

Sakai 2.8 Release Schedule

✔ Sakai 2.8.0 was released on 18 April 2011

⚠ Sakai 2.8.0 release date rescheduled

On behalf of the Release Management Workgroup and the Sakai 2 Technical Coordination Committee I am writing you to let you know that the Sakai 2.8.0 release date has been pushed back. This can be traced back to a scarcity of resources in the Sakai 2 ecosystem that resulted in slipped schedules (ie late beta and release candidate tagging), final hour testing and subsequently, outstanding blockers.

The anticipated release date is March 31st with the following milestones.

- March 8/9 Release Candidate 2
- March 22/23 Release Candidate 3 (as needed)
- March 24-30 Prep for release
- March 31 Release

To reach these milestones the following strategy is being employed:

1. Blocker handling: Continue to triage the blocker list. If a ticket is not truly a blocker, downgrade it. In addition there will be regular communication with blocker assignees regarding progress on tickets.
2. Tagging: Continue to cut QA tags every two weeks until blockers are eliminated. If an opportunity exists to cut a QA tag early, do it. When no blockers exist, cut an rc tag and prep for release.
3. Continued testing: Encourage testing but do not allow shortfalls or delays in testing to hold up the release

1 April 2011 UPDATE:

On behalf of the Release Management team & Sakai Technical Coordination Committee I am writing you to let you know that the Sakai 2.8.0 release is now anticipated to occur in the 3rd week of April. The release of IE9 highlighted some incompatibilities with the FCKeditor that the software could not be released with. To address these issues, a patch has been written that will set IE to run in compatibility mode [1] and is the same approach the community took when IE8 was initially released.

The anticipated release date is April 13th with the following activities occurring:

- * April 1 Release Candidate 4 created
- * April 8 QA Testing through the 8th
- * April 8-11 Formal vote on release readiness by Sakai 2 TCC
- * April 11 Release artifact generated
- * April 11-13 Release artifacts tested
- * April 13 Aim to release Sakai 2.8.0 by this date

2.8 Release Activities

The 2.8 Release Activities checklist provides a list of activities to help coordinate across the projects and to encourage communication to the community about the release expectations and progress. As with any schedule, adjustments to dates may be required

Start Date	Due Date	Activity	Activity Description	Owner	Status & Notes
August 2010					

8/15/10	8/15/10	Communication	Communication on intended 2.8 Release changes are circulated to the community. This will include a list of enhancements as well as any tool inclusions or retirements.	Seth Theriault (TCC Chair) or Megan May (TCC Vice Chair)	Complete
	8/25/10	Communication	Highlevel timeline circulated to development community - important information like code freeze date, branching, tagging and intended release date are communicated	Seth Theriault (TCC Chair)	Complete
6/15/10	8/25/10	Tool Status Decision : Inclusion	Decisions are finalized on promoting tools. Project teams begin work related to status changes and TCC Chair communicates decisions	Seth Theriault (TCC Chair)	Complete
6/15/10	8/25/10	Tool Status Decision : Deprecation	Decisions are finalized on retiring tools. This can mean a tool is stealthed or that the code is 100% removed from the release. Project teams begin work related to status changes.	Seth Theriault (TCC Chair)	Complete
	8/25/10	Upgrade Decision	Decisions on upgrades and additions to shared/common jar files and tools (e.g., java, maven, dbcp, spring, hibernate, tomcat) are completed.	Seth Theriault (TCC Chair)	Complete
September 2010					
6/21/10	9/17/10	Information Gathering	Project teams share tool and service plans and are encourage to start posting any documentation/specifications in the project's Confluence space	Megan (TCC Vice Chair)	Complete

