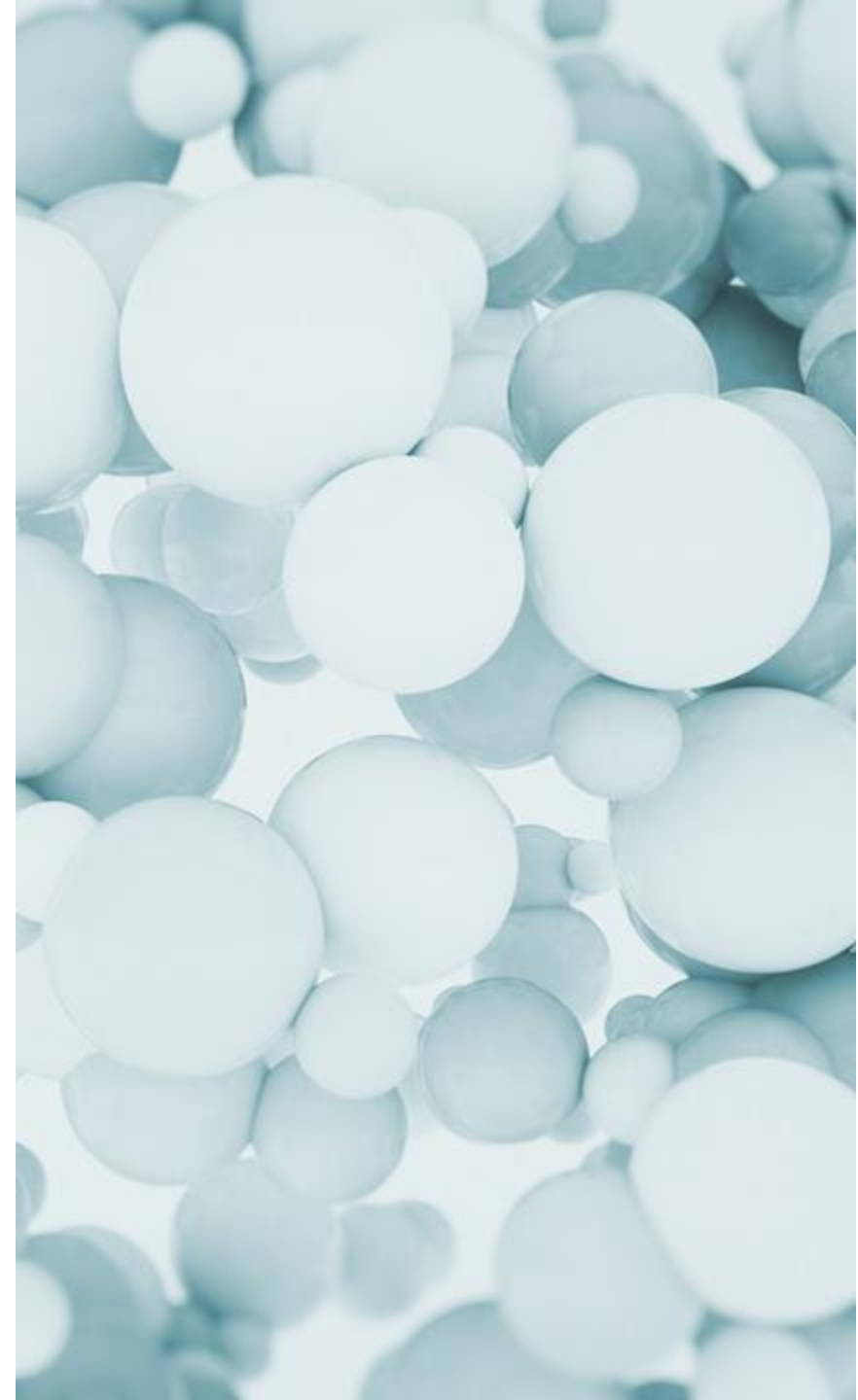


Sakai to Canvas

Information Technology Services

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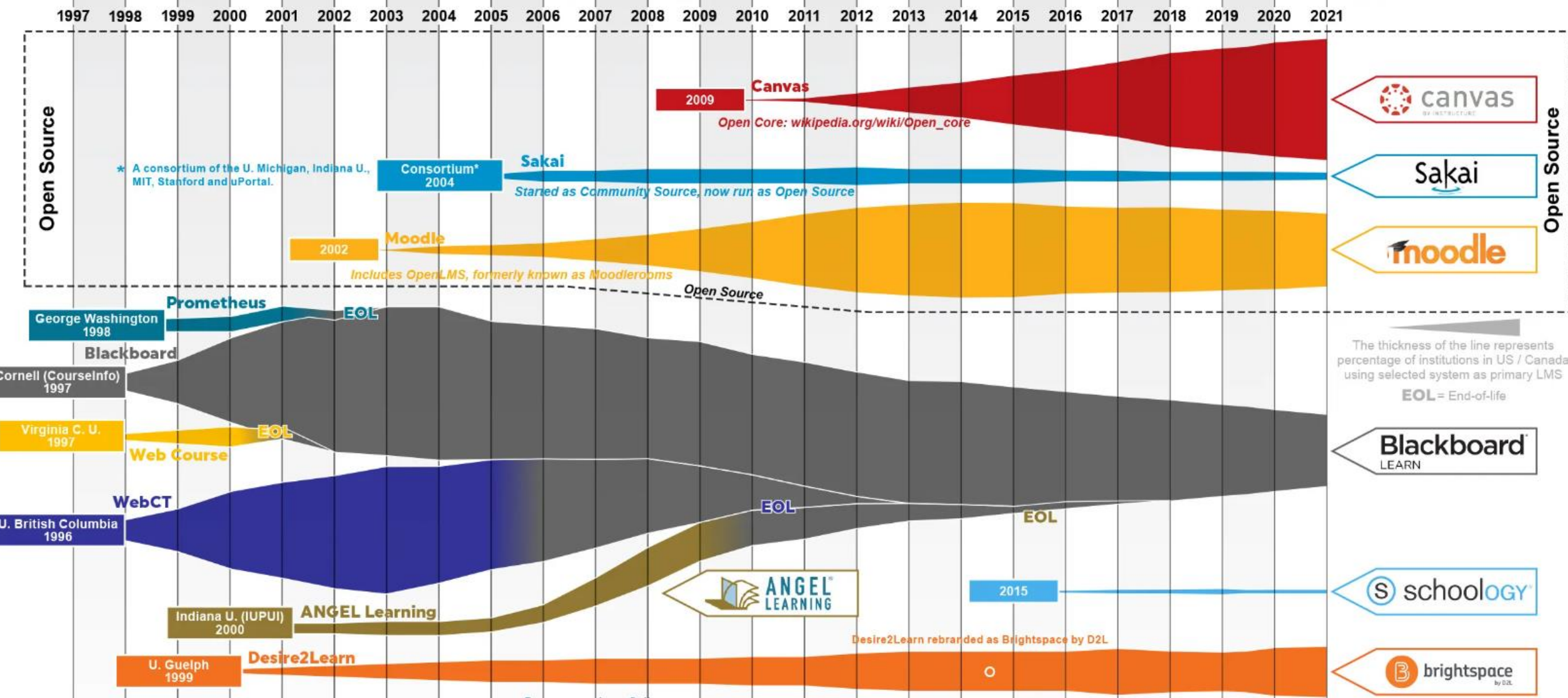
Why is Sakai being phased out?

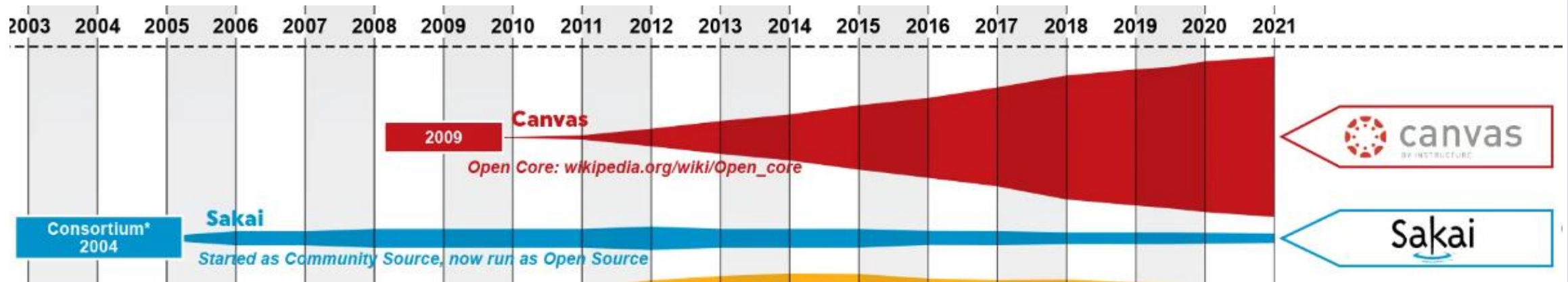
- Sakai's future is increasingly limited; action is needed soon.
 - Development community has gradually contracted since 2012.
 - New versions of Sakai have yielded fewer significant improvements.
 - Long-term concerns about system stability, information security.
 - Integration with third-party ed tech tools is unavailable or unsatisfactory.

LMS Market Share For US & Canadian Higher Ed Institutions

YEAR-END 2021 EDITION

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM → LEARNING PLATFORM





2013: UNC's move from Blackboard to Sakai complete

Why Canvas?

