

The experience of Graduates Tracer Studies at Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG): Design, Implementation and Dissemination of the Results.





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Agenda

- Some data about UVG
- Graduate Tracer Study:
- I. Design
- II. Implementation
- III. Dissemination strategy







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Graduate Tracer Study Design

Main Objectives

- Develop a Graduate Tracer Study for the Engineering Faculty Graduates between 2007 and 2011.
- Develop a permanent methodology for Graduate Tracer Studies at UVG.



Research Questions



- What was the quality of the study experiences and conditions for the UVG Engineering Graduates?
- How was the quality of the services during their Engineering Studies at UVG?
- What were the experiences of the Engineering Graduates during the study work transition?
- What are the relevant elements in the relation between study and work for the UVG Engineering Graduates?
- What types of communication and collaboration want to have the UVG Engineering Graduates with the University?



UVG

LES TOTAL OF

UVG

• More than 8500 graduates

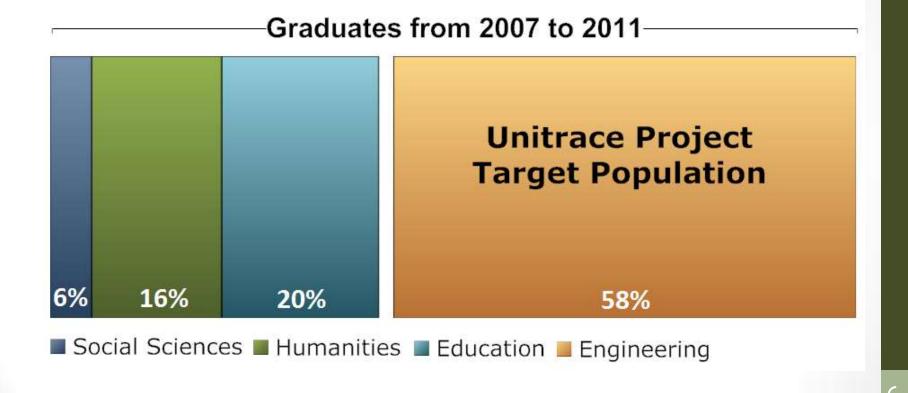
UVG

• Degree studied "Licensee"

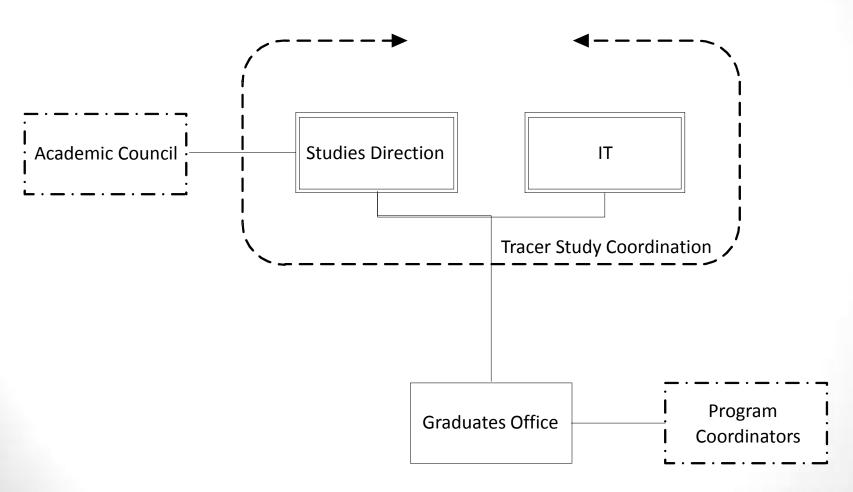
Faculty	Percentage of Graduates
Engineering (Faculty selected)	58
Education	20
Science and Humanities	16
Social Sciences	6

