A STUDENT

On average the manual deregistration process takes up to 5 minutes per student deregistration

There were approximately 4000 manual deregistrations per year

In January and February there are over 200 deregistration requests per week

It would take one person at least 16-20 hours per week to manually process all these requests in those months

Students can wait up to six weeks before their request is processed

Looks like a genuine business case; can we automate this process?

VISUALISING THE PROCESS FLOW

A description of the
iterations of visualizing the
process

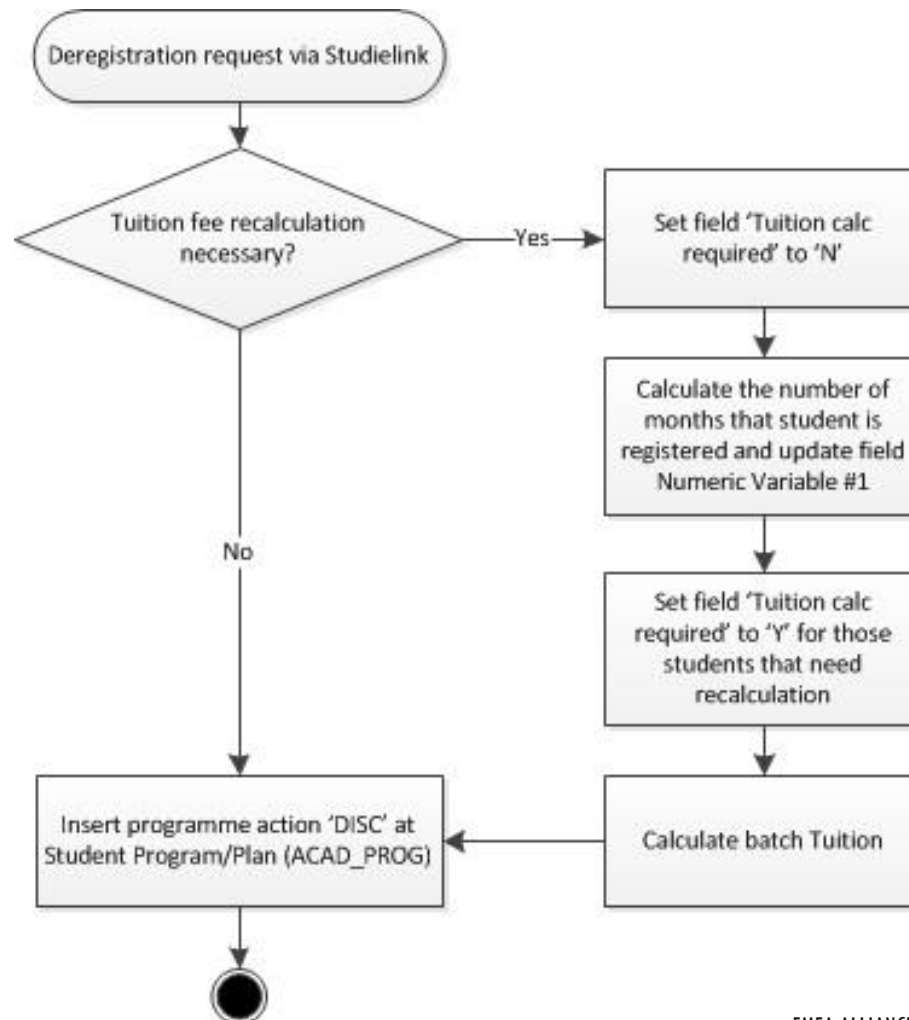
INQUIRY AT STUDENT ADMINISTRATION

We asked the Student Administration Department to tell us about the deregistration process

- They found it difficult to make a list of requirements
- Basic procedure:
 - Check if recalculation is necessary
 - Add correct programme action.



BASIC PROCESS FLOW (2016)



FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

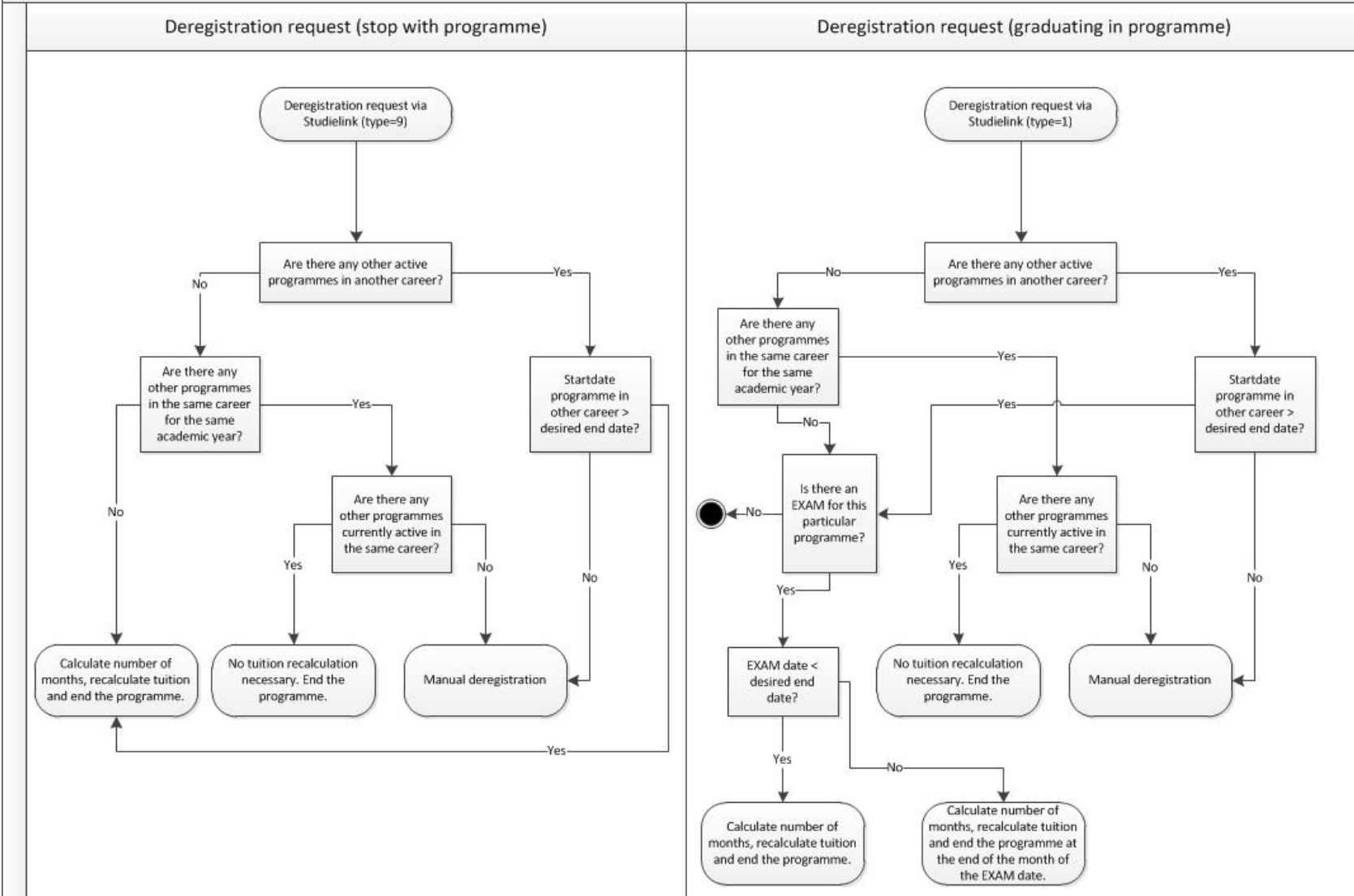
Calculation is necessary when

- There are no other programmes currently active within the same career
- There are no other programmes currently active in another career with a starting date that is earlier than the desired termination date

