



## Serensoft is working with Blackbaud to integrate collaboration and learning environment with administrative software system



### About Sakai

Sakai is an open source software project driven by the Sakai Foundation, a world-wide consortium of institutions, organizations and individuals dedicated to providing collaboration, research and e-portfolio tools. The Sakai Foundation is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to coordinating activities around Sakai and the Sakai community to insure Sakai's long-term viability. For more information, please visit [www.sakaiproject.org](http://www.sakaiproject.org).

### About Serensoft

Serensoft is a pure services company focused only on what is best for its higher education clients. Serensoft offers a range of solutions...many having no software licensing cost whatsoever. Whether it's Learning management Systems, e-portfolios or Administrative Computing, Serensoft designs fully customized solutions aimed at an institution's needs. For more information visit [www.serensoft.com](http://www.serensoft.com).

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Portsmouth, NH, October 18, 2007—**Serensoft** LLC, a Portsmouth, NH based company providing customized solutions to higher education, is working with **Blackbaud**, Inc. (NASDAQ: BLKB) a Charleston, South Carolina based company providing software and services to nonprofit organizations, to integrate the **Sakai** Collaboration and Learning Environment (CLE) with Blackbaud's Student Information System —an administrative software system for higher education.

With this integration, Blackbaud's clients will be able to deploy the same learning management system that is being implemented by schools such as Yale, Stanford, Indiana, Georgia Tech, Northwestern, Michigan, Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia, and the University of California-Berkeley. Serensoft brings its experience and expertise as a Sakai Commercial Affiliate to the integration.

Sakai is a free and open source product that is built and maintained by the Sakai community. Sakai's development model is called "Community Source" because many of the developers creating Sakai are drawn from the "community" of organizations that have adopted and

are using Sakai. Many users of Sakai deploy it to support teaching and learning, ad hoc group collaboration, support for portfolios and research collaboration.

Through this relationship with Blackbaud, Serensoft hopes to bring their solution to Blackbaud higher education clients in the form of integration, implementation and training.

**Michael Korcuska**, Executive Director of the Sakai Foundation said, "This emerging relationship among Blackbaud, Serensoft and Sakai continues to validate the value that the Sakai platform brings to higher education. The Sakai Foundation is always excited to support efforts that drive Sakai's interoperability with other enterprise systems on campus."

**Richard Tharp**, Serensoft Partner said, "As the relationship with Blackbaud develops, Serensoft is delighted to be able to contribute to the functional integration of Sakai with an already-robust student information system. This process further broadens and deepens Serensoft's position as a premier solution provider to the higher education community."

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