Target Population





UVG Tracer Study Team Organization





Design of the Questionnaire

Egypting or Transfer

63 Questions

283 Variables

7 Areas

A. General Information

B. Study Experiences and Conditions

C. University Services

D. Transition from University to Work

E. Current Work Conditions

F. Relation between Studies and Work

G. Relation with UVG

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Website of the Project



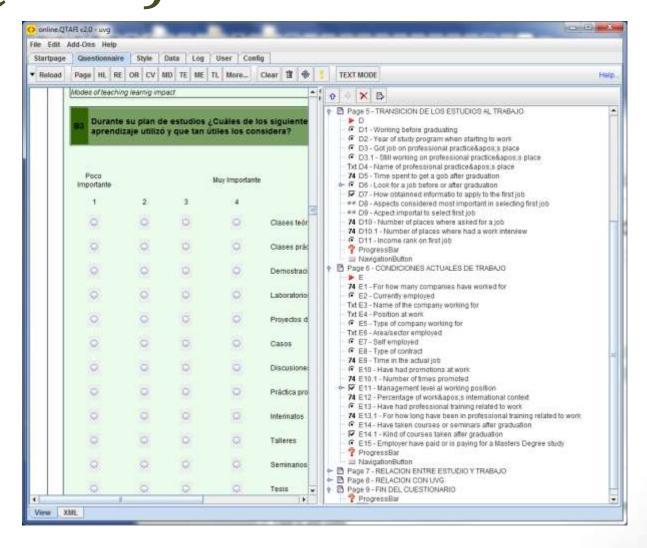


Survey

- The survey was conducted using an OnLine Closed Survey on the University's Website.
- The software used was QTAFI (developed by INCHER-Kassel) for data gathering and it was integrated with the University's Information Systems for the dissemination.



Questionnaire Definition (QTAFI)





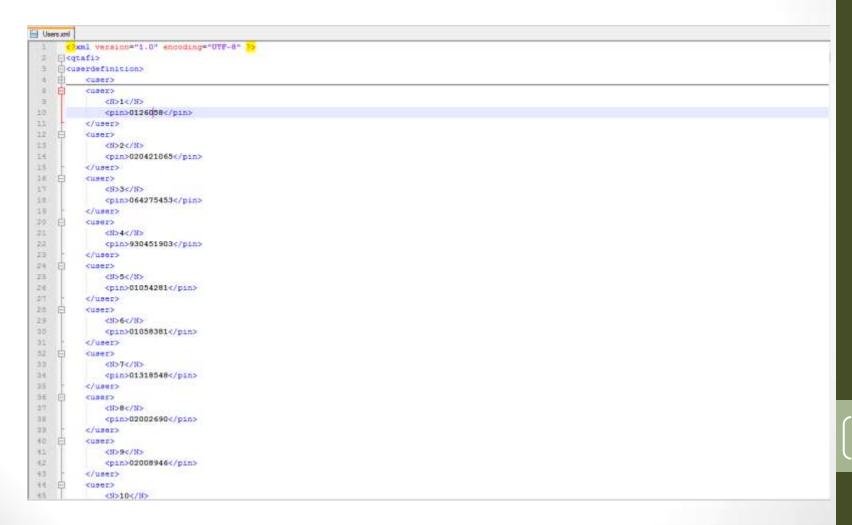
Questionnaire Definition

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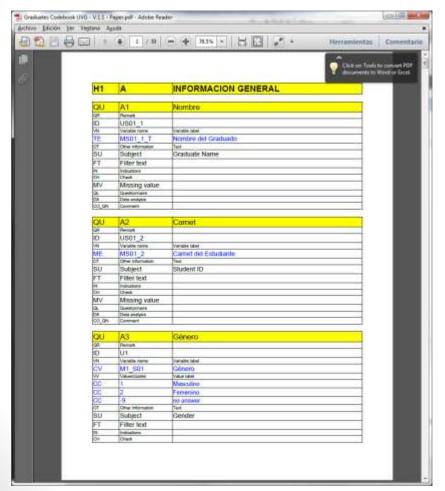
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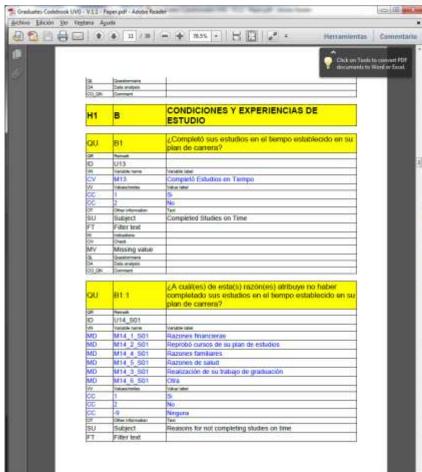


QTAFI User Definition (Generated by UVG System)



