



Sakai Newsletter

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1. Sakai CLE 2.9.0 Released

Dear All,

I am pleased to announce, on behalf of the community, the release of Sakai CLE 2.9.0.

The Sakai CLE 2.9.0 builds on previous releases by refining and stabilizing the 2.x feature set. It offers dozens of new features and improvements to key areas like accessibility, internationalization, performance, and security.

Sakai CLE 2.9.0 sports a new updated interface with a beautiful new skin and improved efficiency for users, for example by reducing the number of mouse clicks on common operations in the portal. The Lessons tool, formerly known as Lesson Builder, is now a

core Sakai tool. Many new features have been added and detailed release notes are posted at:

<https://confluence.sakaiproject.org/display/DOC/Sakai+CLE+2.9+release+notes>

Thanks to all in the worldwide community for your contribution to the development, testing, and documenting of the release.

More technical information about the release will be posted to the Sakai development email groups.

Best regards,

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2. First Aperero Conference - 2013 Volunteers Needed!

The First Aperero Conference will take place in San Diego, California between Monday June 3rd and Thursday June 6th.

Following the successful organization of the Jasig-Sakai 2012 Conference, we are asking for volunteers for two committees to help plan the event.

Program Committee Chair, Alan Regan, Pepperdine University
- Will advise and assist organize on the development of the conference program, specifying content and marking submissions.

Planning Committee Chair, Jim Helwig, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Will advise and assist organize conference logistics, including social activities.

We want the conference to represent the best traditions and experience of Sakai and Jasig. Please consider volunteering!

Best,

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3. EuroSakai Conference Reminder

The 2013 EuroSakai Conference, in association with ESUP and Jasig, will be held in Paris between January 28th and 30th. The conference will be hosted by University P.M. Curie (UPMC-Sorbonne Universités) at the Jussieu Campus. An ESUP Days event will follow on January 31st, at University Paris-Descartes - only 900m from the EuroSakai event.

The website is available at:
<http://www.congres.upmc.fr/sakai2013>

The call for papers for the 2013 European Sakai and Jasig Conference, held in conjunction with ESUP Days, is now available at:
<http://www.congres.upmc.fr/sakai2013/call-for-papers.html>

The deadline for submissions is December 7th.

See you in Paris!

Best,

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4. Announcing Project Keitai

The proposal to develop a mobilized Sakai is now an official project of the Sakai Foundation. A steering committee made up of representatives from the University of Florida, Leaning Forward Technology LLC, University of Notre Dame, the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and Oxford University will provide oversight for the project.

With funding provided by the University of Florida, the mobile project targets four goals: 1) To improve Entity Broker support for communication and integration across all Sakai CLE tools as well as communication to and from external services, especially mobile devices; 2) To enhance Core and selected Contrib tools to enable effective use of the Entity Broker for full functionality of Sakai on mobile devices of all kinds; 3) To

contribute all code developed under this project to Sakai 2.10 with possible back-porting to 2.9; 4) To evaluate and maintain submitted code in future CLE point releases (2.11+).

Programming work will be contracted through Flying Kite, LLC with a target date of Summer 2013 for completion of the programming and submission of all code into community repositories.

For more information go to: <https://confluence.sakaiproject.org/display/MOBILE/Home> or contact Doug Johnson, wanderer@ufl.edu

Regards,

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5. iSyllabus Code Contributed by UVA

The University of Virginia has contributed code for "iSyllabus linking and link migration," in <https://jira.sakaiproject.org/browse/SAK-22283>.

We presented this topic at the 2012 Sakai/Jasig Conference in Atlanta:
<https://wiki.jasig.org/display/JCON/2012-06-13+Link+Migration%3A+UVA%27s+Solution+to+Re-Using+Site+Content>

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6. Sakai OAE Progress Update

Hi everyone,

The second Sakai OAE progress update report can be found at [1]. It includes performance testing results, updates on UI integration, widget development, search, file storage, preview generation, etc., as well as development goals between now and the end of the year.

The team has also set up a development blog at [2], which contains a copy of the progress report. In the coming weeks, you'll be able to find smaller and more frequent updates on there about search, performance testing, cost calculations, etc.

[1] <https://oae-community.sakaiproject.org/p/n43R3MIaa/Sakai%20OAE%20Progress%20Report.pdf>
[2] <http://oae.sakaiproject.org/>

Kind regards,

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7. Sakai OAE 1.4.3 Maintenance Release Now Available

The Sakai Community is pleased to announce the release of the Sakai OAE version 1.4.3.

RELEASE DATE: 30 October 2012

WHAT'S NEW

Sakai OAE 1.4.3 is a tightly scoped maintenance release that provides a new Russian translation and updates to the existing French translation of the UI. It has been produced at the request of piloting institutions in both France and Russia. Other than the translation and Maven pom version changes, it is indistinguishable from OAE 1.4.2.

DOWNLOADS

OAE 1.4.3 Web Start (one-click download/run for Demos):
<http://source.sakaiproject.org/release/oae/1.4.3/webstart/sakaioae.jnlp>

If you previously sampled our web start be sure to check your /home directory and remove the /sling folder and, if desired, the /store folder if you previously added content and want to start fresh.

