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## Introduction

### Online Course and Instructor Ratings

The Evaluation System is designed specifically for conducting formative and summative (end of term) evaluations of your course sites. However, it can also be used for more general surveys. An evaluation consists of a series of scaled (i.e. rating) questions, multiple choice with single answer questions, multiple choice with multiple answer questions, and/or free text questions, which are delivered to site members over a fixed time period (typically a few days).

The Evaluation System runs under Sakai version 2.2 or higher.

It allows colleges, departments, and instructors to manage their own body of questions which are part of a combined end of term evaluation. This allows colleges and departments within a larger institution to collect targeted information from their students, while preserving a consistent set of questions used through the institution.

Evaluation results can easily be reviewed within a single course, across colleges or departments, or across the entire university. Results can be reviewed for a single evaluation covering a short time period, or can be displayed for a series of evaluations conducted across a larger time period.

The evaluation system contacts students to notify them of upcoming evaluations automatically, and to remind students to complete an ongoing evaluation. The notification scheme is intended to increase the response rate.

The Evaluation System tool is primarily designed to allow an institution to measure/evaluate/rate courses. Ease of access for evaluation participants and protection of data (results) are also primary concerns. Use of the tool by instructors and non-institutional groups is a secondary design concern but is being factored into the current round of development.

More information about the work being done is available at [Evaluation Status](#). Check out the *System Development Info and Links* below as well.

## Meetings

Sakai 2012 Conference BOF :

<http://etherpad.ctools.org/evalsys-2012-06-12>

## General Informatio

- [Features](#)
- [Adopters](#)
- [Getting Started & Evaluating the Tool](#)
- [Installation Guide](#)
- [Administrator Guide](#)
- [User Guide](#)
- [Adopters](#)
- [Sakai conference handout](#)
- [Oxford's User Guide \(docx\) - creative commons](#) - NB this is specific to [Oxford's configuration of the tool](#)
- [Meeting Minutes](#)

## QA Testing Information

- [Evalsys QA Server](#) (<http://qa5-us.sakaiproject.org/portal>)
- [Test Plans](#) and [Evaluation Test Results 1.3.0-RC3](#)

## System Development Info and Links

- Sakai collab site ([Contrib: Evaluation System](#))
  - Collab mailing list: [evaluation@collab.sakaiproject.org](mailto:evaluation@collab.sakaiproject.org)
    - How to sign up
      - Create account on [Sakai Collab](#) and login
      - Click Membership link on left
      - Click Joinable Sites link at top

- Click Join link for **Contrib: Evaluation System**
- Git repository: <https://github.com/sakaicontrib/blogwow>
- JIRA: <http://bugs.sakaiproject.org/jira/browse/EVALSYS> (usage guidelines)
- Technologies used:
  - Presentation: HTTP, CSS, RSF
  - Business Logic: Java, Sakai Framework
  - Data Access: Hibernate
- [Development Practices](#)
- Meeting Minutes:
  - <http://etherpad.ctools.org/tq-2012-10-10>
  - [06\\_17\\_2010 Denver Sakai Conference BoF](#)
  - [01\\_12\\_2010 Evalsys Team Meeting \(Sakai Bridge 002\)](#)
  - [10\\_30\\_2009 Evalsys Team Meeting \(Sakai Bridge 002\)](#)
  - [09\\_24\\_2009 Evalsys Team Meeting \(Sakai Bridge 002\)](#)
  - [09\\_22\\_2009 Evalsys Team Meeting \(Sakai Bridge 002\)](#)
  - [09\\_03\\_2009 Evalsys Team Meeting \(Sakai Bridge 002\)](#)
  - [07\\_08\\_2009 Boston Sakai Conference BoF](#)
    - Features specific to U-M branch (screencast, 40 MB)
  - [05\\_01\\_2009 U-M W09 Review & EvalSys Team Meeting \(Sakai Bridge 001\)](#)
  - [01\\_28\\_2009 EvalSys Team Meeting \(Sakai Bridge 002\)](#)
  - [07\\_31\\_2008 EvalSys Team Meeting \(Adobe Connect\)](#)
  - [05\\_28\\_2008 EvalSys Team Meeting \(Adobe Connect\)](#)
  - [05\\_22\\_2008 EvalSys Team Meeting \(Adobe Connect\)](#)
  - [01\\_10\\_2008 EvalSys Team Meeting \(Adobe Connect\)](#)

## Evaluation Development

- Evaluation Design
  - Proposed merges from UMICH branch to trunk
  - Email Notifications
  - Importing from XML file
  - Use cases
  - Evaluation Implementation
  - Hierarchy User Interface Design
  - Reports
- Evaluation Status
  - 1.0 release tasks
  - 0.9 release tasks
  - 0.8 release tasks
  - 0.7 release tasks
  - 0.6 release tasks
  - 0.5 release tasks
  - Atlanta Tasks
- Development Practices
- Weekly Task List
  - Weekly Task List (to 2006-10-30)
- Evaluation Requirements
  - University of Cape Town System Requirements
  - University of Maryland System Requirements
  - University of Michigan System Requirements
  - University of Cambridge System Requirements
  - Terminology and Definitions

## Documents

| File   | Modified  |
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| Microsoft Powerpoint 97 Slideshow ConferencePoster.ppt<br>conference poster                                | Nov 22, 2006 by Aaron Zeckoski   |
| Microsoft Word 97 Document EvaluationMOU.doc<br>Example memorandum of understanding                        | Dec 02, 2006 by Aaron Zeckoski   |
| Microsoft Word 97 Document Evaluation-Sakai-Handout.doc  | Dec 07, 2006 by Will Humphries   |
| PDF File Evaluation-Sakai-Handout.pdf<br>added attribution for Columbia                                    | Dec 07, 2006 by Tony Atkins  |
| Microsoft Word 97 Document educause 07 poster.doc<br>Educause 2007 poster contents                         | Oct 15, 2007 by Ellen Yu Borkowski   |
| JPEG File Educause-Poster.jpg<br>Educause 2007 poster image  | Oct 16, 2007 by Ellen Yu Borkowski   |
| JPEG File Educause-Poster-final.jpg<br>Final version of Educause 200 poster                                | Oct 17, 2007 by Ellen Yu Borkowski   |
| Microsoft Powerpoint Presentation E08_EvalSys_Final.pptx<br>Educause 2008 Presentation (Office 2008)       | Oct 20, 2008 by Ellen Yu Borkowski   |
| PDF File E08_EvalSys_Final.pdf<br>Educause 2008 Presentation (PDF)   | Oct 24, 2008 by Seth Theriault   |
| Microsoft Powerpoint 97 Slideshow UsingSakai4TeachingEvaluations.ppt<br>Sakai Conference 2009 Presentation | Jul 14, 2009 by Ellen Yu Borkowski   |

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## History

The VT Online Rating System (VTORS) was developed from code received from [Columbia University](#) in mid 2004. The system was previewed in early 2005. The system was piloted in Fall 2005. The system is currently being redesigned and rebuilt as a Sakai tool. This work was started at Virginia Tech.