Codebook

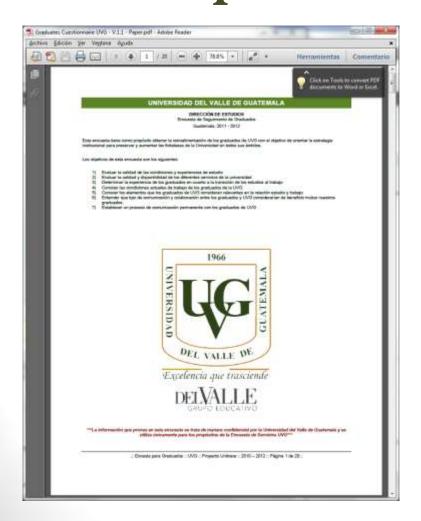


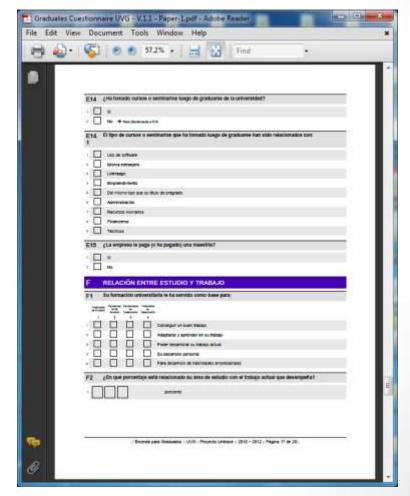




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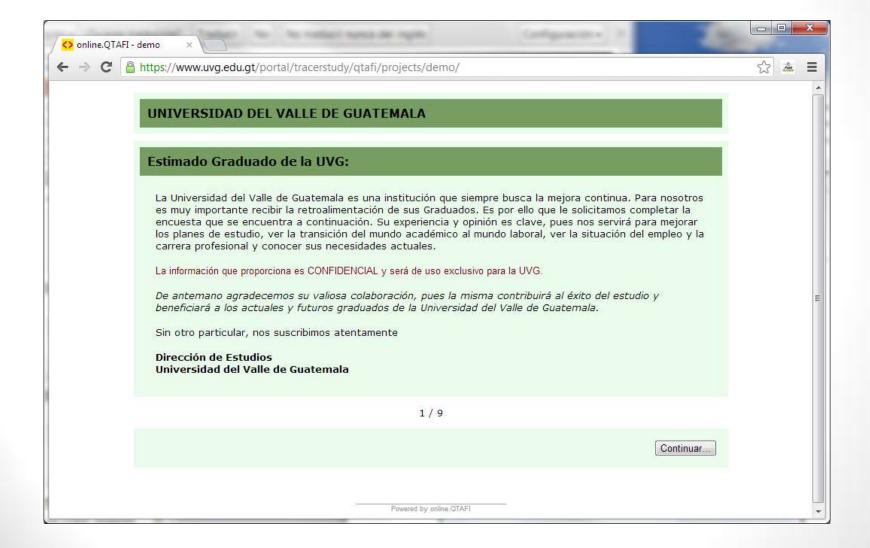
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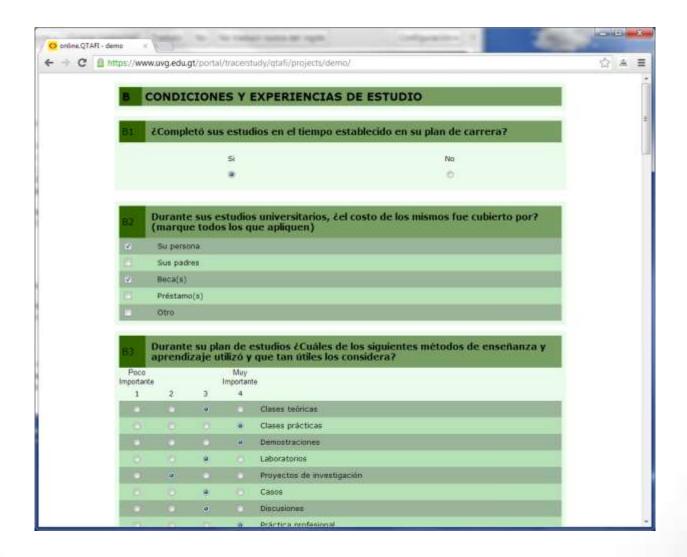


Questionnaire (QTAFI)





Questionnaire (QTAFI) (2)





Graduate Tracer Study Implementation

Response Strategy

- It was implemented using the following tools:
 - University portal and Email,
 - A cover letter,
 - The use of the concept CRM (Customer Relationship Management).
- A CRM open source software is used to enhance the level of control in the activities carried on, not only in the field phase preparation, but also as a tracking information tool during the development of the study.



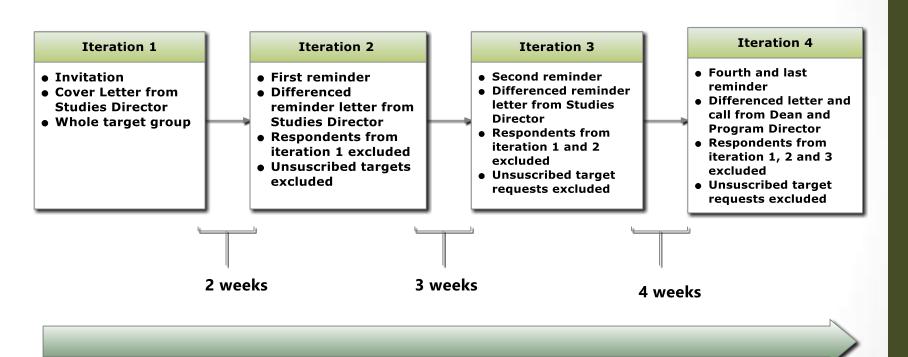
Process

EXPERIMENT OF THE PARTY.

