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## **Katana Brings Education Content to Sakai Open Source LMS**

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Sakai, a popular open source learning management system, is adding content from McGraw-Hill Higher Education to its repertoire of educational tools. Through a technology called Katana, developed by McGraw-Hill Learning Solutions and The ETUDES Consortium, Sakai users will be able to tap directly into McGraw-Hill's electronic learning resources, including online courses, digital media, and curricula.

Katana provides a method for delivering McGraw-Hill content within the Sakai platform. It's based on the Melete Lesson Builder code developed by ETUDES and allows users to receive and display the content directly within the Sakai environment.

"We are excited that McGraw-Hill has developed Katana and is becoming increasingly active in the Sakai community," said Michael Korcuska, executive director of the Sakai Foundation, in a statement released Friday. "By developing a necessary tool to enable the easy distribution of high-quality educational content directly within Sakai, McGraw-Hill is providing additional options for enhancing the online learning experience. I'm sure the Sakai community will find many ways to use these new choices to improve the online learning experience for students and faculty."

Katana is available online now for Sakai 2.4 and 2.5. Downloads, documentation, and further information can be found [here](#).

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