# Spreading Community Thick

**Open Source Communities of Practice** 

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# OpenedPractices.org



A community of practice for teaching and learning with open/community-source tools.

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### Welcome

#### Institutional Profiles

Browse institutions engaged with teaching and learning.

#### **Teaching & Learning Practices**

Browse teaching and learning practices at different institutions, including courses, portfolios and projects.

#### Resources for Teaching & Learning

Browse all resources for teaching and learning including assessments, assignments, portfolios, readings, rubrics and syllabi.

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#### Teaching with Sakai Innovation Award

Attention faculty: Are you excited Sakai about new ways in which you

have been able to engage your students using Sakai? Come back to find out what innovative course won the Teaching with Sakai Innovation Award.



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## Why OpenedPractices.org?

- Share educational practices
- Build community beyond the technology



### How did it start?

- **OSP Community Library**
- **▶** rSmart
- Sakai Project Teaching & Learning Discussion Group
- Marist College
- **AAC&U**
- **TWSIA**



## What's there?

- Institutional profiles
- Contributor profiles
- Teaching & learning practice profiles
- Resources
- FAQs
- ► Teaching with Sakai Innovation Award (TWSIA)



# Teaching with Sakai Innovation Award (TWSIA)

- To be given at 9th Sakai Conference: Paris July 1-3, 2008
- > Seeds a new collection: course profiles
- Added rubric to self-evaluate teaching practices
- Added wiki-style glossary



## What makes it tick?

- Drupal drupal.org
- Administered collaboratively by dedicated GAs at Marist College and advanced contributors
- Hosted by rSmart



# What's coming next?

- More content
- Aggregation and feeds
- Group ownership
- Refined institutional profiles



# Added functionality

Browse Contributions Institutions Practices Resources	Featured Story/Event	Active Contributor Profile	Blogs & Feeds
		Active Institutional Profile	
News	Events	Tag Cloud	



## **Building community**

- Enable institutions and people with shared interests and characteristics to find each other
- Showcase community contributors
- Aggregate and disseminate best practices and filtered information
- Attract new audiences





- Currently content is shared under Creative Commons: "Attribution-Noncommercial-Share Alike 3.0 United States"
- Considering adding another option: "Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 United States"



## Who is involved?

- Sakai sakaiproject.org
- Open Source Portfolio osportfolio.org
- Association of American Colleges
   & Universities (AAC&U)
   aacu.org
- Marist College www.marist.edu
- rSmart www.rsmart.com

- More to come...
- You?



# Our sister project, Fluid's Open Source Design Pattern Library

- Shared cross-project vision
- **Both are repositories**
- Both are communities
- Technology collaboration
- User experience collaboration



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