



Sakai at the University of Littoral - Côte d'Opale (ULCO)

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In the beginning

- Before using **Sakai**, we were working with **Epistemon** which :
 - ...is an in-house platform based on a fork of **Ganesha** (version 1.2.1)
 - ...has been developed at **ULCO*** by *Jean-Marie Ball* and *Frederic Dooremont* in 2002
- The platform is used for **education** and **collaborative** work : teaching, projects, research, development, academic administration work...

*<http://www.univ-littoral.fr/>

The choice

- Sakai and Epistemon are alike because these two open source platforms have the **same functionalities** :
 - a fine grained and **decentralized** management of sites,
 - the individual **responsibility** principle,
 - the general usability with tools we can add,
 - an access to **other applications** thanks to web services
 - etc.

- To switch from Epistemon to Sakai, there was a will of continuity and **smooth transition**
- On the technical side, Sakai was easily integrated into the university's **ESUP portal*** (uportal), which uses the same technologies : *the new platform takes the advantage of the experience gained from this kind of system*
- Currently : most than **200 sites**

*<http://www.esup-portail.org/>



- With the cooperation of the **Pierre and Marie Curie University*** (France), 9 tools have been translated (for ULCO : *Laure Alba, Thierry Peze and Frederic Dooremont*)
- The University of Littoral Côte d'Opale works on the **translation into French** of the online help

*<http://www.upmc.fr/>

Help and training

- We offer **introductory and advanced modules** for teachers and staff members,
- A sakai website named '**Training for Sakai and its tools**' has been set up for everyone,
- We have developed some **quick guides**,

- **Tips and tricks** are regularly published on the Sakai homepage,
- a **project coordinator** can assist the colleagues (help, setting-up of projects, ...)

Help and training

- an **internal mailing list** « sakai-ulco »* : the users are kept informed about the platform evolutions and can ask questions, share experiences, etc.,
- accounts have been created on the **Pierre and Marie Curie University wiki**** for the ULCO members, who have been using Sakai for several years now. This shared Sakai documentation part of the wiki is public.

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** <http://wiki.cpm.jussieu.fr/>

Help and training

- The **New Educative Technologies Office*** offers a **technical support** for specific projects,
- **Discussion forums** are also opened on the 'Training for Sakai and its tools' site.

*<http://visio.univ-littoral.fr/>

- *Jean-François Lévêque* (UPMC) and *Frédéric Dooremont* (ULCO) decided to create :
 - a **Sakai-France list***
 - a **French-speaking area**** on Confluence

* sakai-france@collab.sakaiproject.org

** <https://confluence.sakaiproject.org/display/FRA/Home>

- A **registration tool** links the university LDAP to Sakai
- Integration of **PmWiki*** into Sakai

*<http://www.pmwiki.org/>

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