

rSmart Sakai CLE 2.7 Tools

This document outlines the major user-facing capabilities in the rSmart Sakai CLE 2.7 distribution, and compares them with the Sakai community 2.7 release.

The tools listed here are only those that present key capabilities to typical users (eg, students, instructors, instructional designers, Sakai administrators). Some minor and supporting tools not listed here are present in both the rSmart and community releases.

In general, the rSmart release delivers the same tools as the community release from which it is built. The rSmart CLE also includes proven contributed tools in its release (ie, tools with a “contributed” community status and a “supported” CLE status) and tools developed by rSmart that are not yet more broadly available (ie, tools with a “NA” community status and a “supported” rSmart status).

Tools are organized by categories based on where their use is focused (ie, course or project worksites, portfolios, user my workspaces, admin). Some tools have capabilities that cross these categories (eg, tools with category “other”) and many tools have additional capabilities that appear in other areas. For example, some tools have global admin capabilities even if their main focus is in a worksite (eg, evaluation system, site statistics). Other tools can push information to additional areas (eg, aggregated views of announcements, calendar events, messages, forums, and portfolios in my workspace).

More detailed technical information about the rSmart Sakai CLE 2.7 release is available online in [our formal release notes](#).

Tool	Category	Community Status	CLE Status	Description
Announcements	worksite	core	supported	View and manage announcements.
Assignments	worksite	core	supported	Complete and manage assignments.
Blogger	worksite	deprecated	deprecated	View and manage web journal content.
Blogs (BlogWow)	worksite	contributed	supported	View and manage web journal content.
Calendar (Schedule)	worksite	core	supported	View and manage events.
Chat Room	worksite	core	supported	Participate in and manage live chat sessions.
Conditional Release	worksite	core	supported	Enable resource content to be released by grade statuses (other triggers to come).
Discussion Forums (JForum)	worksite	contributed	supported	Create, manage, and participate in online discussion forums.
Drop Box	worksite	core	supported	Share content privately between students/instructors.
Email Archive	worksite	core	supported	View and manage site mailing list.
Entity Picker	worksite	contributed	supported	Link to other Sakai materials in rich text editor (eg, to Assignments, Tests & Quizzes, Forums).
Evaluation System	worksite	contributed	supported	Complete and manage course evaluations and surveys.
Feedback (PostEm)	worksite	core	supported	Share targeted feedback (grades, comments) on assignments to site participants via .csv formatted files.
Forums	worksite	core	supported	Create, manage, and participate in online discussion forums.
Google Docs¹	worksite	NA	supported	Integrate resources with Google docs.
Gradebook	worksite	core	supported	List assignments/scores, and calculate, store, and distribute grades.
Gradebook2	worksite	contributed	supported	Next generation: List assignments/scores, and calculate, store, and distribute grades.
Icodeon SCORM Player^{1,2}	worksite	NA	supported	Integrate Icodeon SCORM player.

