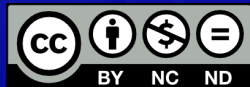


Sakai and uPortal Integration Options

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Agenda

- Single Sign On
- MyCourses Portlet Strategies
- Alternative Integration Strategies

Single Sign On (SSO)

- Single Sign On Server
- SSO-enabled applications
- Standards
 - SAML
- Implementations
 - Shibboleth
 - CAS
 - Others

Shibboleth

- Open Source (Apache 2 license)
- Version 2 released March 19, 2008
 - Previous non-security patch release in 2006
- Adopted by several Higher Ed institutions and organizations (e.g., JISC, USC)
- Incorporates SAML
- <http://shibboleth.internet2.edu/>

Shibboleth in Sakai and uPortal

- Sakai
 - Shibboleth integration done by UHI
 - http://www.guanxi.uhi.ac.uk/drguanxi/index.php/Sakai_Guanxi_Shibb_Kit
- uPortal
 - Shibboleth integration done by select schools
 - University of Southern California
 - JISC/SPIE

CAS

- Open Source (BSD License)
- Version 3.2 released February 2008
 - Previous release 3.1.1 October 2007
- Originally created by Yale, now a JA-SIG project
 - Lead developer, Scott Battaglia, Rutgers University
- Supports Proxy CAS authentication
- <http://www.ja-sig.org/products/cas/>

CAS in Sakai and uPortal

- Sakai
 - CAS integration done, part of standard distribution
- uPortal
 - CAS integration done, part of standard distribution

Person Information

- How do you make the same information about a Person available in both Sakai and uPortal?
- LDAP (or equivalent)
- uPortal
 - Person Directory implementation
- Sakai
 - User Directory Provider implementation

My Courses Portlet

- After (or before) enabling SSO
- Create a Portlet running in uPortal that displays a user's list of current Sakai Courses
- If SSO is enabled, Course list can be deep links to that Worksite in Sakai
- Different approaches to getting this list of courses to appear in uPortal

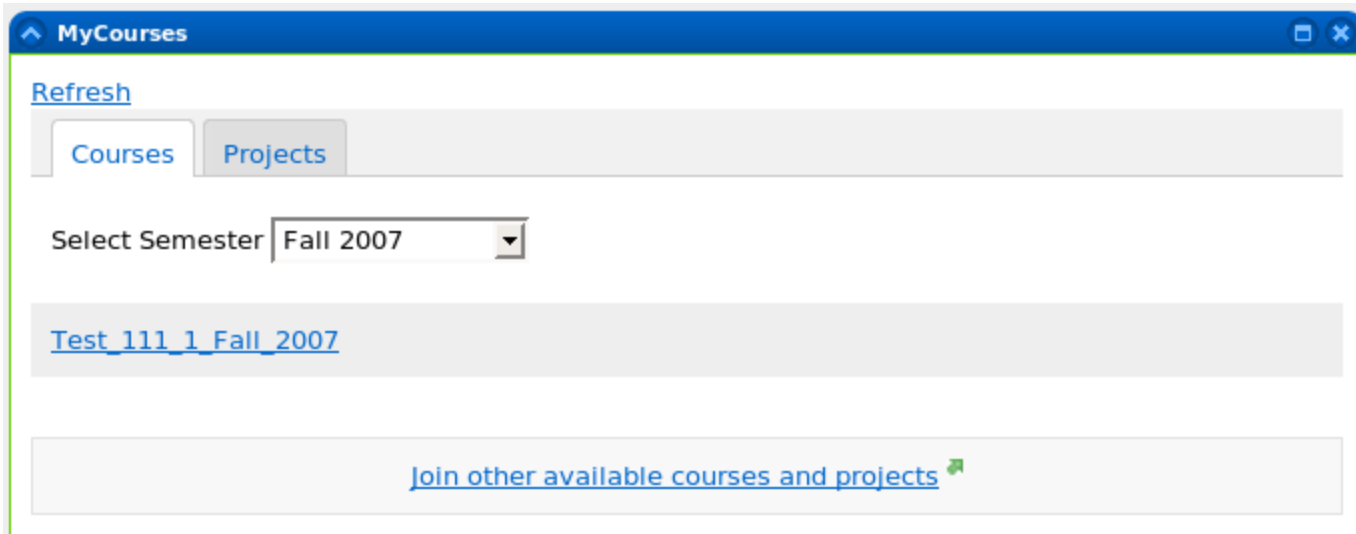
My Course Portlet Strategies

- Web Services
- RESTful Architecture
- IFRAME
- WSRP
- Direct Database Access

Web Services

- uPortal Portlet using Web Services to get Sakai data
- Sakai .jws files
- Custom Web Services
- sakai-dev mailing list discussion about creating a Sakai standard web service for querying a users list of courses
- Unicon MyCourses Portlet
 - <http://code.google.com/p/my-courses-portlet/>
 - Uses Web Services to get Course Information
 - Web Services implementations not currently available

