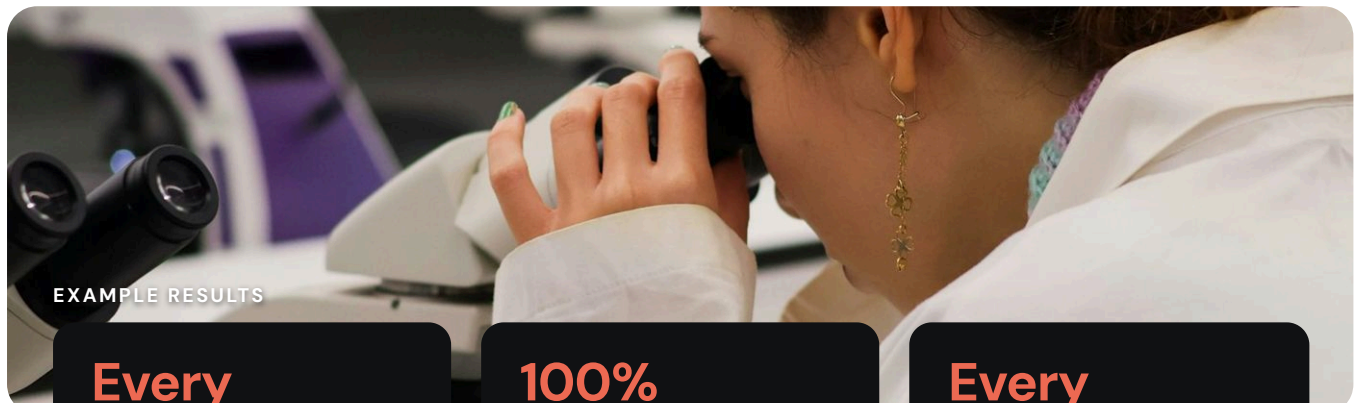


Education

Example scenario

How a university manages shared research equipment with Asset Infinity

A research university books shared instruments, checks portable equipment out to labs, keeps calibration and service history on every instrument and depreciates equipment by department.



EXAMPLE RESULTS

- Every** shared instrument bookable from one calendar
- 100%** of calibrated instruments on a date-based calibration plan
- Every** piece of equipment depreciated against its owning department

AT A GLANCE

EXAMPLE TYPE

Research university, core facilities

EXAMPLE SIZE

25 departments, 2,500 research instruments

EXAMPLE SHARED

120 bookable instruments in core labs

PREVIOUSLY

Booking spreadsheets, department asset lists

FEATURES USED

Site services

Assets

Maintenance

Finance

01 The organization

A research university runs core facilities with shared microscopes, spectrometers, centrifuges and sequencers, alongside equipment owned by each department and research group.

Researchers from many labs use the same instruments, portable equipment moves between labs, and finance must depreciate equipment by department, often against the grant that paid for it.

02 The challenge

Each core facility keeps its own booking spreadsheet, and departments keep their own asset lists. Calibration is tracked by whoever runs the instrument.

- Double bookings and idle instruments go unnoticed.
- Portable equipment borrowed by a lab is hard to find later.
- Calibration certificates are kept in different folders by different people.
- Service history leaves with the staff member who knew it.
- Finance reconciles department asset lists by hand at year end.

03 How it is set up in Asset Infinity

The university keeps one register of research equipment in Asset Infinity, with bookings, check-outs, calibration and depreciation recorded on each item.

Site services

Instrument bookings

Shared instruments are bookable by researchers, so the facility manager sees who uses each instrument and when, without double bookings.

Assets

Check-out to labs

Portable equipment is checked out to a lab or researcher by scanning its label, with a due date, and checked back in on return.

Maintenance

Calibration and service plans

Date-based plans raise calibration and service work orders. Certificates and service reports are attached to each instrument's record.

