



Sakai Newsletter

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1. The 2011 Sakai Los Angeles Conference Begins Next Week!

If you are unable to attend, you can read about all the conference sessions here:

<https://www.concentra-cms.com/program/Sakai/2011-sakai-conference/>

As in the past, many or most of the sessions will be recorded for viewing after the conference. Details to follow.

More information about the conference can be found at: <http://sakaiproject.org/sakai-conference-2011>

2. Reminder: Sakai CLE Project Coordination Meetings in L.A.

Colleagues,

Quick reminder that the Sakai CLE Project Coordination meeting in L.A. is scheduled for Sunday, June 12th.

Date: June 12, 2011

Time: 9:00AM -6:00 PM

Place: Santa Anita BC room in Westin Bonaventure Hotel

Boxed lunches will be graciously provided by the Sakai Foundation.

The CLE Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) has set a focused agenda so we can comprehensively cover important topics.

Topics on the agenda include:

- Planning & Road Map (2.9.0 & 2.10.0)
- CLE Development/Design/Testing Resources
- Build Process & Release Cycles
- Documentation (Wiki & JIRA) Cleanup

An hour has been set aside at the end of the meeting for information sharing and brief discussion. This time will be broken into segments no longer than 10 minutes each. Please contact Beth or Megan if you are interested in a slice of this time.

Please let us know if you will be attending by adding your name to:
<https://confluence.sakaiproject.org/x/vAV6B>

Hope to see you there!
Megan & Beth

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3. Turnitin Birds of a Feather Discussion at the L.A. Sakai Conference

Is your institution using Turnitin integration with Sakai? Are you interested in the latest version and the integration with Assignments 2.0?

Please join us at the Turnitin Birds of a Feather discussion at Sakai11!

<https://www.concentra-cms.com/program/Sakai/2011-sakai-conference/429.html>

"Turnitin BoF: Discuss Current and Future Integration Options"

Tuesday, June 14, 2011
3:45-4:45 PM
Room Santa Barbara A

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

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4. Samigo (a.k.a. Tests and Quizzes) Survey and Samigo BoF in Los Angeles

Greetings all,

For the last year or so Indiana University has been working on migrating our users from a legacy test and survey tool to Samigo, the Sakai Tests & Quizzes tool. Because our legacy tool has some heavily used features that aren't currently available in Samigo, we've done a fair amount of development in Samigo and expect that work to continue. We will also be incorporating enhancements developed by others in the community that haven't yet been merged to trunk. Going forward, we are keenly interested in exploring models for collaborating with other institutions on the development of features that address common needs and goals, and we have begun talking with Stanford about how best to accomplish this. As a starting point, we will be convening a Birds of Feather (BoF) session at the L.A. Conference for representatives from institutions interested in contributing resources to the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of Samigo. Please check the online schedule for the time and location.

To help prepare for and jumpstart the conversation at the BoF, we're trying to gather information about Samigo use, satisfaction, and functional priorities across the Sakai community. If your school or organization uses or supports Samigo, we'd like to invite you to complete a short, informal survey, available at:

https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&authkey=CKLG_8YL&formkey=dDVIMmMyX0ZVWHJQeEdFYm44elluVHc6MQ#gid=1

In addition to telling us about how Samigo is used at your institution, the survey will give you an opportunity to register your institution's interest in collaborating on Samigo development in the future (especially important if you can't attend the BoF). Also, a link in the confirmation message will take you to a Google doc where you can document the Samigo enhancements and bug fixes that are especially important to your institution.

We hope to see many of you at the BoF!

Best regards,

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Additional BoFs are listed on the conference program: <https://www.concentra-cms.com/program/Sakai/2011-sakai-conference/>

5. Jasig Celebrates Successful Annual Conference in Denver

Jasig, the higher-ed open source consortium of educational institutions and commercial affiliates, held its annual conference in Denver the week of May 22. A broad range of attendees participated in a successful week of collaboration, innovation, and learning.

Highlights of the conference included:

- Announcing uMobile , the latest sponsored Jasig project
- Previews of the upcoming uPortal 4 release
- The success of our incubation process, shepherding new projects from concept to production
- Continued progress on bringing the Jasig and Sakai communities together
- New efforts to partner with Quali, I2 and Sakai in the area of Identity and Access Management

- Engaging conversations with the 2-3-98 Project on the strategic role of open source in higher education, from development to awareness and adoption

Please visit the conference site to see the wide range of presentation materials:
<http://www.jasig.org/node/728>

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6. New Version of Elluminate Bridge for Sakai

Blackboard Collaborate is pleased to announce an update to the Elluminate Bridge for Sakai. The Sakai Integration V1.1 for Elluminate seamlessly integrates live, synchronous distance learning and collaboration into the Sakai Collaboration and Learning Environment.