In case of graduation:

- Only terminate registration if there is an EXAM registered
- Always terminate the registration 'after' the EXAM date

Process flow automatic deregistration



ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

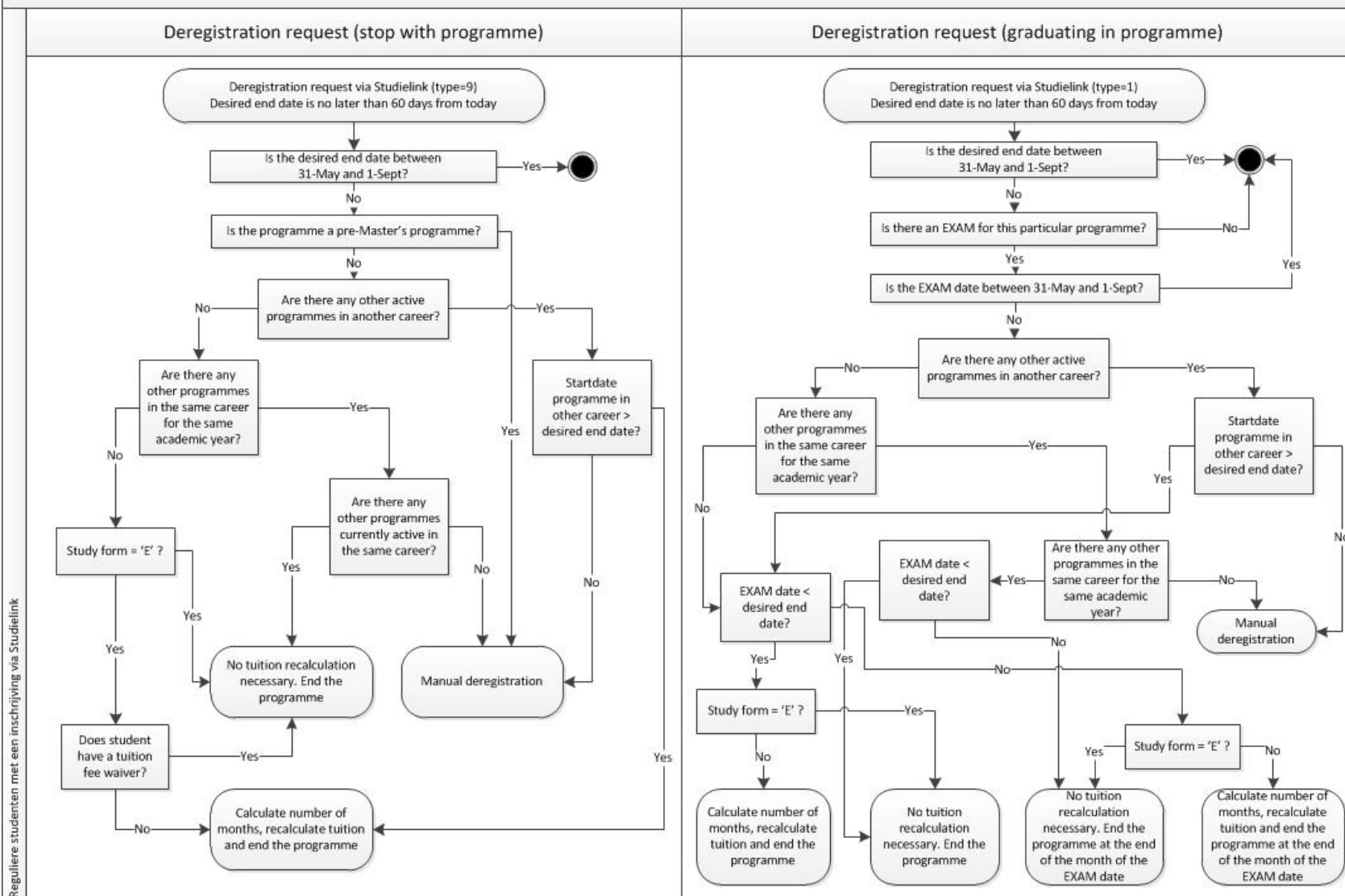
Do not terminate the registration if the desired termination date is greater than 31st of May

Do not terminate the registration if it concerns a Pre-Master's Programme

Do not recalculate the tuition fee if the Study Form = 'E'

Do not recalculate the tuition fee if we have received a waiver

Process flow automatic deregistration



MORE ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Additional rules concerning a 'special' programme (1 298)

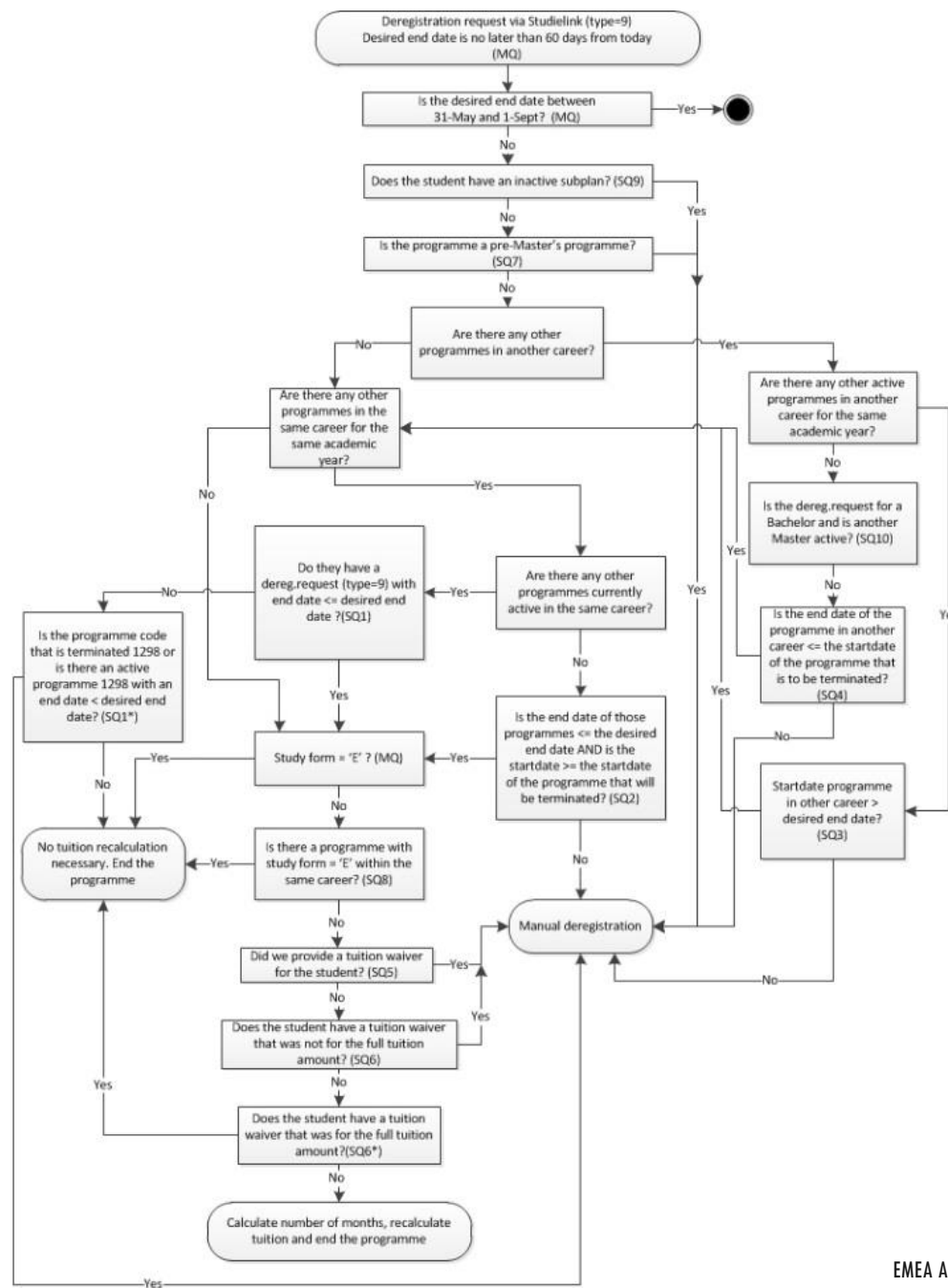
Additional rules concerning tuition fee waivers