- The survey was conducted using a process that included four iterations (reminders).
- The time between first and second iteration was two weeks, between the second and the third iteration was three weeks, and between the third and the fourth iteration was four weeks.
- It was directed to the graduates that did not respond in the previous iteration.

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TRACER STUDY PHASE CYCLE

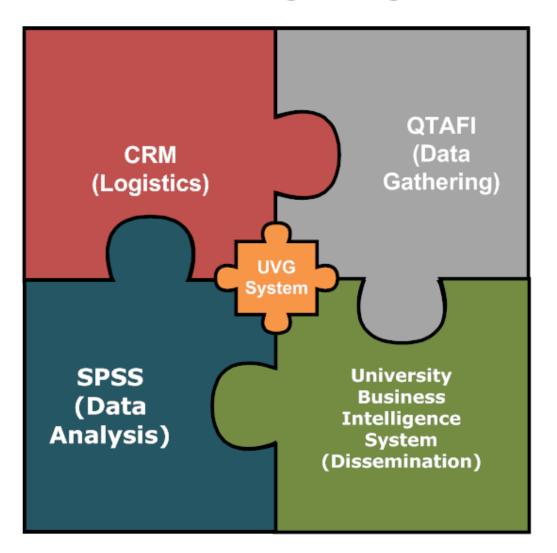


Analysis



 The survey was conducted and the information obtained was analyzed using the SPSS software. Also it was possible to develop some instant reports about the results and the procedure.

Tools Working Together





Field Phase

The graduates were contacted by e-mail. The addresses were obtained from the UVG data base.

- Invitations to participate in the study were send out using Campaigns from the CRM software.
- The Campaign details included:
 - Dates for the campaign.
 - Target list (Graduates to be contacted).
 - Tracker URLs (Register response).
 - Email template (mail merge).
 - Campaign response progress monitoring.
 - Incident management



Invitation Email



UVG - Invitación a participar en Estudio de Seguimiento de Graduados

Universidad del Valle de Guatemala «no-reply@ung.edu.gt» Reply-To. Oficina de Graduados UVG «graduados@ung.edu.gt» To. "LKL. PAVEL VOHN STEPHANT «pystephan@gmail.com» Thu, May 24, 2012 at 6:33 AM



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De antemano agradocemos su valiosa colaboración, pues la misma contribuirá al éxito del estudio y beneficiará a los actuales y futuros graduados de la Universidad del Valle de Guatemala y consecuentemente el prestigio de los graduados de UVG en el mercado laboral.

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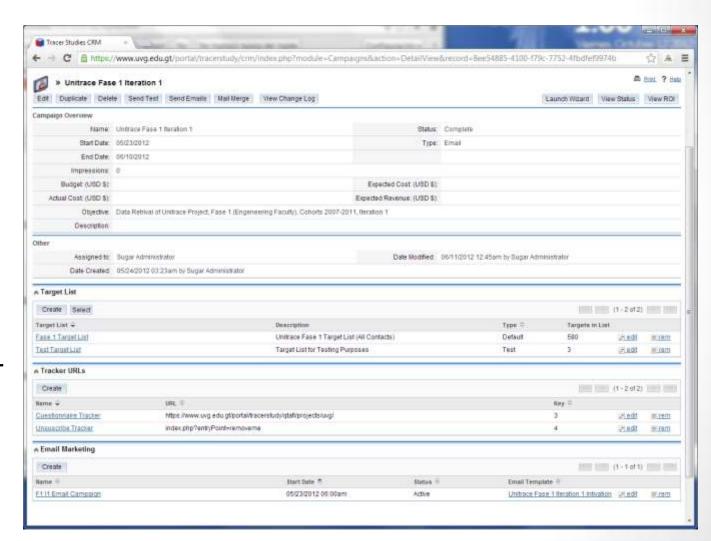