Unicon My Courses Portlet



MyCourses

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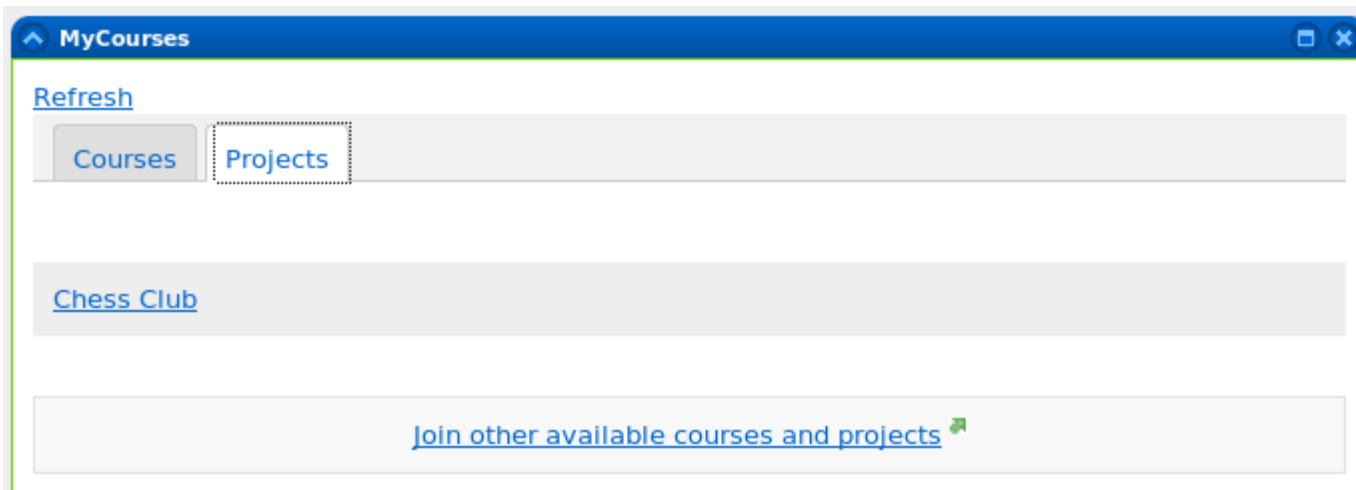
Courses Projects

Select Semester

[Test_111_1_Fall_2007](#)

[Join other available courses and projects](#)

This screenshot shows the 'MyCourses' portlet with the 'Courses' tab selected. The 'Projects' tab is also visible. A dropdown menu for 'Select Semester' is set to 'Fall 2007'. A link for 'Test_111_1_Fall_2007' is displayed, and a button at the bottom allows the user to 'Join other available courses and projects'.



MyCourses

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Courses Projects

[Chess Club](#)