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IMS Basic LTI²	worksite	core	supported	Integrate external applications via the IMS LTI standard.
iTunes U^{1,2}	worksite	contributed	supported	Integrate with iTunes U service.
Lessons (Melete)	worksite	contributed	supported	Create, publish, and manage online learning modules/instructional sequences.
LinkTool²	worksite	core	supported	Integrate external applications via web services.
Live Virtual Classroom^{1,2}	worksite	contributed	supported	Participate in and manage live virtual classroom sessions and view previously recorded sessions. Note: Currently integrated with Elluminate.
Mailsender	worksite	contributed	supported	Manage email to targeted subsets of site participants.
Messages	worksite	core	supported	View and manage internal messages between participants and groups.
News	worksite	core	supported	View an RSS feed within a site.
Page Order Helper	worksite	contributed	supported	Manage names/order of worksite tools.
Podcasts	worksite	core	supported	View and manage podcasts and provide an external podcast RSS feed.
Polls	worksite	core	supported	Complete and manage simple multiple-choice polls.
Resources	worksite	core	supported	Access, create, upload, and manage files, links, content packages, and citation lists.
Roster	worksite	core	supported	View and export lists of site participants.
Sections (Section Info)	worksite	core	supported	Manage and view site/course user sections.
Sferyx Math Editor^{1,2}	worksite	NA	supported	Integrate Lessons tool with Sferyx math-capable rich text editor.
Site Editor (Site Info)	worksite	core	supported	Manage site information, tools, participants, access, and content.
Site Statistics	worksite	core	supported	View site statistics by user, event, or resource.
Skin Selector	worksite	contributed	supported	Manage current site skin.
Syllabus	worksite	core	supported	Display and manage a course syllabus.
Tasks, Tests & Surveys (Mneme)³	worksite	contributed	beta	Complete and manage online assessments, tasklists, and/or surveys.
Tests & Quizzes (Samigo)	worksite	core	supported	Complete and manage online assessments and/or surveys.
TurnItIn^{1,2}	worksite	contributed	supported	Integrate assignments tool with TurnItIn plagiarism detection service.
Web Content	worksite	core	supported	View external/internal web sites/content within a site.
Wiki	worksite	core	supported	View and manage collaboratively-authored documents.
Word-2-QTI Converter	worksite	contributed	supported	Compose/import tests and quizzes in easy text format.
Evaluations	portfolio	core	supported	Provide participants with summative feedback on wizard pages and matrix cells submitted for evaluation.
Forms	portfolio	core	supported	Create form templates that assist participants in collecting relevant information.
Glossary	portfolio	core	supported	Provide contextual definitions of terms used in portfolios.
Layouts	portfolio	core	supported	Create layouts to specify the arrangement of content in portfolios.
Matrices	portfolio	core	supported	Create structured assessment processes for participants to use to document and reflect on activities in relation to standards/goals.

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Portfolios	portfolio	core	supported	Create, publish, view, and provide feedback on published portfolios.
Presentation Templates	portfolio	core	supported	Define portfolio content, style, and layout.
Styles	portfolio	core	supported	Create stylesheets for wizards, matrices and portfolios.
Wizards	portfolio	core	supported	Create wizards to assist participants using a sequential or hierarchical process for creating and reflecting on artifacts that represent learning or other achievements.
Help	other	core	supported	View help documentation.
New Account	other	core	supported	Create new user account (self-service).
Presence	other	core	supported	View site users currently present.
Reset Password	other	core	supported	Reset native Sakai user passwords.
Search	other	core	supported	Search site content.
Account	my workspace	core	supported	Manage own native Sakai user account.
Membership	my workspace	core	supported	Manage own worksite membership.
My Workspace Information	my workspace	core	supported	View global content tailored by user type in my workspace home.
Preferences	my workspace	core	supported	Manage own user preferences.
Profile	my workspace	deprecated	deprecated	Manage own user profile.
Profile2	my workspace	core	supported	Manage own user profile (next generation).
Aliases	admin	core	supported	Manage aliases for Sakai URLs.
Citation Helper	admin	core	supported	Manage integration with online library resources.
Configuration Viewer	admin	contributed	supported	View application configuration properties settings.
Customizer	admin	NA	supported	Manage global site, tool, permissions, and user-interface text configuration settings and settings files.
Email Template Administration	admin	contributed	supported	Manage global email templates.
Job Scheduler	admin	core	supported	Schedule automatic administrative actions.
Memory	admin	core	supported	Manage memory cache.
Message Bundle Editor	admin	NA	supported	Manage text in user interface.
MOTD (Announcements)	admin	core	supported	Manage global announcements (aka Message of the Day).
On-Line (Online)	admin	core	supported	View current locations, sessions, and servers.
Realms	admin	core	supported	Manage system permissions.
Sakora^{1,2,3}	admin	core	supported	Manage SIS integration via IMS Learning Information Services (LIS).
Site Archive	admin	core	supported	Archive sites. Note: Some archive capabilities are missing in both community and rSmart versions.
Site Setup (Worksite Setup)	admin	core	supported	Manage worksites.
Sites	admin	core	supported	Manage all system sites.
Skin Manager	admin	contributed	supported	Manage skin packages.
Super User (Become User)	admin	provisional	supported	Act as other users.
User Membership	admin	provisional	supported	Manage user site membership.
Users	admin	core	supported	Manage users.

1. Requires additional external technology/service, which may require additional fees.
2. Supported by rSmart with additional fee.
3. Beta tools are included in the Sakai CLE release to enable rSmart and our clients to gain experience with new tools. rSmart does not guarantee full support for beta tools.