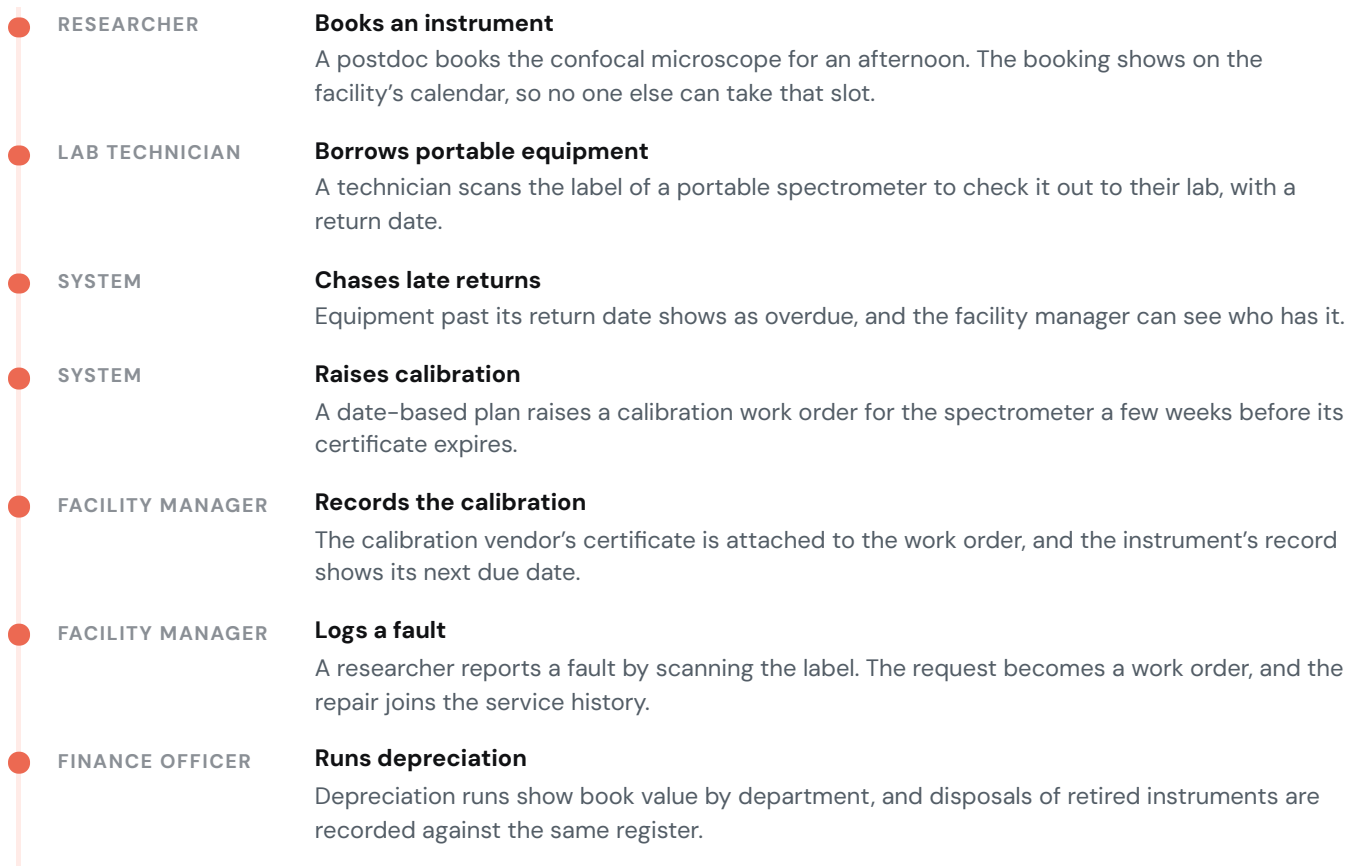
Finance

Depreciation by department

Each instrument carries its owning department, cost and useful life, and depreciation runs report book value by department.

04 How it works day to day

Here is how an instrument is used, borrowed, calibrated and accounted for.



05 Before and after

	BEFORE	WITH ASSET INFINITY
Booking	A spreadsheet per facility	Bookings on each instrument
Borrowed equipment	Hard to find later	Checked out with a borrower and due date
Calibration	Tracked by whoever runs it	Date-based plans with certificates attached
Service history	Kept in people's heads	Recorded on each instrument
Depreciation	Department lists reconciled by hand	Runs by department from one register
Utilization	Unknown	Bookings by instrument and lab

06 The first month

1

Department lists combined. Each department's asset list was imported into one register with owning department and cost.

2

Core instruments labeled. Shared and portable instruments were labeled and opened for booking and check-out.

3

Calibration plans set. Facility managers turned calibration intervals into date-based plans and attached current certificates.

07 Example results

- Facility managers see bookings by instrument and lab, and which instruments sit idle.
- Borrowed equipment has a named borrower and a due date.
- An instrument's calibration certificates and service reports are on its record.
- Year-end book values by department come from the same register researchers use.

08 Why it worked

One register for science and finance

The record a researcher books is the same one finance depreciates, so the two lists never drift apart.

History that stays

Calibration and service records live on the instrument, so they survive staff turnover.

Usage you can show

Booking data shows how heavily each instrument is used, which supports decisions on replacement and funding.

09 Looking ahead

With bookings, check-outs, calibration and depreciation on one record per instrument, the university's core facilities and finance team work from the same list of equipment.

Usage and service history also give the university evidence when it decides which instruments to replace, share more widely or include in the next grant application.

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