TECHNICAL CONSTRAINTS/REQUIREMENTS

App Engine cannot insert row on Student Program/Plan if the student has an inactive subplan

Batch tuition calculation cannot calculate if there is an inactive program within the same academic year in a career with a lower career number

Tuition fee waivers cannot be recalculated automatically



RESULT: A VERY COMPLEX QUERY FOR THIS PROCESS

```
SELECT DISTINCT B.EMPLID, B.ACAD_CAREER, B.STONT_CAR_NBR, ROUND((TO_DATE(
TO_CHAR(SBR_BL_END_DT_NLD,YYYYMMDD)) - TO_DATE(TO_CHAR(EFFDT,YYYYMM-
DD)))/(36512),2) STRM, A.ACAD_PROG
FROM PS_SBR_BL_WORH_NLD A, PS_ACAD_PROG B, PS_SBR_STO_PROG_NLD C,
PS_SBR_STO_PROG_NLD D, PS_STONT_CAR_TERM T, PS_STONT_EQUTN_VAR X
WHERE (A.SBR_BL_END_RBN_NLD = '9'
AND A.SBR_BL_WPGSTST_NLD = 'U'
AND A.SBR_BL_WPGSTST_NLD = 'U'
AND A.ACAD_CAREER IN ('10','15','20')
AND A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD = '20' ) SUBSTR(T.STRM,2,2)
AND A.SBR_BL_END_DT_NLD = TO_DATE(TO_CHAR(EFSDATE,YYYYMMDD),YYYYMM-
DD) + 60
AND A.SBR_BL_END_DT_NLD < TO_DATE('01-09-' || TO_CHAR(
A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD+1),DD-MM-YYYY)
AND A.EMPLID = B.EMPLID
AND A.INSTITUTION = B.INSTITUTION
AND A.ACAD_CAREER = B.ACAD_CAREER
AND A.ACAD_PROG = B.ACAD_PROG
AND B.EFFDT = 1
(SELECT MAX(U.ES_EFFDT) FROM PS_ACAD_PROG B_ED
WHERE B.EMPLID = B.EMPLID
AND B.ACAD_CAREER = B.ED.ACAD_CAREER
AND B.STONT_CAR_NBR = B.ES.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND B.EFFDT = 1)
(SELECT MAX(U.ES_EFFSEQ) FROM PS_ACAD_PROG B_ES
WHERE B.EMPLID = B.ES.EMPLID
AND B.ACAD_CAREER = B.ES.ACAD_CAREER
AND B.STONT_CAR_NBR = B.ES.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND B.EFFDT = B.ES.EFFDT)
AND B.PROG_STATUS = 'AC'
AND B.EMPLID = C.EMPLID
AND A.ACAD_CAREER = C.ACAD_CAREER
AND B.STONT_CAR_NBR = C.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND C.SBR_PRG_ACTION_NLD = 'DEFT'
AND C.ACAD_YEAR = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND C.AID_NLD = B.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND C.SBR_FORM_STUDY_NLD = '9'
AND B.EMPLID = D.EMPLID
AND A.ACAD_CAREER = D.ACAD_CAREER
AND B.STONT_CAR_NBR = D.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND D.SBR_PRG_ACTION_NLD IN ('MTR','REN')
AND D.ACAD_YEAR = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND NOT EXISTS (SELECT 'X'
FROM PS_ACAD_PROG E
WHERE E.EFFDT =
(SELECT MAX(U.ED_EFFDT) FROM PS_ACAD_PROG E_ED
WHERE E.EMPLID = E.ED.EMPLID
