

Howard Scenario

Goal

The Sakai system will be improved through better communication features, more social networking and protected workspaces.

Scenario

It's 8:24 a.m. As Arthur, a grad student, logs into his computer, his Sakai learning environment widget automatically logs him in.

He has the Sakai widget set to automatically log him in when he logs into his computer. By removing a check from a box, he could choose to only log in manually. He chooses the automatic setting because he can be forgetful and he tends to get so involved in his day's projects that he would forget to sign in.

Arthur's concerns are to keep up-to-date on the course activities and to stay in close contact with his teammates so they can successfully get a project done that is due Monday.

Recent activities in the class show up in the top section of the widget. He notices a discussion board item that catches his attention and clicks the link to read it.

In the middle of the widget, the dedicated team workspace called Our Workspace

The screenshot shows the Mizzou Learning Communities interface. At the top, there is a Mizzou logo with a tiger head and the text "Mizzou Learning Communities". Below the logo, it says "Good morning Arthur" and "Wed, 8:24am Oct. 24, 2007".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Discussion List - Recent Topics:** A table with columns for Topic, Answers, Author, Last message, and Forum Name. The table lists several discussion topics, including "Team 5: James, Newswahlstein, Howard", "Warrior Question and 5", "Team 3: Sharp, Woodridge, Seed", "Team 2 - Dickson, Doorn, Kiser, Olske", "Seed-Requirements", "Team 4: Ball, Appleton, Seedman", "James Requirements Abstract", "Newswahlstein Requirements Abstract", and "Team 1: Defelice, Henry, Marc".
- Our Workspace:** A section titled "Recent Updates" showing recent posts: "Lisa posted 'ideas for Saturday'", "Josiah posted 'Scenario article' (Word doc)", and "Arthur posted 'Re: ideas for Saturday'". Below the updates are three small image thumbnails.
- Chat:** A section titled "Friends (2/10)" showing a list of friends: "_omerod_" (currently away from the computer), "Jacquelyn - Idle", "Halle", and "hollylp". There is a "Chat histories" link.
- Social Networking:** A section with three profile cards: "Lisa's profile Blog last updated Oct. 22", "Arthur's profile New photos added Oct. 19", and "Cat's profile New video added Oct. 24".

shows recent updates for the team. He sees the new discussion board items that his team has posted as well as some thumbnails of new image files. He will be using the workspace later in the afternoon so he doesn't click any of the links or images.

In the chat section, he sees that one of his team members, Lisa, is online and her status is marked as available for chat. He clicks on the chat icon and wishes her a good morning. While chatting, she sends him a valuable link for the individual part of the project he is working on. He sends her a photo attachment through the chat client that is relevant for her individual work. They end their chat.

He sees that his other team member, Josiah, is only available today through text messaging on his phone. Using the widget interface, he sends him a quick text message checking about their Saturday plans for the team meeting.

Arthur then checks the chat history to refresh his memory on a decision the team made during a recent group chat. Through using a keyword search on the chat history, he's able to find the exact section of the chat he wanted.

In the social networking section, he notices that Cat has posted a new video in her profile section. He was on a team with Cat in the past and he appreciates the ability to conveniently see her current creations. Through access to the social networking section, he feels like he knows his classmates better and knows more about what his community is doing. He clicks the link and enjoys watching her video.

Arthur then goes to work on other projects. The Sakai widget runs in the background on his desktop and throughout the day, he checks it for updates any time that he wants.