Instructors can schedule and deliver sessions and classes using Elluminate Live!®, providing users with superior voice over the Internet, multipoint video, integrated teleconferencing, shared whiteboards, public/private chat, breakout rooms, application/desktop sharing, file transfer, PowerPoint import, and more.

With the Elluminate Bridge for Sakai, students can launch a synchronous session or interactive recording using Elluminate Live! directly from their familiar Sakai environment. This bridge is available to both hosted and self-hosted Elluminate customers.

Updates in the Sakai Integration V1.1 for Elluminate include:

- Support for Sakai 2.7.0 and 2.7.1
- Ability for unregistered guest users to join a session
- Ability to easily grab the external recording links, providing users with easy access to their recording links to be used in Publish!™
- Session creation in Sakai server local time zone
- Improved user interface and usability by:
 - Allowing users to delete multiple sessions and recordings at once
 - Allowing users to sort sessions and recordings by column headers
 - Displaying proper date format on session page
 - Improved interface for launching sessions and recordings

NOTE: If you are using Sakai 2.6, continue to use the Elluminate Bridge V1.0 for Sakai 2.6.

Documentation, release notes and download information may be found here:

<http://support.blackboardcollaborate.com/ics/support/KBAAnswer.asp?questionID=1302>.

For more information about the Sakai Integration for Elluminate:

<http://www.blackboard.com/Platforms/Collaborate/Extensions/Integrations/Sakai-Collaborative-and-Learning-Environment.aspx>

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7. Assignments 2 v1.0 Release

Hello Sakai!

Based on a few tweaks to the rc1 we've now tagged Assignments2 v1.0.

Source:

<https://source.sakaiproject.org/contrib/assignment2/tags/1.0>

Build Instructions and Info (included with checkout):

<https://source.sakaiproject.org/contrib/assignment2/tags/1.0/README.html>

This release incorporates several semesters worth of testing, bug fixes and functionality additions.

New stuff includes:

- Reworking of permissions for various tasks
- Improved Gradebook interaction and syncing
- Lot's of work on our Turnitin and OSP integration.
- Improved bulk uploading and downloading
- User interface improvements based on user testing and feedback from production support
- Lot's of bug fixes

Near-term plans include mostly small bug fixes and Jira/Confluence gardening before/during the conference.

Any feedback, questions, testing reports are greatly appreciated!

Cheers,

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8. Recent Email Group Discussions

[Building Sakai] Assignments 2 v1.0 Release
<http://old.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--Assignments-2-v1.0-Release-to31801857.html#a31802130>

[Building Sakai] Home page rename
<http://old.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--Home-page-rename-to31794241.html#a31794241>

[Building Sakai] programmatically add participant to a course site
<http://old.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--programmatically-add-participant-to-a-course-site-to31798978.html#a31798978>

[Building Sakai] Sakai / Google integration
<http://old.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--Sakai---Google-integration-to31803503.html#a31803503>

[Building Sakai] Specifying UTF-8 encoding data entered into OSP forms
<http://old.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--Specifying-UTF-8-encoding-data-entered-into-OSP-forms-to31801971.html#a31801971>

[Building Sakai] Tests & Quizzes Scores
<http://old.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--Tests---Quizzes-Scores-to31805263.html#a31805263>

[Building Sakai] Universities with Sakai in Miami
<http://old.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--Universities-with-Sakai-in-Miami-to31801528.html#a31801528>

[DG: User Experience] Validation examples in Sakai OAE
<http://old.nabble.com/forum/Search.jtp?query=Validation+examples+in+Sakai+OAE&local=y&forum=18101&daterange=0&startdate=&enddate=>

[Using Sakai] Badges in Sakai/Profile2
<http://old.nabble.com/-Building-Sakai--Badges-in-Sakai-Profile2-to31787749.html#a31787749>

[Using Sakai] Configuring MOTD by role
<http://old.nabble.com/forum/Search.jtp?query=Configuring+MOTD+by+role&local=y&forum=18101&daterange=0&startdate=&enddate=>

9. Events

Sakai North American Conference

June 14 -16, 2011

Westin Bonaventure, Los Angeles.

June 13 and 16 -- pre-conference workshops and project coordination meetings

www.sakaiproject.org/sakai-conference-2011

AuSakai 2011 "Towards an Open Academic and Collaborative Environment"

Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 September 2011

Location: The Australian National University, Canberra

Networking Dinner: 13 September 2011

<http://ausakai.anu.edu.au>

EuroSakai Conference

September 26, 27, and 28, 2011

Amsterdam