AND E.ACAD_CAREER = E.ED.ACAD_CAREER
AND E.STONT_CAR_NBR = E.ED.STONT_CAR_NBR)
AND E.EFFSEQ =
(SELECT MAX(U.ES_EFFSEQ) FROM PS_ACAD_PROG E_ES
WHERE E.EMPLID = E.ES.EMPLID
AND E.ACAD_CAREER = E.ES.ACAD_CAREER
AND E.STONT_CAR_NBR = E.ES.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND E.EFFDT = E.ES.EFFDT)
AND E.ACAD_CAREER = B.ACAD_CAREER
AND E.STONT_CAR_NBR = B.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND E.PROG_STATUS = 'AC'
AND NOT EXISTS (SELECT 'X'
FROM PS_SBR_STO_PROG_NLD G
WHERE G.EMPLID = E.EMPLID
AND F.ACAD_CAREER = E.ACAD_CAREER
AND F.STONT_CAR_NBR = E.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND F.SBR_PRG_ACTION_NLD IN ('MTR','REN')
AND F.ACAD_YEAR = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND F.EMPLID = G.EMPLID
AND F.ACAD_CAREER = G.ACAD_CAREER
AND G.BC_BRNCD_NLD = F.BC_BRNCD_NLD
AND G.BC_L_BNRLG_NLD = F.BC_L_BNRLG_NLD
AND G.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND G.SBR_BL_WPGSTST_NLD = 'U'
AND G.SBR_BL_WPGSTST_NLD = 'U'
AND G.SBR_BL_END_RBN_NLD = '9'
AND (G.SBR_BL_END_DT_NLD < A.SBR_BL_END_DT_NLD
AND G.ACAD_PROG = '1258')
OR G.SBR_BL_END_DT_NLD < A.SBR_BL_END_DT_NLD))
AND NOT EXISTS (SELECT 'X'
FROM PS_ACAD_PROG H, PS_SBR_STO_PROG_NLD I
WHERE H.EFFDT =
(SELECT MAX(U.ED_EFFDT) FROM PS_ACAD_PROG H_ED
WHERE H.EMPLID = H.ED.EMPLID
AND H.ACAD_CAREER = H.ED.ACAD_CAREER
AND H.STONT_CAR_NBR = H.ED.STONT_CAR_NBR)
AND H.EFFSEQ =
(SELECT MAX(U.ES_EFFSEQ) FROM PS_ACAD_PROG H_ES
WHERE H.EMPLID = H.ES.EMPLID
AND H.ACAD_CAREER = H.ES.ACAD_CAREER
AND H.STONT_CAR_NBR = H.ES.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND H.EFFDT = H.ES.EFFDT)
AND H.EMPLID = B.EMPLID
AND H.ACAD_CAREER = B.ACAD_CAREER
AND H.STONT_CAR_NBR = B.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND H.PROG_ACTION IN ('DISC','YDIS','RND')
AND H.EMPLID = J.EMPLID
AND H.ACAD_CAREER = J.ACAD_CAREER
AND H.STONT_CAR_NBR = J.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND J.SBR_PRG_ACTION_NLD IN ('MTR','REN')
AND J.ACAD_YEAR = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND (J.EFFDT < D.EFFDT
OR H.EFFDT = A.SBR_BL_END_DT_NLD)
AND NOT EXISTS (SELECT 'X'
FROM PS_ACAD_PROG J, PS_SBR_STO_PROG_NLD K
WHERE J.EFFDT =
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WHERE J.EMPLID = J.ED.EMPLID
AND J.ACAD_CAREER = J.ED.ACAD_CAREER
AND J.STONT_CAR_NBR = J.ED.STONT_CAR_NBR)
AND J.EFFSEQ =