Users of Apple OSX Mountain Lion have reported start up issues when using the webstart. For a workaround, review the Stackoverflow thread:
<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/11136805/java-applet-with-self-signed-certificate-on-os-x-mountain-lion>
OAE 1.4.3 Binary (org.sakaiproject.nakamura.app-1.4.3.jar)

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8. Sakai Foundation Appoints Charles Leonhardt Treasurer

The Sakai Foundation is pleased to announce the results of the search for a new Foundation Treasurer. Charles F. Leonhardt, Chief Technology Officer at Georgetown University, was appointed to the position at the October meeting of the Foundation Board. The Foundation Treasurer plays a critical role both in monitoring financial performance, and informing strategic priorities. Ian Dolphin, Executive Director of the Sakai Foundation said: "The Sakai Foundation and community is fortunate to have someone of Mr. Leonhardt's breadth and depth of experience joining us in this role. I look forward to working with him to further strengthen strategic approaches not only to our financial health, but the further development of the Sakai community as a whole."

Charles Leonhardt said: "The Sakai Foundation has truly been a leader in collaborative development of successful open source solutions for education. I'm very pleased to work with Ian and the foundation's board to continue the exciting work ahead of us".

Mr. Leonhardt succeeds Jim Farmer, Foundation Treasurer 2010-2012, and Seth Theriault, of Columbia University, who has served in an interim role for several months. "Organizations such as Sakai depend very much on the commitment of volunteer effort," added Ian Dolphin. "We offer our profound thanks for those who have contributed so much to the community in the past."

Charles F. Leonhardt - Profile

Charles F. Leonhardt is the Chief Technology Officer at Georgetown. He serves as primary advisor to the Vice President for Information Services and CIO, UIS staff and the University administration, on technology issues. His work centers around strategic and tactical planning for key enterprise initiatives, technology architecture, business continuity readiness, and emerging technologies. A recent successful project was the initial rollout of Georgetown Mobile to serve the University community.

Mr. Leonhardt has primary responsibility for Georgetown's R&D activities in Federated Authentication and Authorization. This includes serving as the Campus Executive for InCommon and providing leadership and support for the Common Identity and Trust Collaborative, the core Shibboleth development team, and the Thebes Middleware Consortium. Charlie led the successful completion of middleware development and implementation for Project Sentinel, a major bioinformatics project sponsored by the National Library of Medicine.

In prior roles at Georgetown, Charlie created a flexible group to build and support Scholarly Information Services that directly support teaching, learning, and research. The Scholarly Systems Group integrates course management, interactive media, synchronous

collaboration, lecture capture, and administrative functions into a rich and flexible online platform to support teaching and learning. Charlie has also worked to expand the University's "directory-driven" computing strategy in creating and managing the Information Access (IA) group. IA built new customer-enabling services including the Enterprise Data Warehouse, Access+ and MyAccess (personalized web-based access to Georgetown's core business systems), an enterprise identity management system (NetID), and an e-commerce infrastructure.

Mr. Leonhardt is Georgetown's primary liaison to technical organizations. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) and co-chairs PESC's Enterprise Authentication and Authorization (EA2) Working Group. He is immediate past Coordinator of the Common Solutions Group (CSG) and a member of the CSG Steering Committee. He actively participates in the activities and meetings of CSG, PESC, Educause, Internet2, InCommon, the IMS Global Learning Consortium, Gartner Group, the ShareStream Product Advisory Board, Sakai/JA-SIG, the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), and the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Conference on IT Management (AJCU-CITM). He served as a member of the Mellon Foundation planning grant team, which validated and proposed the development of the Kuali Student Services System.

Mr. Leonhardt received the Distinguished Service Award from PESC in 2011 and the Award for Exemplary Practices in Information Technology Solutions from Educause in 2000.

Charlie earned an M.S. in Information Systems from American University and a Bachelor's in Economics and Philosophy from Georgetown. He currently teaches as an Adjunct Professor in the Master's in Technology Management program at Georgetown.

Ian Dolphin
Executive Director, Sakai Foundation

9. Result of Sakai and Jasig Merger Vote

I would like to report the results of the recent ballots on the merger of the Sakai Foundation and Jasig.

Sakai

58 Members voted for the merger, 3 voted against, and 3 abstained. 13 Members did not register a vote.

Jasig

40 Members voted for the merger, 1 voted against, and 1 abstained. 5 Members did not register a vote

Thanks to organisational representatives in both organisations who took the time to appreciate the issues and cast their vote. Minutes of the teleconferences, which took place last week, together with a voting record, will be made available shortly.

We will now proceed with the remaining legal steps to bring the two organisations together as the Apereo Foundation. Further announcements of progress will be made in coming weeks.

Regards,

Ian Dolphin
Executive Director, Sakai Foundation

10. Job Opening: Sakai Administrator for Private University in North Carolina

Sakai Administrator will be responsible for administering, configuring and managing the university Sakai application.

Key Functions:

- Responsible for the administration, maintenance, operational support, and configuration management of university Sakai applications.
- Works closely with internal and external customers to serve as Sakai expert.

Required Skills:

- Bachelor's degree
- Advanced knowledge of and experience with higher education applications, including but not limited to the following:
 - Working knowledge of LINUX/UNIX and Windows operating systems.
 - Oracle 11 database development

Qualified candidates please send resume in Word to maclean@recruitwise.jobs.

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11. Events

First Apereo Conference - 2013

June 3 - 6, 2013

San Diego, California

2013 EuroSakai Conference

In association with ESUP and Jasig

Jussieu Campus, University P.M. Curie (UPMC-Sorbonne Universités)

Paris, France

January 28 - 30

January 30 - ESUP Days at University Paris-Descartes

<http://www.esup->

[portal.org/display/ESUP/Bienvenue+sur+le+site+du+consortium+ESUP-Portail+%21](http://www.esup-portal.org/display/ESUP/Bienvenue+sur+le+site+du+consortium+ESUP-Portail+%21)