Continuing Studies Database

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What is Continuing Studies?

● Continuing Studies
  – Provides opportunities for working individuals
  – Several different opportunities for degrees
    ● Allied Health
    ● Organizational Leadership
    ● Church Leadership
    ● Engineering Management
What is Continuing Studies?

- BSOL LAUNCH Program
  - Allows for completion of degree in as little as 18 months
  - Qualifications for Entry
    - two + years of college credit
    - two years of relevant work experience
  - Students go through 14 courses to complete the major
Dilemma

- Continuing Studies Department
  - Currently uses a combination of
    - Excel
    - Word
    - Pen and Paper
    - Several legal pads of information
  - Have systems in place to
    - Determine potential student excitement
    - Determine how many times a student has been contacted, but no way to automate it
What they needed

- A replacement of their current Excel “database”
- The students were contacted a number of times
  - Needed ability to track which students have received what information
  - Wanted an easier way to send this information to the potential students
Solution to the Dilemma

- Coldfusion with an Access database
  - Union could host the site and database
  - Allow the staff the option of accessing their information off site
  - Allow for the ultimate in usability and almost no learning curve
  - Streamline their process of determining student interest
Difficulties in the Project

- Login and verification of who accessed the website
- Design aspect of the website
Relational Database

- The relational database was somewhat difficult to implement
- Linking tables?
- How I was going to display the data from the database?