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WHERE J.EMPLID = J.ES.EMPLID
AND J.ACAD_CAREER = J.ES.ACAD_CAREER
AND J.STONT_CAR_NBR = J.ES.STONT_CAR_NBR)
AND J.EFFDT = J.ES.EFFDT)
AND J.ACAD_CAREER = B.ACAD_CAREER
AND J.ACAD_YEAR = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND J.PROG_STATUS = 'AC'
AND J.EMPLID = K.EMPLID
AND J.ACAD_CAREER = K.ACAD_CAREER
AND J.STONT_CAR_NBR = K.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND K.ACAD_YEAR = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND K.SBR_PRG_ACTION_NLD IN ('MTR','REN')
AND K.EFFDT = A.SBR_BL_END_DT_NLD
AND NOT EXISTS (SELECT 'X'
FROM PS_ACAD_PROG L, PS_SBR_STO_PROG_NLD M
WHERE L.EMPLID = B.EMPLID
AND L.ACAD_CAREER = B.ACAD_CAREER
AND L.STONT_CAR_NBR = B.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND L.PROG_ACTION IN ('DISC','YDIS')
AND L.EMPLID = M.EMPLID
AND L.ACAD_CAREER = M.ACAD_CAREER
AND L.STONT_CAR_NBR = M.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND M.SBR_PRG_ACTION_NLD IN ('MTR','REN')
AND M.ACAD_YEAR = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND M.EFFDT = D.EFFDT)
AND NOT EXISTS (SELECT 'X'
FROM PS_VAR_DATA_BPRO N, PS_COMMUNICATION O
WHERE N.COMMON_ID = B.EMPLID
AND N.ACAD_CAREER = B.ACAD_CAREER
AND N.STONT_CAR_NBR = B.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND N.COMMON_ID = O.COMMON_ID
AND N.VAR_DATA_BEO = O.VAR_DATA_BEO
AND O.COMM_CONTEXT = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND O.BC_LETTER_CD = '203')
AND NOT EXISTS (SELECT 'X'
FROM PS_ITEM_LINE_SF P
WHERE P.COMM_CD = B.EMPLID
AND P.ITEM_TERM = '2') SUBSTR(A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD,2,2) '0'
AND P.LINE_ACTION = 'COK')
FROM PS_STONT_EQUTN_VAR Q
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AND Q.BILLING_CAREER = B.ACAD_CAREER
AND Q.INSTITUTION = A.INSTITUTION
AND Q.STRM = T.STRM
AND Q.VARIABLE_CHARG LIKE 'REN')
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AND R.ACAD_CAREER = R.ES.ACAD_CAREER
AND R.STONT_CAR_NBR = R.ES.STONT_CAR_NBR)
AND R.EFFSEQ =
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WHERE R.EMPLID = R.ES.EMPLID
AND R.ACAD_CAREER = R.ES.ACAD_CAREER
AND R.STONT_CAR_NBR = R.ES.STONT_CAR_NBR)
AND R.EFFDT = R.ES.EFFDT)
AND R.ACAD_CAREER = B.ACAD_CAREER
AND R.STONT_CAR_NBR = B.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND R.SBR_FORM_STUDY_NLD = '9'
AND R.ACAD_YEAR = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND R.EFFDT = (SELECT MAX(E.EFFDT)