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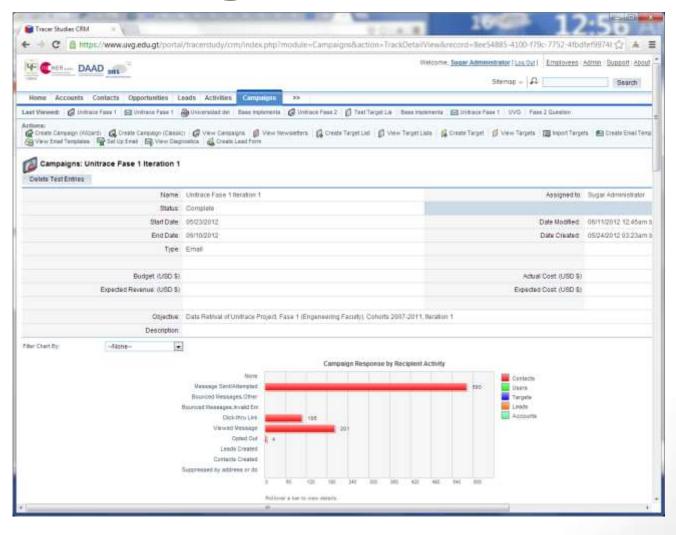
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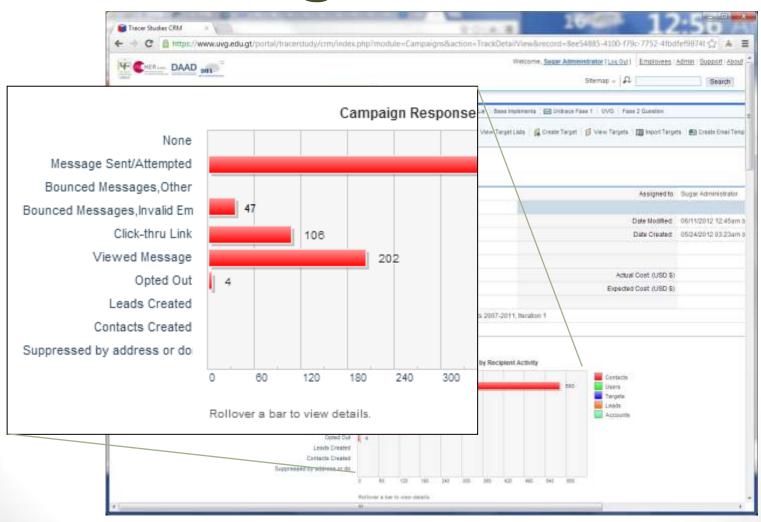


Campaign Response Monitoring





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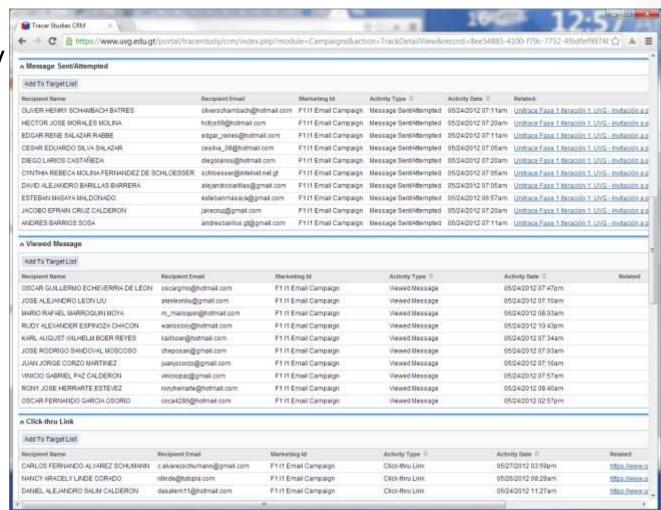
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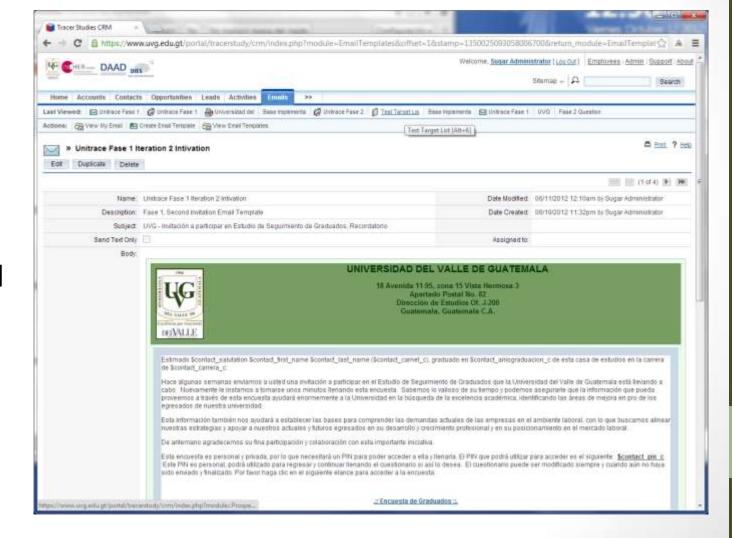
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Email Template



