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BACKGROUND

- ★ Students demand more studying space
- ★ Previous layout was found to be inefficient and plans were made for library revamp
- ★ “Finance and Financial Markets” is an Area of Excellence at SMU
- ★ Investment Studio was an opportunity to create a dedicated space facilitating finance research

INFORMATION LITERACY

- ▣ A space for experiential learning
- ▣ Students gain exposure to, and get hands-on experience with a large range of financial and business databases
- ▣ Prepares students for the workplace, where different companies may have access to only selected databases
- ▣ Collaboration with faculty: bridges the gap between theory and real world
- ▣ Teaching space for small groups of students

ENGAGEMENT

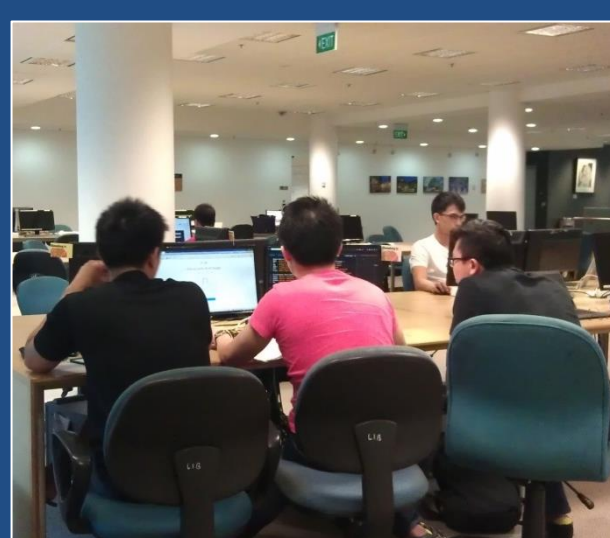
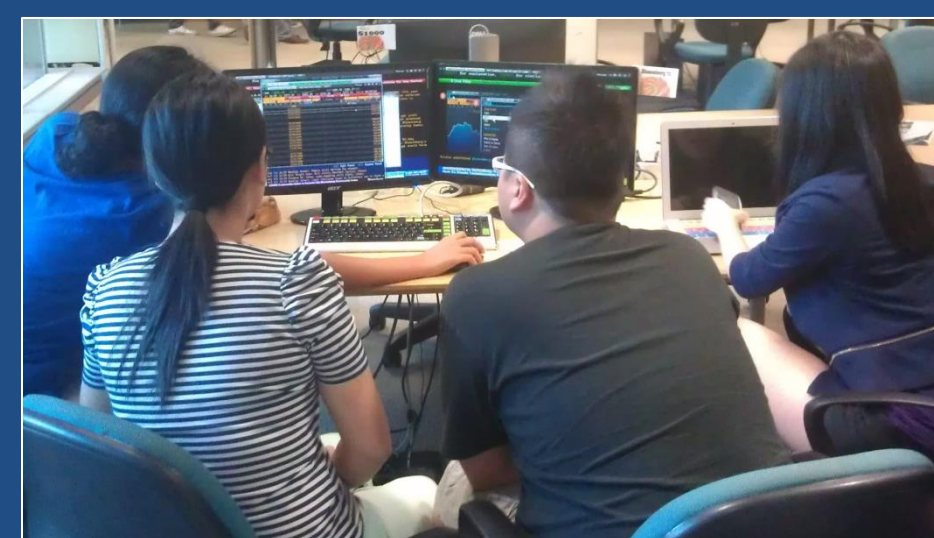
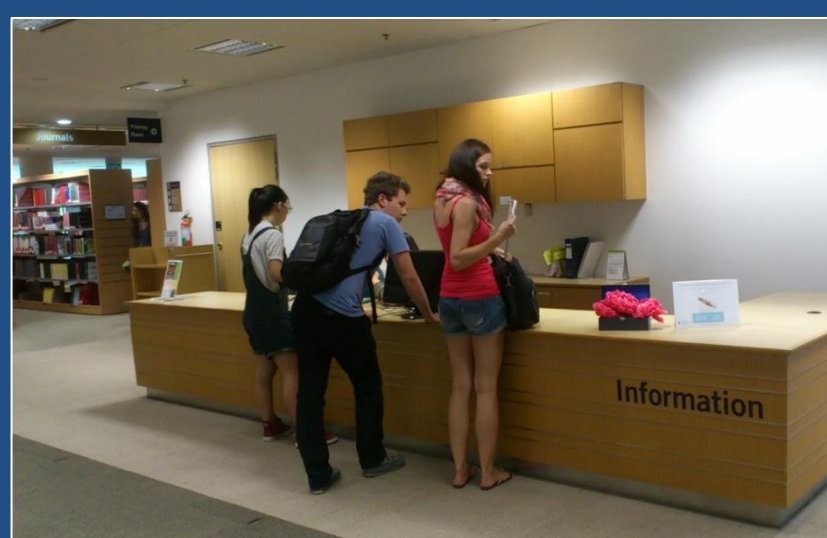
- ☁ Student investment groups
- ☁ Business and Accounting faculty
- ☁ Database vendors
- ☁ Career Centre

CHALLENGES

- ✓ Encouraging usage vs Managing demand
- ✓ Current size and future expansion
- ✓ Funding for more databases

BEFORE

- Students tended to cluster around the terminals
- Difficult to identify financial terminals
- Large space on level 3 used for Information Desk



AFTER

- 3 large collaboration tables and 3 individual carrels
- 23-inch screens for better display of financial data
- “Show Me” video-switching system for projection

