



The Sakai Project

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Origins

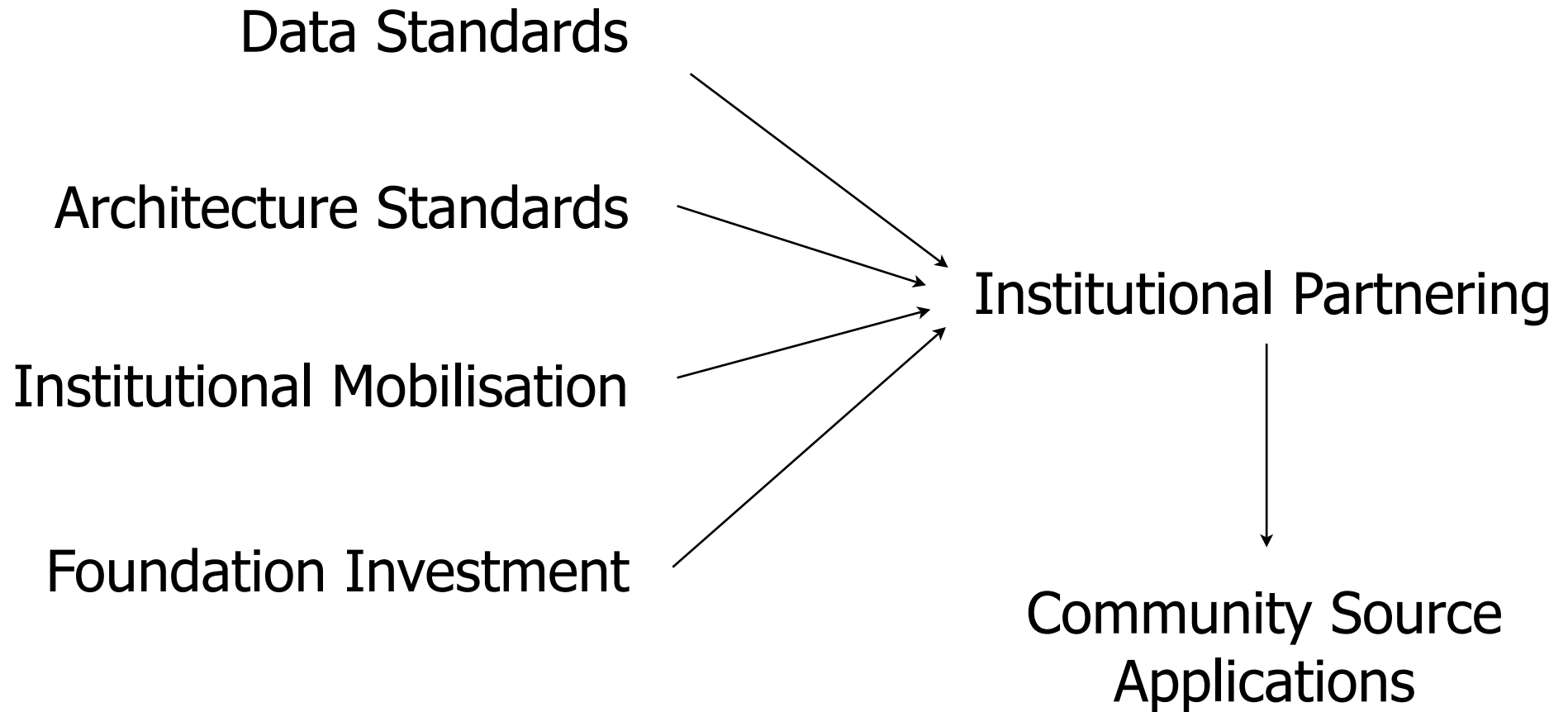
“The University of Michigan, Indiana University, MIT, Stanford, and the uPortal consortium joined forces to integrate and synchronize their considerable educational software into a pre-integrated collection of open source tools.”

Sakai “core” institutions looking to replace or re-factor existing home-grown Learning Management Systems

uPortal grant funding coming to an end

Open Knowledge Initiative ditto

Converging Trends



Community Source?

“Community source describes a model for the purposeful coordinating of work in a community. It is based on many of the principles of open source development efforts, but community source efforts rely more explicitly on defined roles, responsibilities, and funded commitments by community members than some open source development models.”

Brad Wheeler, Indiana University
Educause Review July August 2004



Commitments

- Core Universities:
 - 5+ developers per institution under project leadership
 - \$4.4M in institutional staff (27 FTE)
- Andrew Mellon Foundation
 - \$2.4M grant funding
- Sakai Educational Partners \$10K pa
- Sakai Commercial Partners \$10K pa
- Educational Community Licence - open/open
<http://www.opensource.org/licenses/ecl1.php>

Sakai: Product

- More than just an Learning Management System/
Virtual Learning Environment
- Collaboration and Learning Environment
 - Learning and teaching use
 - Research collaboration use
 - JISC Virtual Research Environment Programme
 - 6 funded projects using Sakai
 - Administrative and Social use
 - Michigan deployment

Sakai Product

- Java based
- Tool Portability Profile
 - Roadmap for writing portable/pluggable software
 - OKI OSIDs
- Will integrate with uPortal v3 (late 05 release):
 - JSR168 Native portlets
 - WSRP producer and consumer for content and application federation
 - Performance improvements

Sakai Roadmap

- r1 Summer 04
- r1.5 February 2005
 - Begins code refactoring away from legacy tools
 - Integrates Samigo - Sakai Assessment
 - Adds to toolset - partners integrating other tools (xWiki)
- r2 June 2005
 - Further code refactoring
 - Gradebook
 - Improved Samigo integration
 - Melete course authoring



R3 Later this year

Sakai Community - SEPP

- 70+ members of Sakai Educational Partners Programme
- Active Discussion Groups
 - Pedagogy
 - Library integration
 - Enterprise integration
- Evolving governance
 - Aims to be largely in place by end of grant funding/ 2005

Sakai Community - Commercial

- Sakai Commercial Partners
- Providing a range of services & increasing options
 - (eg) Consultancy
 - (eg) Content migration/hosting
- Vary in size/nature
 - IBM, SungardSCT, rSmart Group, Embanet, Unicon
- Dialogue with content publishers
- Watch this space!

Next week in Baltimore... 8th-14th June



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COMMUNITY SOURCE WEEK

2005

<http://www.communitysourceweek.org>



“Open source licensing and communities together with open standards will transform e-Learning over the next few years: the era of the closed, monolithic VLE/LMS is over.”

(Personal perspective/proposition)