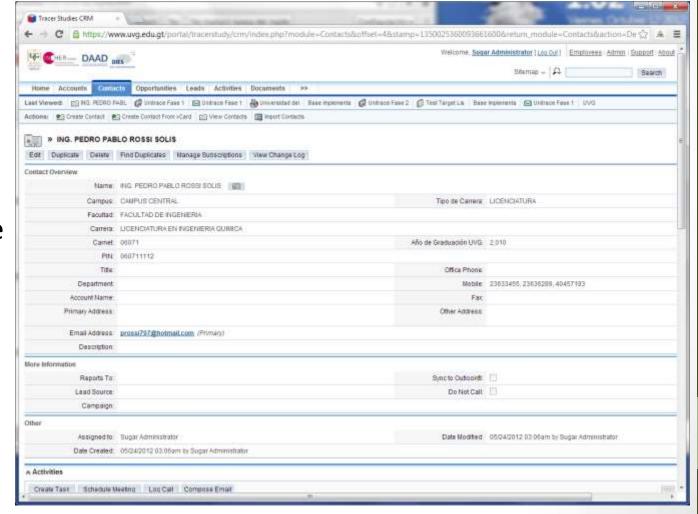
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Target Details



Data from the graduate

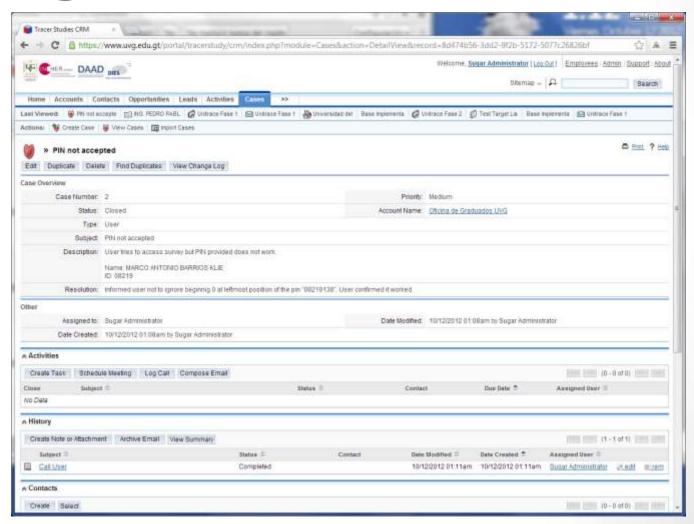


Case (Incident) Management

Case overview

Activities

History





Automation of Relevant Process Areas

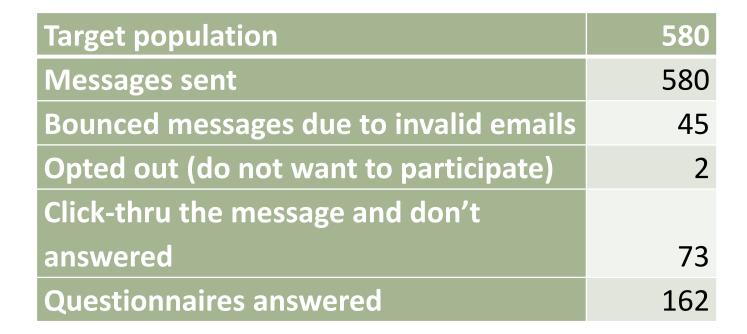
Area	Tool
Obtain target contact information	UVG System Integration with CRM
Validation of contact information	UVG System
Generation of PIN for QTAFI Closed Survey	UVG System Integration with QTAFI
Mass mailing of invitations	CRM Software
Electronic questionnaire data gathering	QTAFI
Continuous monitoring of response	CRM Software
Incident and support management	CRM Software
Complement questionnaire data with additional information to analyze	UVG BI* System –QTAFI
Generation of ready to use indicators (process and results)	UVG BI* System – QTAFI

Response

- A net response rate of 30% from the total valid email addresses using the CRM concept and the Online survey.
- Only about 8% of the addresses were bounced.
- The response rate increased in 11% from one iteration to another one.
- Less than 1% indicated than they don't want to participate in the survey.



Response (2)





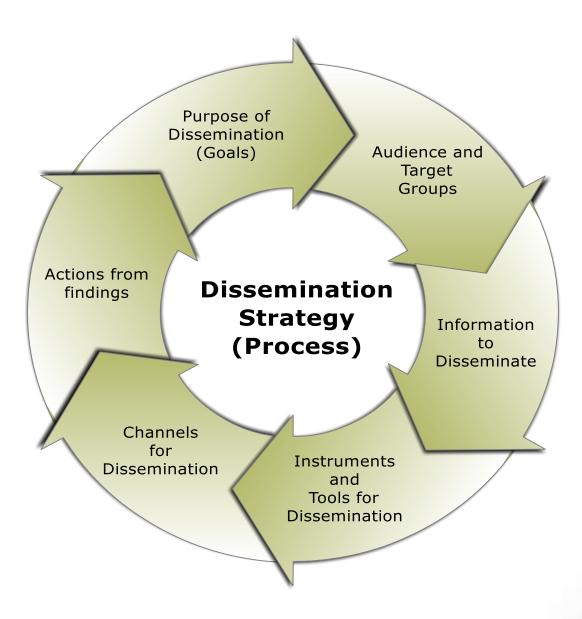
Graduate Tracer Study Dissemination of results