FROM PS_SBR_STO_PROG_NLD S
WHERE S.EMPLID = R.EMPLID
AND S.ACAD_CAREER = R.ACAD_CAREER
AND S.STONT_CAR_NBR = R.STONT_CAR_NBR)
AND NOT EXISTS (SELECT 'X'
FROM PS_ACAD_PLAN V, PS_ACAD_SUBPLAN V, PS_ACAD_SUBPLAN_TBL W
WHERE U.EFFDT =
(SELECT MAX(U.ED_EFFDT) FROM PS_ACAD_PLAN U_ED
WHERE U.EMPLID = U.ED.EMPLID
AND U.ACAD_CAREER = U.ED.ACAD_CAREER
AND U.STONT_CAR_NBR = U.ES.STONT_CAR_NBR)
AND U.EFFSEQ =
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WHERE U.EMPLID = U.ES.EMPLID
AND U.ACAD_CAREER = U.ES.ACAD_CAREER
AND U.STONT_CAR_NBR = U.ES.STONT_CAR_NBR)
AND U.EFFDT = U.ES.EFFDT)
AND U.ACAD_CAREER = B.ACAD_CAREER
AND U.STONT_CAR_NBR = B.STONT_CAR_NBR
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AND U.ACAD_CAREER = V.ACAD_CAREER
AND U.STONT_CAR_NBR = V.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND U.EFFSEQ = V.EFFSEQ
AND U.ACAD_PLAN = V.ACAD_PLAN
AND V.EFFDT =
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AND V.ACAD_CAREER = V.ES.ACAD_CAREER
AND V.STONT_CAR_NBR = V.ES.STONT_CAR_NBR)
AND V.EFFDT = SESTDATE
AND V.ACAD_PLAN = W.ACAD_PLAN
AND V.ACAD_SUBPLAN = W.ACAD_SUBPLAN
AND W.EFFDT =
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AND W.ACAD_PLAN = W.ED.ACAD_PLAN
AND W.ACAD_SUBPLAN = W.ED.ACAD_SUBPLAN
AND W.ED_EFFDT < TO_DATE('01-09-' || TO_CHAR(A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD+1),DD-MM-
YYYY)
AND W.EFF_STATUS = 'T')
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FROM PS_ACAD_PROG Y, PS_SBR_STO_PROG_NLD Z
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AND Y.PROG_ACTION IN ('DISC','YDIS')
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AND Y.STONT_CAR_NBR = Z.STONT_CAR_NBR
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AND Z.ACAD_YEAR = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD
AND NOT EXISTS (SELECT 'X'
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AND AA.STONT_CAR_NBR = AB.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND AB.SBR_PRG_ACTION_NLD IN ('MTR','REN')
AND AB.ACAD_YEAR = A.SBR_BL_ACAD_YR_NLD))
AND B.EMPLID = E.EMPLID
AND B.ACAD_CAREER = T.ACAD_CAREER
AND B.STONT_CAR_NBR = T.STONT_CAR_NBR
AND T.INSTITUTION = B.INSTITUTION
AND T.STRM = 1
AND T.BUILD_ID = X.BUILD_ID
AND T.INSTITUTION = X.INSTITUTION
AND T.STRM = X.STRM
AND X.BILLING_CAREER = T.BILLING_CAREER)
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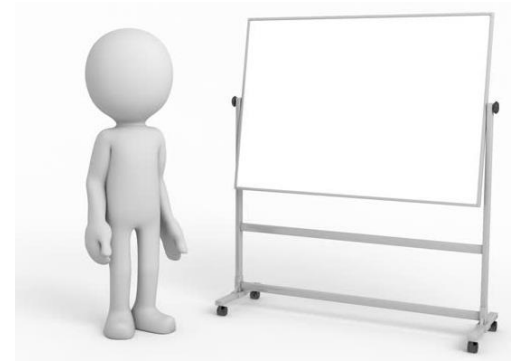
