



## Sakai Newsletter

December 3, 2009

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### 1. From the Executive Director

As you know, we unveiled a new version of the Sakai website about a month ago. We also know that more and more organizations are looking at Sakai as an alternative to their current course management system. Between these two factors, traffic on the Sakai website is up substantially from a year earlier. With the help of Google analytics, total visits to the Sakai site are 33% higher this year as compared to the same period last year. Visitor time on site and total pages viewed are also up, providing some evidence that the new site is easier to navigate and providing better information. Google remains the largest source of traffic, although Wikipedia is also an important source (so if anyone wants to spiff up our Wikipedia page it would be appreciated!). In raw numbers, the Sakai website gets over 1000 visitors every weekday.

If you haven't taken a look at the site, I'd encourage you to do so ([www.sakaiproject.org](http://www.sakaiproject.org)). And if you'd like to help us improve it please get in touch with Sakai Communication Manager Pieter Hartsook ([hartsook@sakaifoundation.org](mailto:hartsook@sakaifoundation.org)).

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## 2. QA Testing Season for 2.7 is Open

It is QA season again for the 2.7 release and I am looking for people to actively help out.

If you are interested you can sign up for the 2.7 cycle at:  
<http://confluence.sakaiproject.org/display/QA/QA+Testers+Wall>

Testing and coordination resources can be found under:  
<http://confluence.sakaiproject.org/display/QA/2.7.0+Changes>

A list of active QA server are mentioned at:  
<http://confluence.sakaiproject.org/display/QA/QA+Servers+-+Sakai+2.7>

If you want to help out with testing and this is the first time, you may think that the process is daunting. You are always welcome to contact me directly for a quiet chat. Your help is most welcome.

Rutgers will be donating some QA resources for December and January. On behalf of the Sakai Foundation I would like to thank them for their efforts.

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## 3. Announcing the Kual Open Library Environment

The Kual Foundation, Inc., is pleased to announce that a group of leading academic research libraries is partnering in the Kual Open Library Environment (OLE)

(pronounced Oh-LAY) project to develop software created specifically for the complex business management and workflow operations of academic and research libraries.

To read more, please visit: <http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/12589.html>

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#### 4. The Product Council and 2.7

On Wednesday, November 26, the Product Council gathered to reach its first set of decisions: what new tools and capabilities were ready to go forward into the 2.7 release.

The discussion was primed ahead of time on the public management email list, data collected in the wiki, and a final consensus achieved on a phone call. The following tools/capabilities will be going into the release:

- Site Stats
- Basic LTI portlet
- Conditional Release (but with functionality disabled by default, to give more time for tools to participate in its service)

At the same time Profile2 was given two more weeks to address concerns about broader institutional support and the implications of its TinyURLService.

See the announcement at: <http://sakaiproject.org/blogs/khomotso/product-council-and-27>

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#### 5. Connexions Conference 2010

Connexions is pleased to announce the second annual Connexions Conference in Houston, Texas on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Connexions Conference 2010 will give you the opportunity to build relationships with others in the Connexions/Open Education Resources family, be they users, authors, endorsing agencies or funders. Connexions Conference 2010 will have sessions on content projects from both major content producers as well as grassroots content projects. The Conference will have sessions discussing both broad and specific technical issues including the new branding opportunities on Connexions. There will also be sessions about the new installable

version of the Connexions' software, Enterprise Rhaptos, which will allow you to run your own version of Connexions' software. Finally, there will be sessions on the general state of OER.

Additional information about the conference can be found at:

<http://cnxconference.rice.edu/>

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## 6. Sakai Security Policy Reminder

A friendly reminder from the Sakai Security Work Group (WG): should you encounter what you consider to be a security vulnerability in Sakai software please refrain from discussing the issue on any public listserv, blog or other open communication channel.

Instead, you should contact immediately the Sakai Foundation at the following address:

[security@sakaifoundation.org](mailto:security@sakaifoundation.org)

Your concerns will be forwarded immediately to the Security WG for review and action.

Be sure to include a phone number in case the Security WG feels it necessary to contact you directly.