Strategy

- Purpose (goals)
- Audience and target groups
- Information to disseminate
- Instruments and tools for dissemination
- Channels for dissemination
- Actions for findings

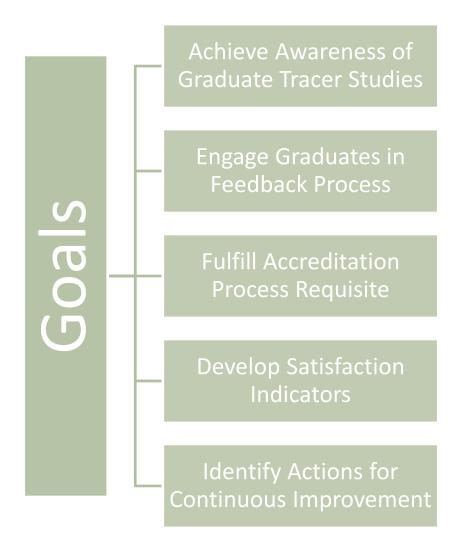
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Dissemination



Dissemination (Purpose)





Dissemination (Audience)



Graduates / Employers /
Potential Students /
Funding Bodies /
Accreditation Agencies

For Awareness



For Knowledge Scientific Community / Other Universities / National – International Context

Audience

Academic Council / Program Directors / Quality Committee

For Understanding



Program Directors / Academic Council / Provost / Strategic Planning Office



For Action

Dissemination (Audience 2)



Internal

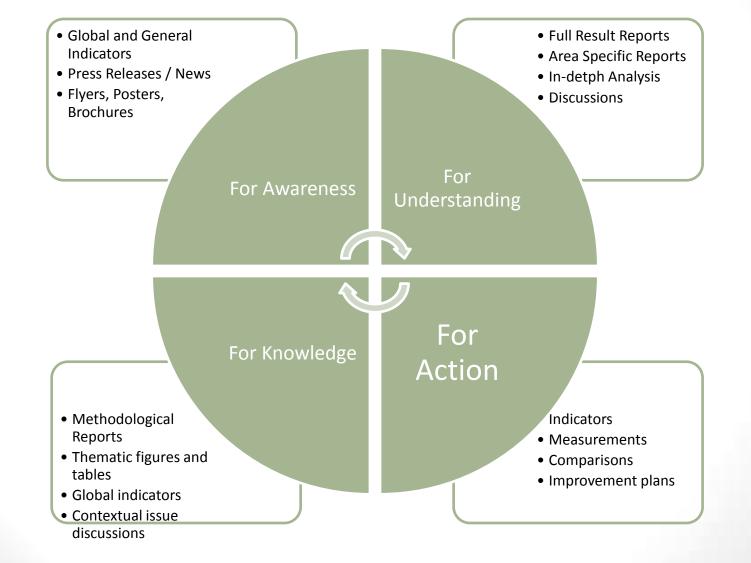
- Academic Council
- Program Directors
- **Quality Commitee**
- Strategic Planning Office

External

- Graduates
- **Prospect Students**
- Accreditation Agencies
- Funding Bodies

Dissemination (Information)





Dissemination (Information Examples)

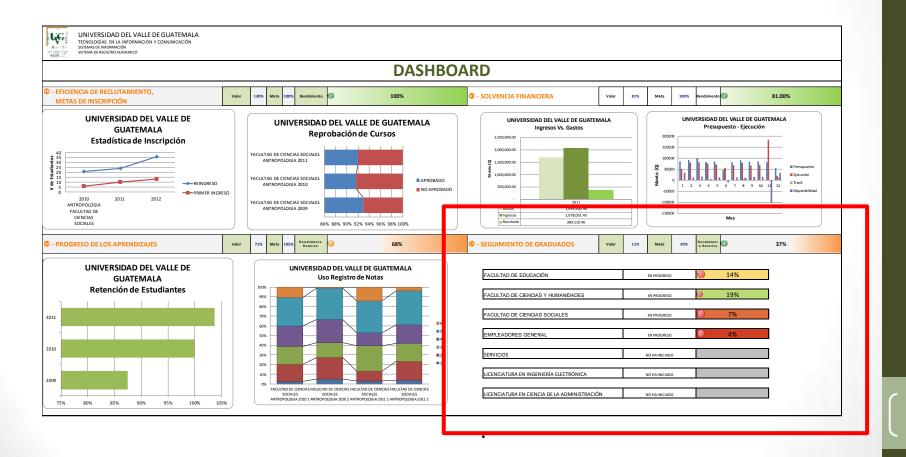
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Dissemination (Information Examples)

- Printed material
- Speeches and presentations
- Intranet
- Web page
- Target driven availability of indicators in Business Intelligence Platform and Reporting
- University magazine publication of selected results
- Dashboard
- Full Report
- **Tables**
- **Figures**



Tracer Studies in University Dashboard



Dissemination (Channels)



Physical

- Reports
- Flyers
- **Promotional**

Electronic

- Websites
- RSS Channels
- Forums, blogs, podcasts

Collaborative

- Journals
- Conferences
- Panel discussions

Dissemination (Actions)





Actions for Improvement!