- Designed to encourage developing a well-structured course site, regardless of an instructor's prior LMS experience
- Greatest variety of integrations of any LMS
- Of leading LMS vendors, has the most experience with cloud-based architecture to host and deliver services
- Used by more North American higher education institutions, including peer institutions, than any other LMS
- With one exception, SUNY, all former Sakai institutions replacing their LMS have chosen Canvas

When will I lose access to Sakai?

Proposed timeline:

- **Mid-October 2023** Deadline for requesting new project sites in Sakai
- **Spring 2024** Last semester Sakai available to host course, project sites
- Before **Maymester/SSI 2024** Sakai set to read-only access
- Before **Maymester/SSI 2026** Sakai decommission complete

2023

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2024

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All Sakai course and project sites available

Summer months (Fall prep)

Deadline for requesting new project sites

*Sakai sites deactivated at end of Spring semester

All Sakai sites available for viewing only

approximately one week after final exams, Sakai no longer available

Sakai no longer available

Canvas adoption to date

- Fall 21 pilot: 7 courses, 13 instructors, 250 students
- Spring 22 pilot: 52 courses, 83 instructors, 2325 students
- Fall 22 launch: 761 courses, 875 teachers, 13641 students

Peer comparison

	<u>UVA</u>	<u>UNC</u>
FA 21	-	Canvas pilot
SP 22	-	Canvas pilot
FA 22	Canvas pilot	Both Sakai and Canvas
SP 23	Both Sakai and Canvas	Both Sakai and Canvas
FA 23	All courses in Canvas	Both Sakai and Canvas
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Preparing for Spring 23

- Oct 22: content migrated Spring 22 Sakai sites available in Canvas archive space
- Training sessions, consultations for faculty and IT support staff
- ITS online resources at [**canvas.unc.edu**](https://canvas.unc.edu)
 - "Moving from Sakai to Canvas"
 - "Getting Course Content into Canvas"

Migrated content is imperfect

- Incompatibilities between the two systems
 - Duplicate copies of files linked to multiple places in Sakai
- Missing content: very large files, very large sites
 - Result of system time-outs during export from Sakai
- **Faculty time is required to review, update migrated content**
 - Start reviewing, updating content in Canvas as soon as possible

Not all content/sites will be migrated

- As with Blackboard to Sakai move:
 - No course rosters/participant lists.
 - Not all 283,000+ sites.
 - Estimated cost would be \$7 million.

What sites will be migrated?

- Subset of course sites
 - All course sites from Spring 22 through Spring 24 semesters
 - Subset of courses taught in Fall 21, earlier
 - Faculty select most recent version of site for courses not taught since Fall 21 that will be taught again.
- Very limited subset of project sites
 - Restricted to complex sites that will continue to be used over multiple years

Testimonials

canvas.unc.edu

(scroll to the bottom!)

"The dashboard in Canvas is a game changer. It provides a list of what's coming up and what to do next. It tells you when grading for an assignment starts. I use that as a cue to send a 'friendly reminder' to students about upcoming assignments. I used to keep a schedule on paper, but now I don't have to."

REBECCA KITZMILLER
Clinical Associate Professor, School of Nursing

"I like the mobile app. I can see all courses in one place. It gives a quick visual of the activity. I can easily see how many people have turned in an assignment and who has turned it in."

LESLIE M. SHARPE
Clinical Assistant Professor, School of Nursing

"Canvas allows us to deliver engaging learning experiences more efficiently across our campus. With features such as Learning Outcomes, we can track mastery of learning among students, and the Portfolio tool allows us to capture longitudinal learning experiences. A student and teacher app make it easier for students and faculty to access content and interact with each other while they are on the go. This promotes the continuity of learning, regardless of time, place and modality of teaching."

MANISHA MITTAL
Instructional Design Specialist, School of Nursing

"It is a smoother, cleaner website. More on par with what other universities use."

4TH-YEAR STUDENT
School of Education

"It was extremely intuitive, very easy to use, and it just looks cleaner. It's more modern."

ERIC HASTIE
Assistant Teaching Professor, Biology

"It looks like (Canvas) made it easier for the teachers, which makes it easier on us."

2ND-YEAR STUDENT
Biology

"The user experience was outstanding for me. Things were easy to find. Big legible text, organized, low extraneous information, and pretty."

GRADUATE STUDENT
School of Education

"The forum system in Canvas was much easier to use and navigate. It was helpful to be able to add possible grades for assignments to see your estimated current overall score. It was also helpful to be able to open multiple tabs on Canvas, compared to Sakai where it forces you to close all other instances of Sakai."

4TH-YEAR STUDENT
Biology

Note: Not closing all instances of Sakai can lead to the loss of student data on exams.