This ban on open discussion covers all public Sakai lists. Do not discuss potential or actual security-related issues regarding Sakai. Doing so risks compromising the security of several hundred Sakai installations. Instead, email your concerns to [security@sakaifoundation.org](mailto:security@sakaifoundation.org).

I should also note that Sakai integrates with many third-party applications. Given this reality and the potential for third-security vulnerabilities to impact Sakai, I strongly urge that the Sakai Community refrain from discussing publicly ANY alleged or actual software security vulnerabilities on list. Again, if you have a concern regarding security send an email to [security@sakaifoundation.org](mailto:security@sakaifoundation.org).

You can download and review our security polices here:

Sakai Security Policy  
<http://sakaiproject.org/sites/default/files/sakai-security-policy-v3dot1.pdf>

Cheers,

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## 7. Recent Email Group Discussions

[Building Sakai] **truncation of uploads**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-truncation-of-uploads-td4113973.html#a4113973>

[Building Sakai] **Assignments dependency**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Assignments-dependency-td4087329.html#a4087329>

[Announcements] **Kernel 1.1.0-beta05 released**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Kernel-1-1-0-beta05-released-td4112186.html#a4112186>

[Building Sakai] **Recovering a deleted exam and its gradebook entries**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Recovering-a-deleted-exam-and-its-gradebook-entries-td4100565.html#a4100624>

[Building Sakai] **Location of IMS QTI DTDs for import**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Location-of-IMS-QTI-DTDs-for-import-td4101254.html#a4101254>

[Building Sakai] **Locale of Email Template**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Locale-of-Email-Template-td4103899.html#a4103899>

[Building Sakai] **Adding group management capabilities to entitybroker: SAK-17471**

<http://n2.nabble.com/forum/Search.jtp?query=Locale+of+Email+Template&daterange=0&forum=1343168&startdate=&enddate=>

[Building Sakai] **can't find javax mail 1.4.3**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-How-to-send-a-email-td4056415i20.html#a4099086>

[Building Sakai] **Postem org.apache.commons.fileupload maven build error in tagged 2.6.1 check out**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Postem-org-apache-commons-fileupload-maven->

[build-error-in-tagged-2-6-1-check-out-td4096534.html#a4096534](http://n2.nabble.com/build-error-in-tagged-2-6-1-check-out-td4096534.html#a4096534)

[Building Sakai] **LDAP + auth**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-LDAP-auth-td4090619.html#a4090619>

[Building Sakai] **Is there a profile Picture URL for users in Sakai?**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Building-Sakai-Is-there-a-profile-Picture-URL-for-users-in-Sakai-td4079555.html#a4079555>

[DG: Teaching & Learning] **Report Out > Sakai Teaching and Learning Group Update**

<http://n2.nabble.com/DG-Teaching-Learning-Report-Out-Sakai-Teaching-and-Learning-Group-Update-td4134338.html#a4134338>

[DG: Teaching & Learning] [DG: User Experience] **Leading Design**

<http://n2.nabble.com/DG-Teaching-Learning-Leading-Design-td4029295.html#a4029295>

[DG: Teaching & Learning] **learning capability requirements at CSU**

<http://n2.nabble.com/DG-Teaching-Learning-learning-capability-requirements-at-CSU-td4102692.html#a4102692>

[Portfolio] **Portfolios 3.0 and Wizards**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Portfolio-Portfolios-3-0-and-Wizards-td4139528.html#a4139528>

[Building Sakai] **OSP Production experience**

<http://n2.nabble.com/Deploying-Sakai-OSP-Production-experience-td4065377.html#a4065377>

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## 8. Events

Connexions Conference 2010

February 2, 2010

Houston, Texas

<http://cnxconference.rice.edu/>

Jasig 2010 Ten Years of Open Source Innovation

March 8-10, 2010

The Town and Country Resort

San Diego, California

<http://www.ja-sig.org/conferences/10spring/index.html>

11th Sakai Annual Conference

Date and Time:

Tuesday - Thursday, June 15-17, 2010

Pre-conference sessions: Monday, June 14, 2010

Hyatt Regency Tech Center

Denver, Colorado

<http://sakaiproject.org/annual-conference>