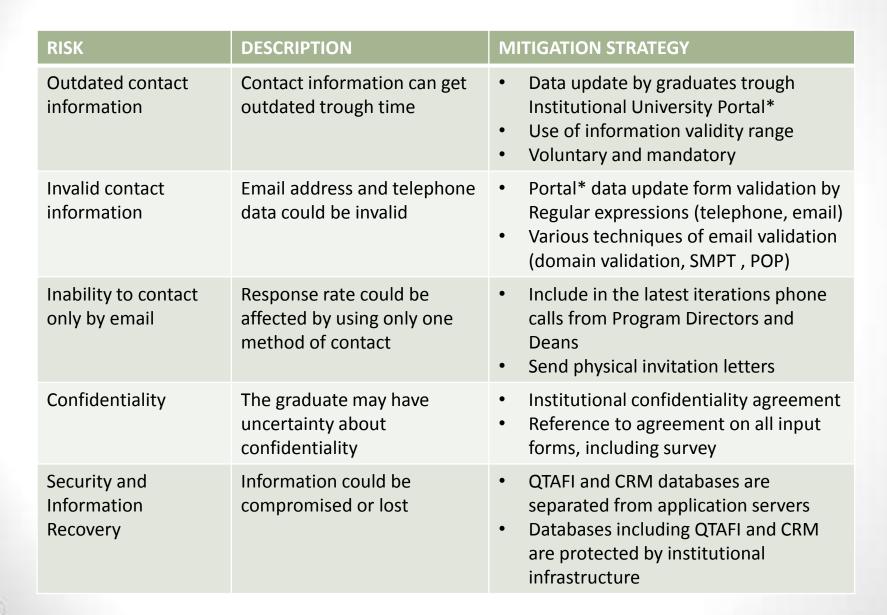
- Curricular Revisions
- Profile adjustment
- Methods for teaching
- Staff development
- Infrastructure
- Priorities

General Results for the Implementation of the Project

- It was possible to integrated different systems.
- It was developed a set of indicators that gave us a characterization of the graduates.
- The automation of the processes gave us the opportunity to manage many tasks and we used an open software.
- A permanent methodology was developed for this topic at UVG.



Risks Identified



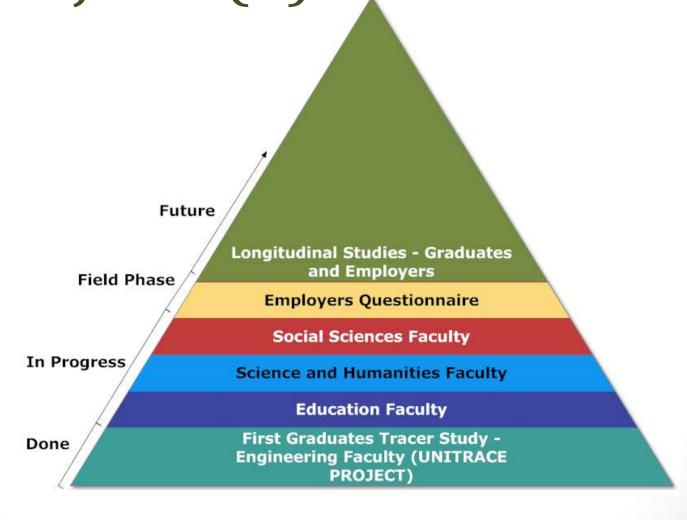


Present and Future Projects



- After finishing this project, we started a new process in which are included the following aspects:
- Implementation of Graduate tracer studies for other Faculties of the University.
- Implementation of an Employer's survey.
- Implementation of a longitudinal study for Graduates.

Present and Future Projects (2)



Conclusions

- It is possible to conduct a Graduated Tracer Study using automation methodologies, integrating systems and using a low budget if it's well planned.
- A permanent methodology has been developed in this topic at UVG.
- It is possible to use the methodology developed to do national studies.
- It is necessary to use other tools to increase the respond rate, this can be done by using telephone call or other kind of messages. However this also can be done using CRM as support tool.



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Thanks for your attention!











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