	9/21/10	Code Freeze (including kernel) at 23:59 UCT	All changes to code completed, including sakai.properties settings, appropriate default permissions, work related to tool status changes, kernel, database upgrade /conversion scripts, upgrades and additions to shared/common jar files and tools (e.g., java, maven, dbcp, spring, hibernate, tomcat) are completed. , etc.	Project Teams	Some inclusions are still under review
	9/21/10	Create 2.8 Branch	Branch for release is cut from trunk. Changes after this point will require merging from trunk to the release branch.	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	Complete
	9/21/10	QA Alpha tags Begin	Begin tagging QA alpha releases off 2.8.x branch on a rigid 2 week schedule. Test plans are in progress or complete.	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	Complete
	9/21/10	Alpha Tag 01 created	The Alpha 01 Tag is created and request to deploy to QA Server network is sent	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	Complete (available 25 Sept 2010; schedule variance -4 days)
October 2010					
	10/5/10	Alpha Tag 02 created	The Alpha 02 Tag is created and request to deploy to QA Server network is sent	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	Complete (available 20 Oct 2010; delayed in order to include additional TCC-approved capabilities; schedule variance -15 days)

	10/19/10	Alpha Tag 03 created	The Alpha 03 Tag is created and request to deploy to QA Server network is sent	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	Complete (available 3 Nov 2010; schedule variance -15 days)
November 2010					
	11/1/10	Tagging Decision : Move to Beta Tags	Recommendation to move to beta tags	Alan Berg (QA Director) & Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	Remain at alpha
9/21/10	11/1/10	Testing	Functional testers test the whole surface based off the functional changes document and test plans during Alpha tag phase	Alan Berg (QA Director)	
9/1/10	11/1/10	Accessibility Review	Accessibility Review of tools with Significant UI Changes	Brian Richwine (QA Accessibility Lead)	
	11/2/10	QA Beta Tags Begin	Begin tagging QA beta releases off 2.8.x branch on a rigid 2 week schedule. - Final deadline for test plans	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	
	11/2/10	Beta Tag 01 created	The Beta 01 Tag is created and request to deploy to QA Server network is sent	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	

	11/2 /10	String Freeze	No more changes in UI text, so the Internationalization WG can create translations. Implementers can also begin updating their local documentation.	Project Teams	
	11/2 /10	Documentation / Help	Help documentation has been updated and checked in so final translations can take place	Project Teams IU KB (?)	
9/21 /10	11/30 /10	Bug Review	Outstanding bugs in JIRA are reviewed on project by project basis. Bugs that are no longer issues are closed, any bug that must be resolved for the 2.8 release (ie a Blocker) is marked as such and tagged correctly in JIRA.	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	
	11/30 /10	Beta Tag 03 created	The Beta 03 Tag is created and request to deploy to QA Server network is sent	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	
December 2010					
	12/1 /10	Bug Review	List of remaining 2.8 release Blockers from JIRA bug review is published to community.	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	
	12/14 /10	Beta Tag 04 created	The Beta 04 Tag is created and request to deploy to QA Server network is sent	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	
January 2011					
	1/11 /11	Release Candidate Tag Begins	Begin tagging release candidates	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	

	1/11 /11	RC Tag 01 created	The RC 01 Tag is created and request to deploy to QA Server network is sent	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	
	1/25 /11	Translations	Internationalization WG has completed translations and they are checked in/merged to the 2.8.	Language / region translation leads	
	1/25 /11	RC Tag 02 created	The RC 02 Tag is created and request to deploy to QA Server network is sent	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	
February 2011					
	2/8 /11	RC Tag 03 created	The RC 03 Tag is created and request to deploy to QA Server network is sent	Anthony Whyte (2.8 Release Lead)	
	2/15 /11	Decision Point	Release Readiness Decision Point: The Sakai 2 Technical Coordination Committee will vote on whether or not the release is ready	Seth Theriault (TCC Chair)	
2/15 /11	2/28 /11	Release Artifact Testing	Release artifacts are created and two weeks are allocated for testing/signoff.	Alan Berg (QA Director)	
2/14 /11	2/28 /11	Communication	Draft announcement for mailing lists and Sakai Foundation website	Sakai Communications Lead	
March 2011					

	3/1 /11	Software Release	Sakai 2.8.0 is released by the Sakai Community	All	
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The attachment file contains a second tab with a number of communication & coordination activities that need to be slotted once the schedule framework is approved.