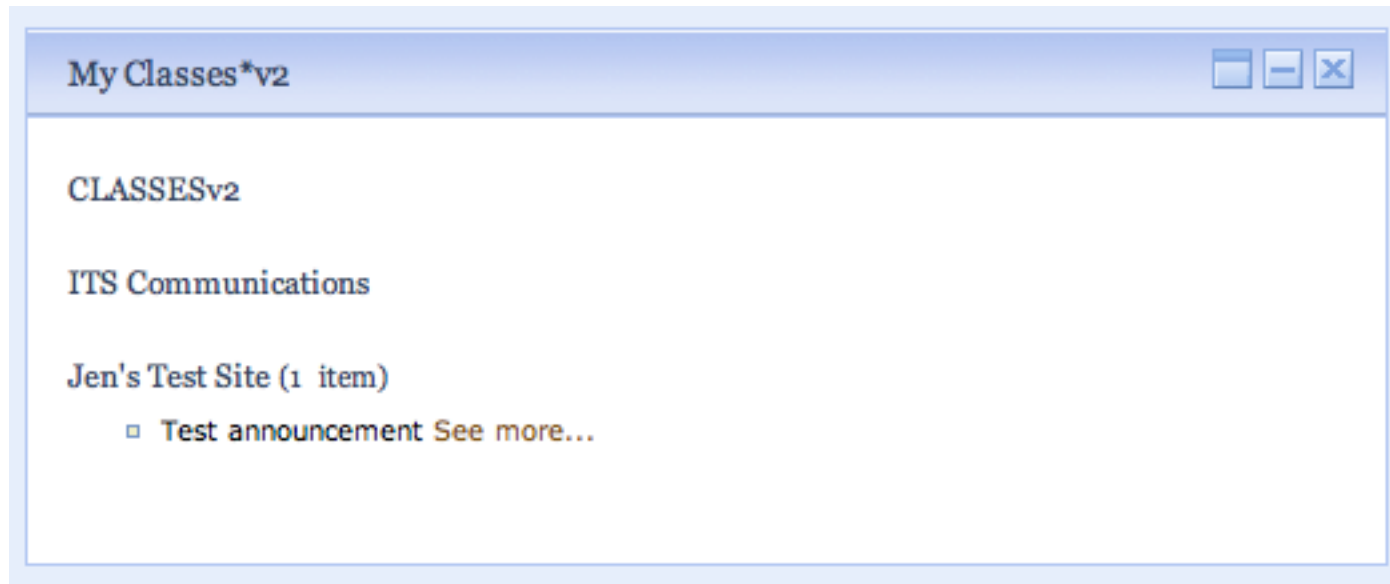
[Join other available courses and projects](#)

This screenshot shows the 'MyCourses' portlet with the 'Projects' tab selected. The 'Courses' tab is also visible. A link for 'Chess Club' is displayed, and a button at the bottom allows the user to 'Join other available courses and projects'.

REST Services

- uPortal Portlet using REST Services to get Sakai data
- Entity Broker
- MySakai
 - JSON approach
- Custom REST Services
 - Yale has taken this approach
 - Proxy CAS Protected Servlet in Sakai serving XML Course List
 - uPortal XSLT Channel

Yale My Classes Channel



IFRAME

- Use an IFRAME Channel
- Attach to a tool without connecting to main Sakai Portal
- Virginia Tech tried an IFRAME approach
 - Not recommended

WSRP

- Web Services for Remote Portlets
- Not much progress with WSRP4J project
- uPortal support is often not working from release to release (not supported in uPortal 3.0)
- Not used by anyone in the uPortal or Sakai communities

Direct Database Access

- Just say No!



Alternative Integration Strategies

- Data beyond then the course list Portlet
- Recent Activity Portlet
- Gadgets, Widgets and non-uPortal Integration

Digging Deeper

- Follow the same Web Services / REST approach for course data to get at Announcements and other data
- uPortal Columbia Announcements Channel supports reading announcements from an external source (proprietary feed format)
 - Convert Sakai iCal data feed to Announcements Channel feed
- Sakai now supports using Java Content Repository (JSR 170)
 - Possible to create a JSR 170 Portlet to access the same data