28 tables

10 subqueries

Months are calculated by
subtracting startdates from
end dates

Two-pass process for
quitting and graduating

BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD



Objectives:

1. Stop using just one query and create separate (small) building blocks
2. Get the student registration status per month in one overview

Advantages:

- ✓ Easier to oversee each block, and thus the complete process
- ✓ Easier to test every component of the batch
- ✓ Easier for troubleshooting
- ✓ Easier calculations by simplifying complex student registrations

SIMPLIFYING THE PROCESS FLOW (2017)

Identifying the **three** key elements of the process:

1. Determining provisional termination dates and determining whether the registration is eligible for automatic termination

- Functional requirements
- Technical requirements

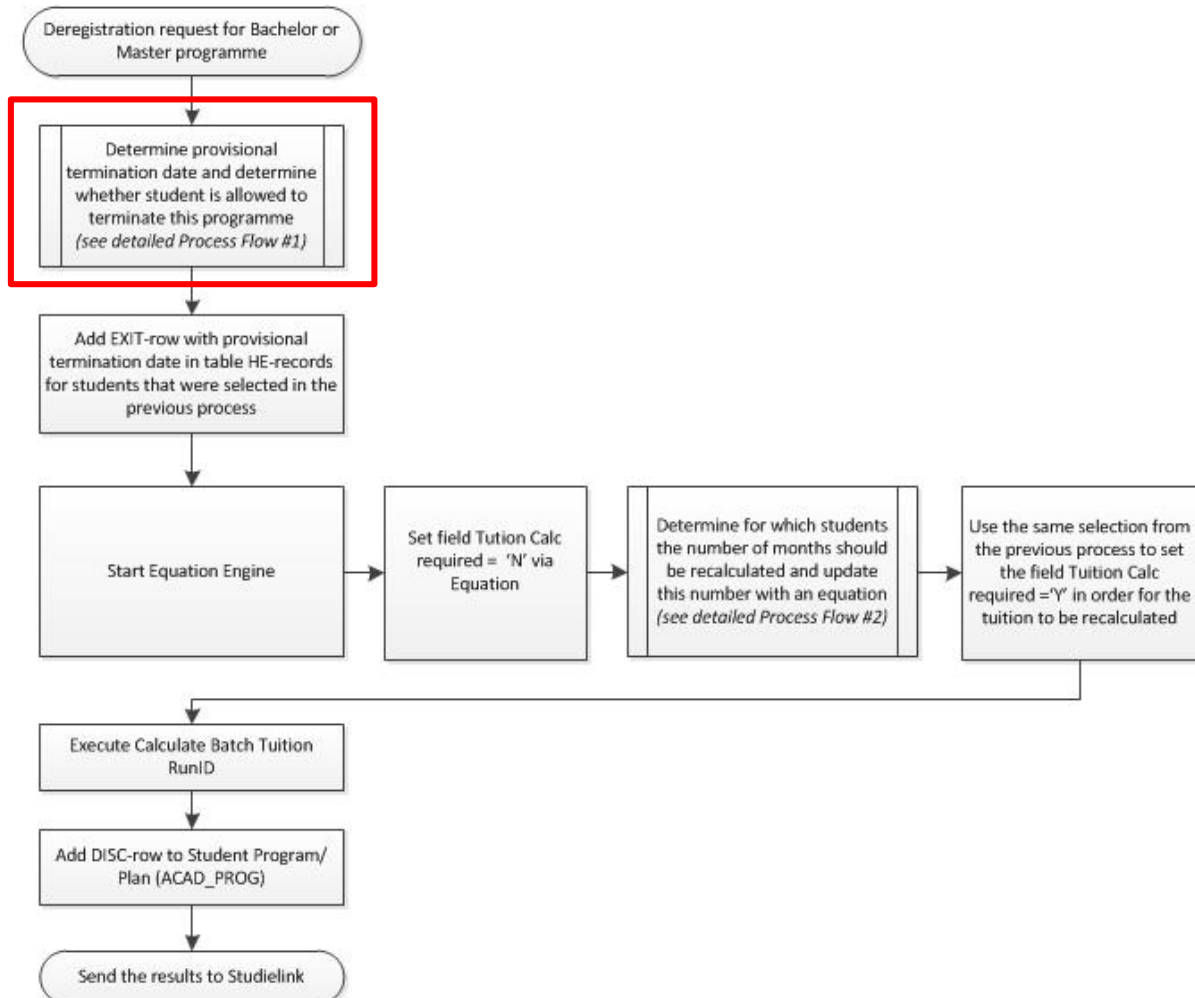


2. Determining whether the tuition needs to be recalculated

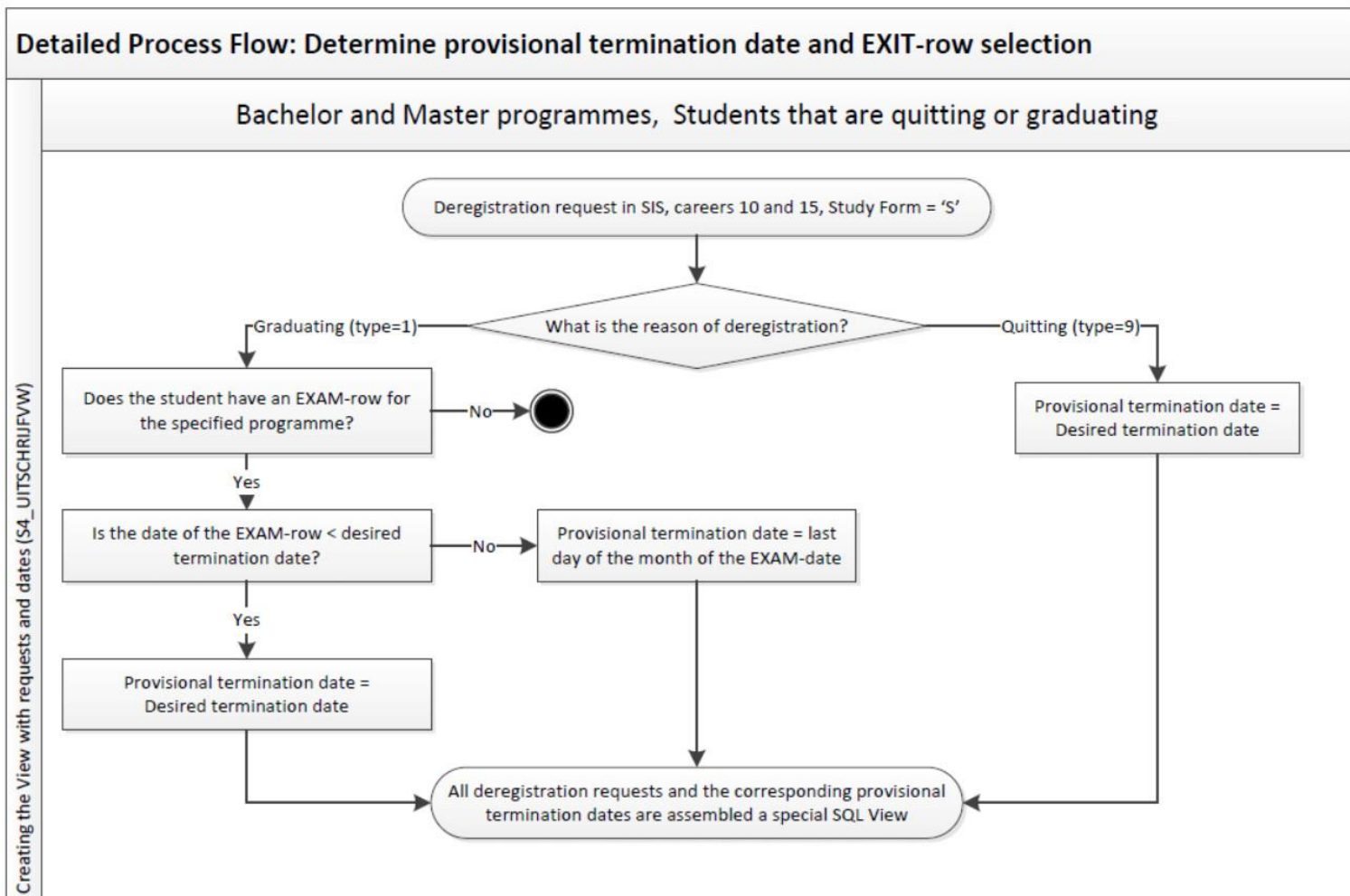
3. Calculating the correct number of registered months per student

Overall Process flow for automatic deregistration (2017)

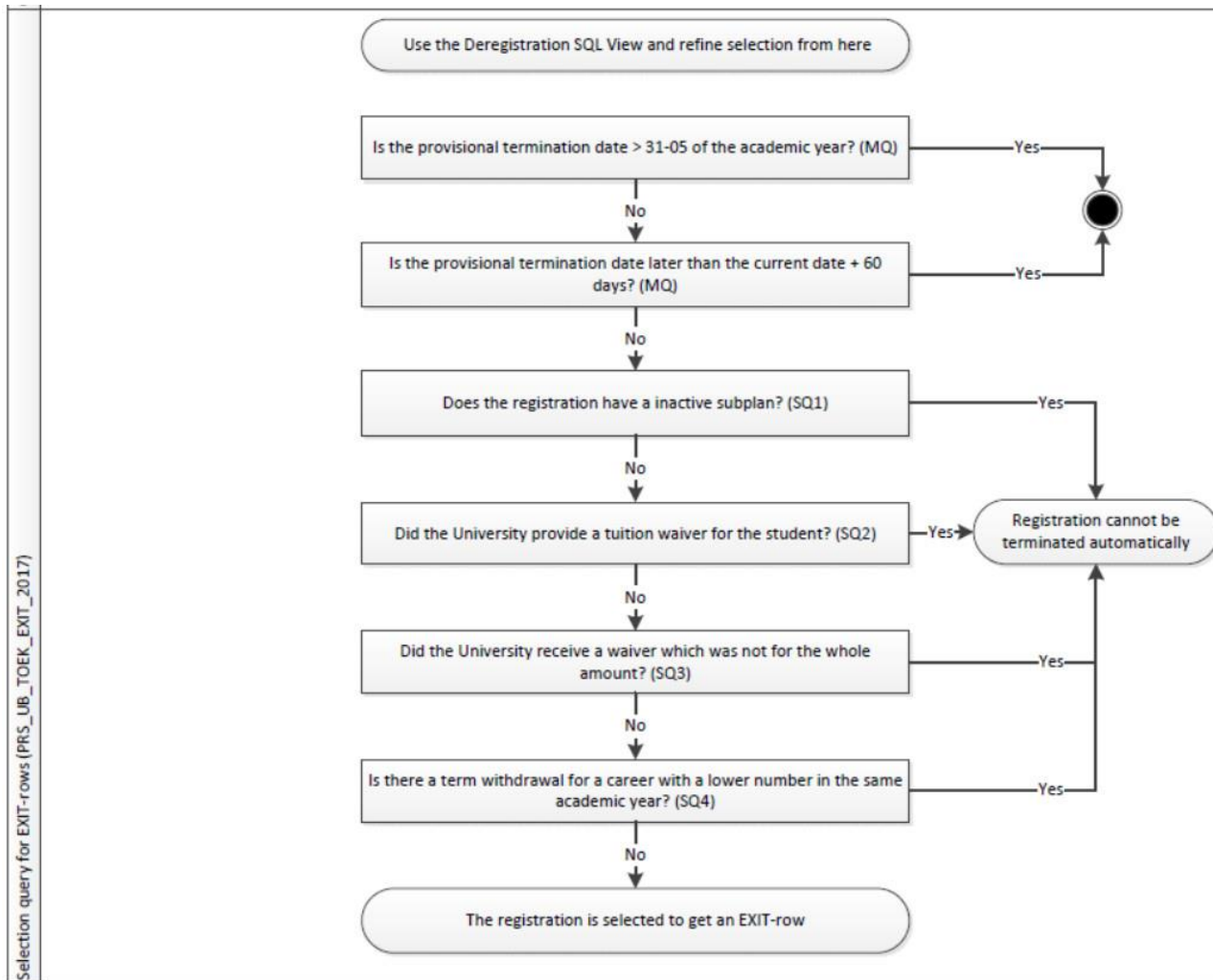
Bachelor and Master programmes, Students that are quitting or graduating



UNIFY ALL DEREGISTRATION REQUESTS...



.. AND SELECT ALL ELIGIBLE REQUESTS



THE FIRST BUILDING BLOCKS



One SQL View containing all deregistration requests with the correct date

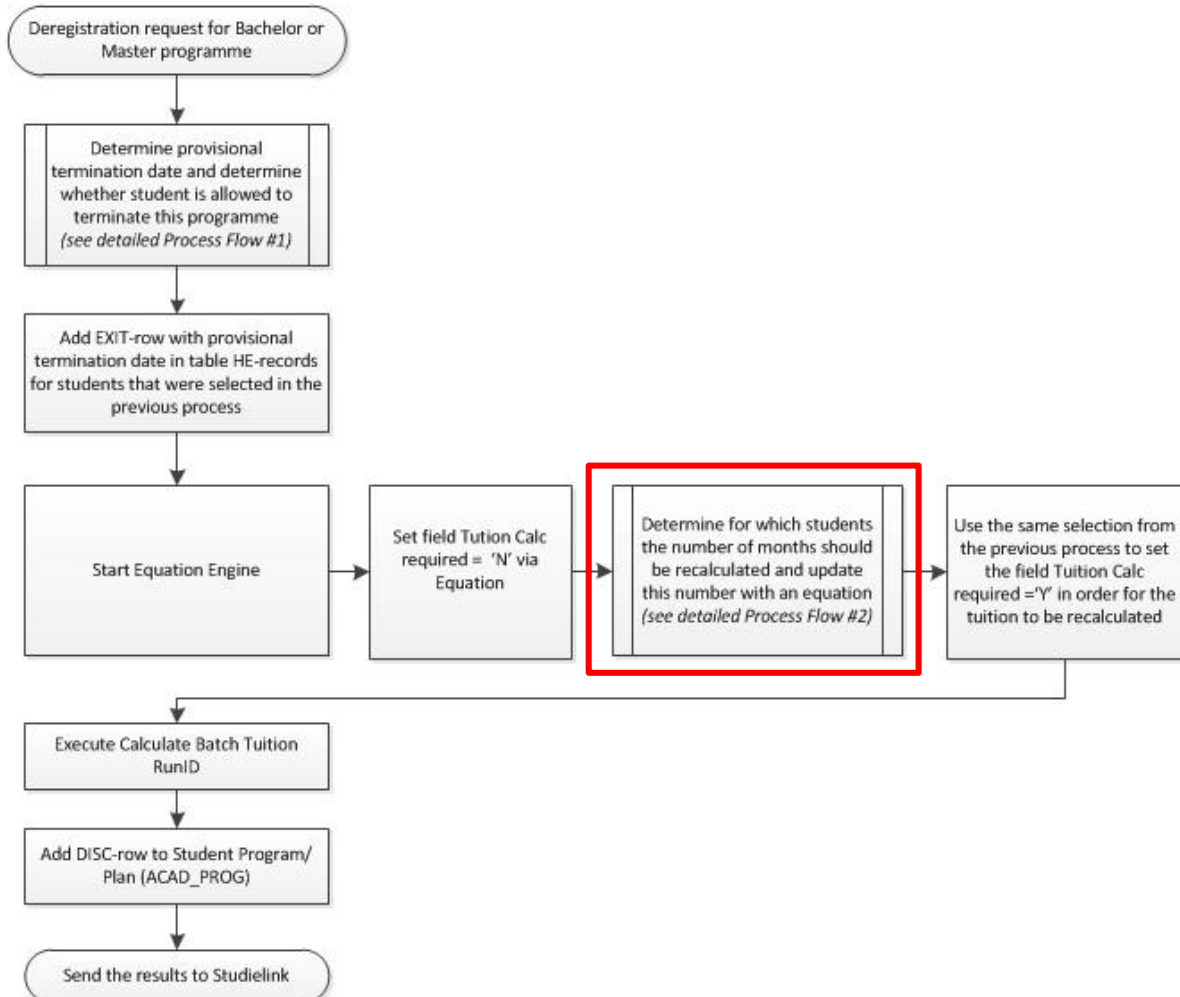
One query that allocates a new programme action called 'EXIT' which defines:

- whether the registration is eligible for automatic termination
- the provisional termination date

One query to monitor all exceptions that need individual attention (manual deregistration)

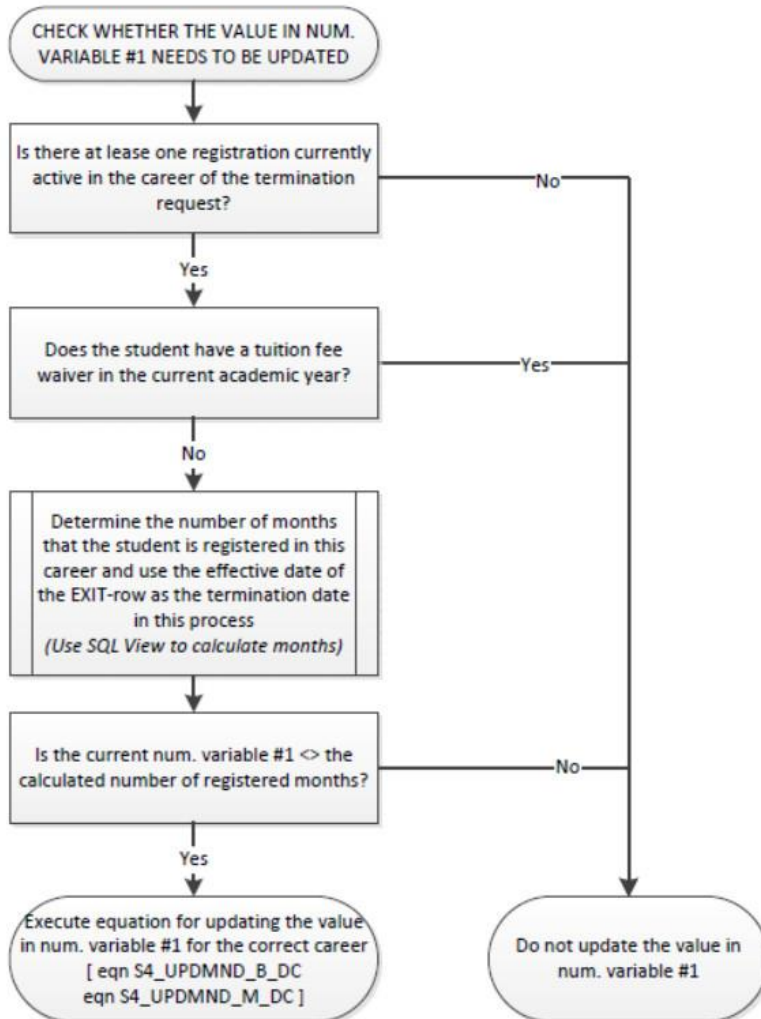
Overall Process flow for automatic deregistration (2017)

Bachelor and Master programmes, Students that are quitting or graduating



Detailed Process Flow: updating Num. Variable #1 (registering number of registered months)

Bachelor/Master



Determining whether an update of the variable is necessary.

If an update is necessary, we need to calculate the correct number of months.

CALCULATION WITH THE HELP OF SQL VIEWS

How to effectively use binary logic and aggregate functions in an SQL View to calculate how many months a student is registered

THE 2016 EXPRESSION

In 2016 we calculated the number of months with the following expression:

