



Sakai Newsletter

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1. Neal Caidin Appointed Sakai CLE Community Coordinator

I am pleased to announce that Neal Caidin, currently of the Center for Instructional Technology at Duke University, has been appointed as Sakai CLE Community Coordinator. Neal has over twenty years experience in IT -- ten of them in education -- and has most recently been closely involved in Duke's transition from Blackboard to Sakai.

Neal will join the Foundation on August 1st, and will work closely with the CLE Release Team and Technical Coordination Committee to coordinate and speed the 2.9 release of the Sakai CLE.

Best,

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2. Sakai 2.9 b06 Released

Hello Developers,

The Sakai 2.9.0-b06 release is up at:
<https://qa29.longsight.com/>

Artifacts for other qa servers are here:
<http://source.sakaiproject.org/release/2.9.0-b06/artifacts/>

You can also build from source as usual from this tag:
<https://source.sakaiproject.org/svn/sakai/tags/sakai-2.9.0-b06/>

This release includes almost 100 fixes, which were merged from trunk as verified.
<https://jira.sakaiproject.org/browse/SAK/fixforversion/12808>

All indies were also released as b06. The list above does not include those fixes.

2.9.0-b07 is expected soon, and will include complete updates primarily for portal, help and reference for new neo-portal skins and other bug fixes as they are verified.

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3. Gradebook2 v1.8.0 Released

We released Gradebook2 v1.8.0 [1] on June 22, 2012. This release includes several bug fixes and improvements to the import/export functionality [2]. UC Davis is running Gradebook2 v1.8.0 (rSmart CLE v2.8.2) in production.

We would like to thank everybody who contributed to this release.

Best,

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[1]
<https://source.sakaiproject.org/contrib/gradebook2/tags/1.8.0>

[2]

<https://jira.sakaiproject.org/secure/ReleaseNote.jspa?projectId=10491&version=12606>

4. Job Opening at Longsight: Sakai Support Coordinator

Position announced July 8, 2012.

Longsight is looking for an experienced technical support specialist to join our team of experts who support our expanding list of Sakai clients. Longsight builds, customizes, hosts, and supports open-source applications for a range of markets with a focus on the higher education market. We are a rapidly-growing firm with a national reputation for outstanding service and deep understanding of our clients. You can learn more about Longsight at: <http://www.longsight.com>

Required credentials for this position are:

- At least three years of experience in providing technical support for Sakai CLE
- Outstanding training and communication skills with technical and non-technical clients
- Excellent track record of providing timely support, problem diagnosis and resolution
- Ability to work independently; results- and detail-oriented
- At least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution

Desired qualifications are:

- Proven ability to collaborate and coordinate project work with others
- Experience with open source and community source projects

You will thrive in this position if you are a conscientious and independent worker who can resolve technical support tickets for Sakai in a timely manner and can lead highly effective training experiences (both online and at client sites) for technical and non-technical clients. You will earn a competitive salary plus fully-paid health/dental/vision/life insurance and vacation days. You will have the opportunity to expand your scope of work, take on additional responsibilities, grow professionally and evolve your position. Applicants with outstanding client communication skills and a strong history of working remotely will be considered. Longsight has staff in New York, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and California. We will accept applications only from candidates seeking full-time employment.

To apply:

Your application should consist of a brief cover letter and résumé emailed to search@longsight.com. Tell us in your cover letter why your skills, experience, and

work style will meet or exceed our expectations. Your résumé should provide the details of your education and work experience along with the names and email addresses of three references. Please do not request letters of your referees at this time.

This search will remain open until the position is filled.

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5. Application Administrator Position at Wake Forest University

Wake Forest invites interested parties to apply for our recent job opening for Applications Administrator. This is an exciting full-time, exempt opportunity within our Information Systems Department in Winston-Salem, North Carolina!

This position will be responsible for application support of the University's Sakai application. Candidates should have experience with open source technologies, Java-based web applications and Sakai CLE.

For complete details and to apply, go to <https://wakejobs.silkroad.com> or call (336) 758-4700. The completion of an online Wake Forest University application is required for this position. Drug screen required. EOE/AA

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8. Events

AuSakai 2012
18 - 19 September
Bathurst Campus NSW, Australia
Charles Sturt University
www.ausakai2012.com.au

I Congreso Iberoamericano de Sakai
16th and 18th October, 2012
Rio de Janeiro
<http://sakai.ucam.edu/>