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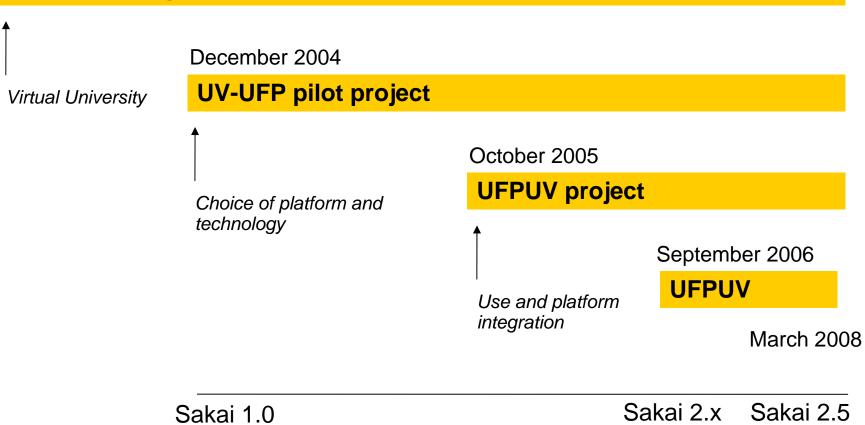
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UFP

- Small university located in Porto, Portugal
- Another campus in Ponte de Lima (north of Portugal)
- A young institution (started 1989/90)
- Three faculties: Health Sciences, Science and Technology, and Social Sciences
- 20 undergraduate courses, and 30 graduate courses (including Master and PhD programs, with around 10% of the students enrolled)
- Around 5.000 students and 260 full-time academic staff
- Bologna process started academic year Sept 06

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UFP e-learning initiative



How it happened

- UFP started and funded the project
- Use Sakai for everyone, for evaluation purposes
- Initial configuration was Tomcat, MySQL, 1 server, no support staff
- In the pilot our colleagues were invited to create their courses and register their students (no providers used)
- A couple of 5-6 page "how-to" documents were produced
- A couple of presentations, and meetings with "selected" colleagues
- Next, integration with SIS and course providers
- Instructors have a tool and an interface to create their own courses

Results

- Version 1.0 was easy to run and use
 - Limited set of tools, but communication with students and resource sharing were priority
 - Assignments was the winner
- Reliable, stable for simple use (still running)
- Major problems:
 - i18N, character support, WebDAV
- Project areas were used for projects and for special groups (all instructors in a Faculty,...)
- Overall evaluation positive from students and instructors
- Still, some of the original problems remain...i18N, dates

Current setup

- Sakai 2.5, CentOS, MySQL 4.x
- 2 servers, 2 Tomcat per server
- SAN for content
- Ldap authentication
- Integration with course and student providers
- Technical and support staff
- UFP tools: Site Stats, UMem, News Feeds, Schedule iCal support,
- Core tools + Test Center, Melete, rWiki

Other decisions

- Semi-automatic creation of course sites (upon instructor request); free creation of project sites;
- Daily sync with SIS, but students are not droped from Sakai
- No site archival yet; instructors should unpublish sites
- UFP specific roles for the providers

Features

Currently implemented features:

Profile: Displays the Sakai user profile for a specific user.

Scheduled features:

- Grades: Displays grades from Sakai Gradebook for a specific user in the current site.
- Profile + Grades: Displays profile and grades for a specific user in the current site.

Demo