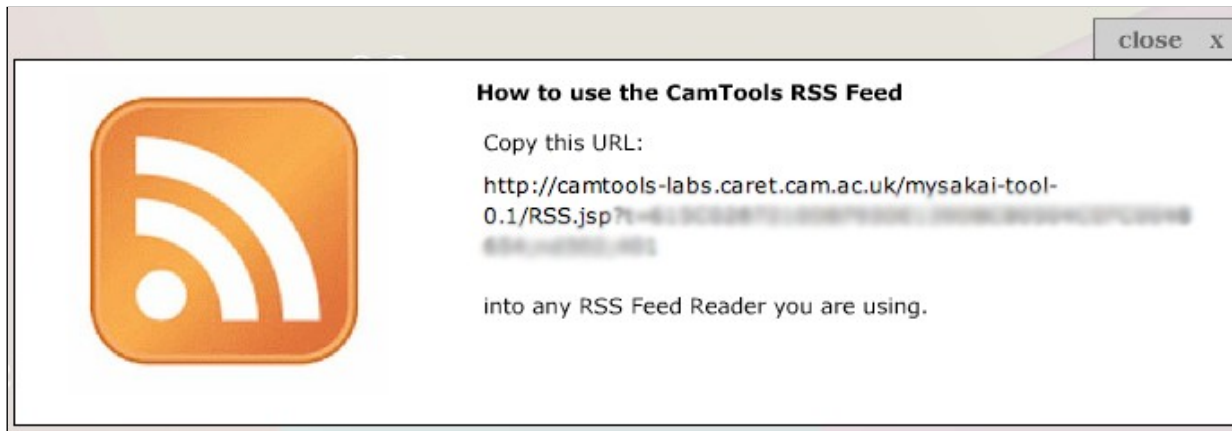
My Sakai

- Widgets show you recent activity on all of the worksites you're a member of
- Widgets also provide synoptic views of Resources and Announcements
- Widgets for Mac DashBoard, Vista Sidebar, Facebook, iGoogle, Google Desktop, and RSS
- Global search lets you search the entire Sakai instance, without having to go to a search tool

Installing My Sakai

- Install *sdata* non-interactive tool into Sakai
- Create app to handle JSON REST feeds
- Create server to convert JSON feeds to other formats (iGoogle, Facebook, etc)
- Security considerations
 - Do not allow external non-trusted systems to access JSON streams directly
 - Security Token enabled URLs
 - Proxy CAS

Security Token URL



How to use the CamTools RSS Feed

Copy this URL:
<http://camtools-labs.caret.cam.ac.uk/mysakai-tool-0.1/RSS.jsp?token=63632870-0000-4000-8000-000000000000>

into any RSS Feed Reader you are using.

My Sakai Vista Dashboard

Recycle Bin

Google Desktop

MyCamTools

MyCamTo...

Vista_widge...

Mozilla Firefox

test.html

ie.html

firebug.js

Vista_widge...

MyCamTools - Win...

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CARET: new resource
2008-01-05 13:52:50

The resource **slide_10.wav** has been added/updated in **CARET**

CamTools

CARET: new resource
2 d ago

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View headlines

My Sakai Facebook

facebook

Profile edit Friends Networks Inbox home account privacy logout

Search

Applications edit

- CamTools
- Photos
- Groups
- Events
- Marketplace
- Pandora
- Movies
- more

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE CamTools

Share

Recent Changes Resources Announcements University News & Events My Settings

How To

This page displays the recent changes in your CamTools sites. When you click on these recent items or your sites in the list, it will show you the content of the Announcement/Resource within CamTools. Do keep in mind that in that case you will have to login first in order to view or download the selected content, so we can guarantee your privacy and security.

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My Sakai iGoogle



[Advanced Search](#)
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Search: the web pages from the UK

[Startpagina](#) [My Sakai](#) [My Tab](#) [Test](#) [Add a tab](#)

[Select theme](#) | [Add stuff](#) »

MyCamtools

Resources

My CamTools Resources

Filename
My Workspace
Camtools Framework
CARET
danielTest

My Gadgets

2007-03-20 » [New features and updates: Grid, Skins, Docs, ... more](#) [x]

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current_moon.xml	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Add a gadget:

BBC Sport | Football | UK Edition

- [Havant may face trip to Liverpool](#)
- [Blatter shock at Capello choice](#)
- [Benitez rejects fresh exit talk](#)

Current Moon Phase

Google Mail

Please [re-enter your password](#) to see your information.

My Sakai

- Considered Contrib and *in development*
- Developed by CARET (University of Cambridge)
- <http://confluence.sakaiproject.org/confluence/x/7wCW>

CANS

- <http://www.cansaware.com/>
- Chris Amelung, University of Missouri (now at Yale Summer '06)
- CANS is a notification system for online communities
- Server / Widget development pattern
- Activity Manager/Reporter/Permissions
 - <http://www.cansaware.com/node/43>

Other Conference Sessions

- **Monday** 2-3pm *Portal-LMS Integration BOF*
- **Tuesday** 2-3pm *Shibboleth 2.0: An Overview for Developers*
- **Tuesday** 3:30-4:30pm *CAS-NG: Adding Access Control to CAS*
- **Wednesday** 8:30-9:30am *Functionality Mashup – Evolving to the Next Generation of Learning Management Systems*
- **Wednesday** 9:45-10:45am *Implementing Sakai and CAS*

Questions?



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