```
ROUND((TO_DATE(A.SSR_SL_END_DT_NLD) - TO_DATE(D.EFFDT)) /  
(365/12))
```

This subtracts the start date from the termination date and then divides this by 365/12 and convert this to an integer using the ROUND function.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE 2016 EXPRESSION

It works for a student who is registered for one programme only

It will not work if a student is registered for more than one programme

If programmes do not have overlap it may also work (not always)

In 2016 we needed a different expression for graduating students

→ this was already fixed in 2017 by creating the SQL View with provisional termination dates

CREATING A NEW SQL VIEW USING BINARY LOGIC

A simple way to show student registration by using binary logic:

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Student ID	Year	Career	Car Nbr	M09	M10	M11	M12	M01	M02	M03	M04	M05	M06	M07	M08
1234567	2017	10	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1234567	2017	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0

One expression for each month

Every expression checks the programme status for that month

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By using the Maximum (MAX) function and deleting the field 'career number', we get the overview per career:

Student ID	Year	Career	M09	M10	M11	M12	M01	M02	M03	M04	M05	M06	M07	M08
1234567	2017	10	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0

COMBINING BACHELOR AND MASTER DATA

Multiple careers generate multiple rows:

Student ID	Year	Career	M09	M10	M11	M12	M01	M02	M03	M04	M05	M06	M07	M08	Tuit. Type
1234567	2017	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0 Stat. Fee
1234567	2017	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 Stat. fee

Using a second SQL View and some expressions can combine both rows into one:

Student ID	Year	M09	M10	M11	M12	M01	M02	M03	M04	M05	M06	M07	M08	Tuit. Type	M09	M10	M11	M12	M01	M02	M03	M04	M05	M06	M07	M08	Tuit. Type
1234567	2017	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Stat. Fee	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Stat. Fee

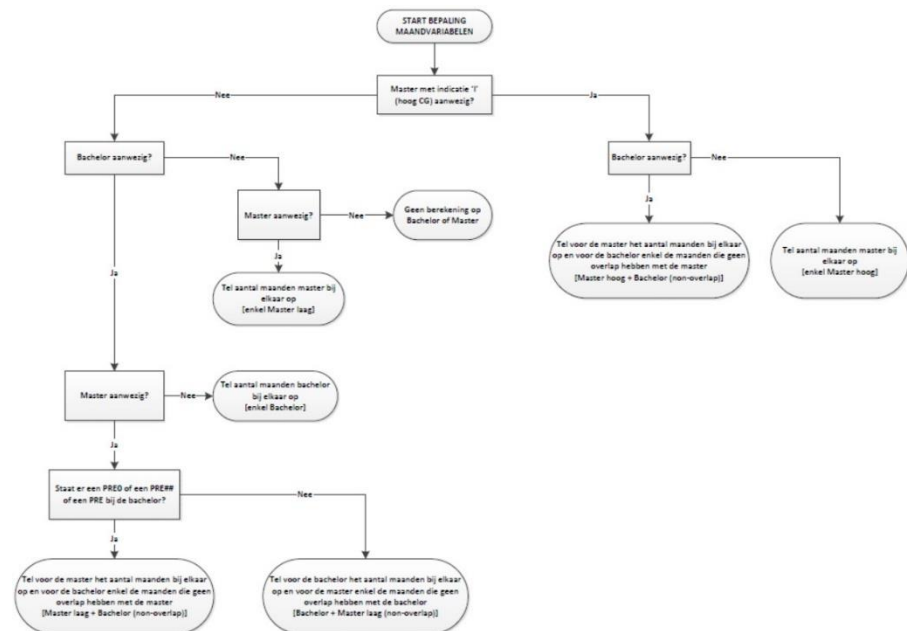
The first sequence of binary fields is representing the Bachelor, the second sequence is representing the Master

COMBINING BACHELOR AND MASTER DATA

Combining the Bachelor and Master data has its own process flow, but we will not discuss this in detail.

Main rule:

Bachelor and Master add up to a maximum of 12 months per academic year.



COMBINING BACHELOR AND MASTER DATA

Again, the second view gives the following output:

Student ID	Year	M09	M10	M11	M12	M01	M02	M03	M04	M05	M06	M07	M08	Tuit. Type	M09	M10	M11	M12	M01	M02	M03	M04	M05	M06	M07	M08	Tuit. Type
1234567	2017	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Stat. Fee	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Stat. Fee

A third and last view counts the months per career and gives the output as follows:

Student ID	Year	Bachelor	Master
1234567	2017	5	7

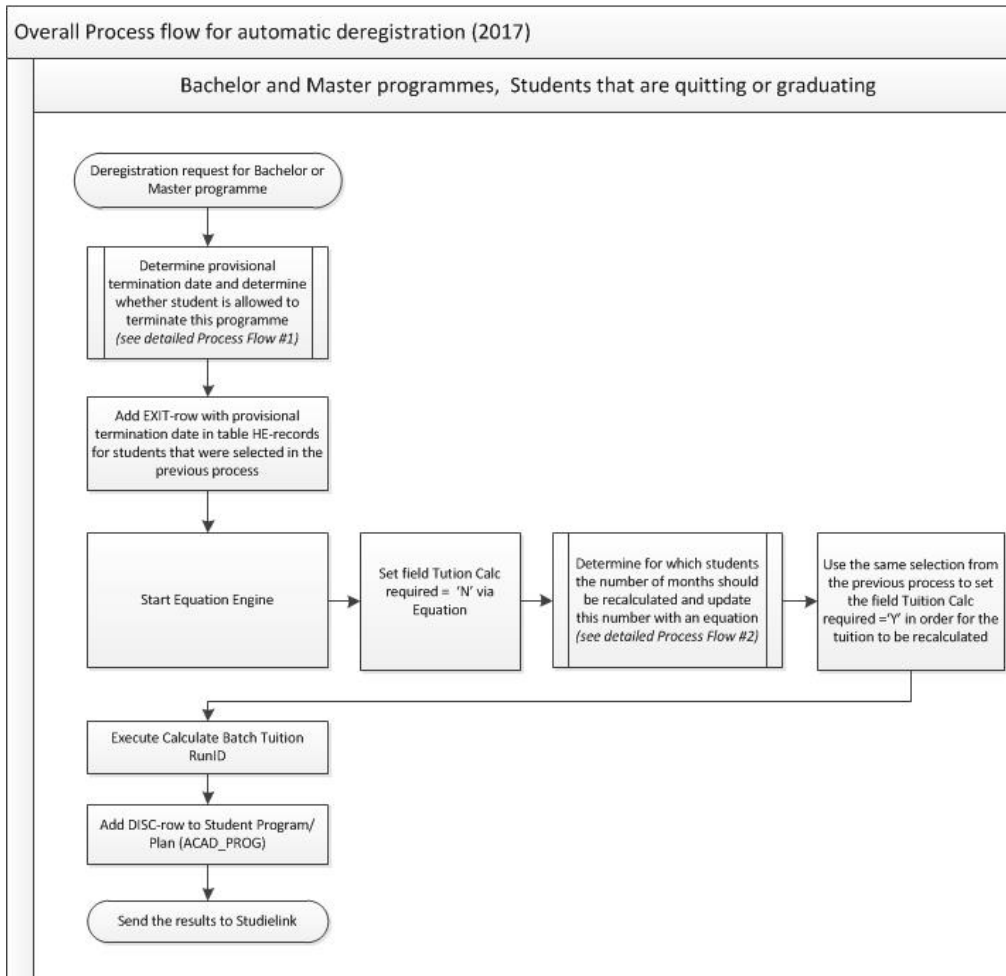
EQUATION ENGINE

We use the Equation Engine to run an Update statement to update the Num. Variable #1

Equation engine performs better than the Population Update Process (SACR > System Utilities) and it needs only one RunID.

Warning: no checks from Component Interface (!)

TRANSLATING THE 2017 PROCESS FLOW...



...TO A JOBSET DEFINITION

The whole process is now easily translated in a JobSet Definition containing 7 steps

Process	Description
Custom App Engine	Add EXIT rows to HE records
Equation Engine	Set TuitCalcReq= 'N'
Equation Engine	Update Num. Variable #1
SFPBCALC	Calculate Student Tuition (Batch)
Custom App Engine	Add DISC rows to Student Program/Plan
Custom App Engine	Delete EXIT rows from HE records
Studielink Process	Send messages to Studielink

EVALUATING THE BUSINESS CASE

- ✓ Batch runtime is avg. 9 minutes every night
- ✓ Waiting time for processing (for students) has drastically improved
- ✓ Every step of the process is visualized, which helps in easy Change Management and troubleshooting
- ✓ By dividing the process into building blocks, it is easy to troubleshoot when issues are reported
- ✓ No Peoplecode adaptations are necessary, everything can be managed by our own department

NOT THE ONLY WAY TO GO

This showcase is just an example of a possible route to follow, it is definitely not the only way

All sorts of complex processes can be divided into smaller pieces, for example by using SQL Views, or temporary data storing as a record in Student Program/Plan, in a Student Group, etc.



CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

ANY QUESTIONS?

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