

CANS PROJECT

Context-aware Activity Notification System

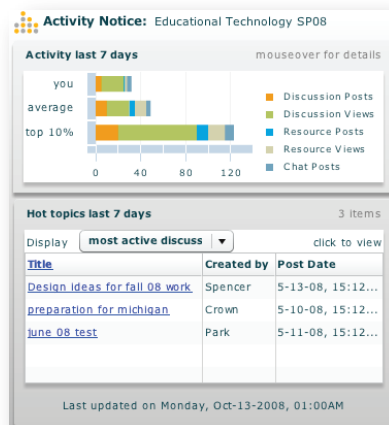
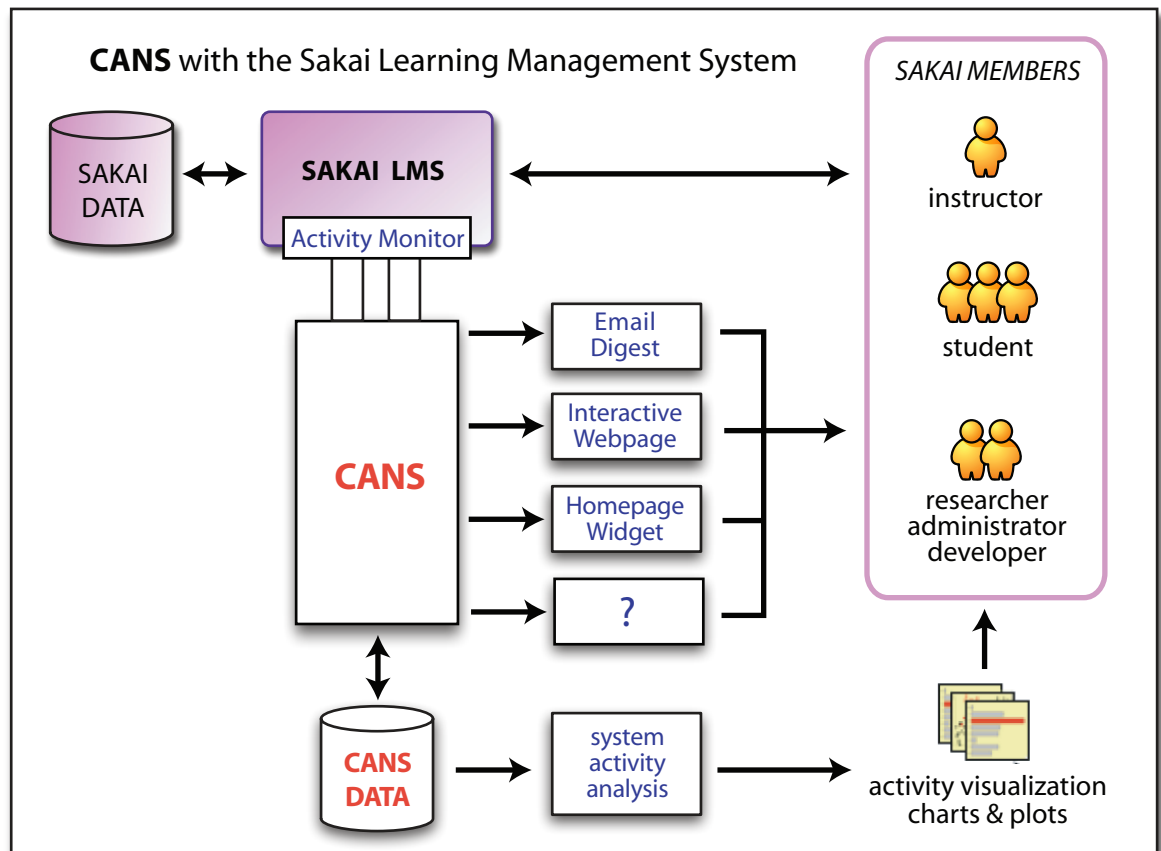
CANS improves the processes and quality of online education by providing activity awareness information within context. This innovative system makes online learning with an instructor and among peers more social.

CANS Project Aims:

- Develop a method for context awareness that is easy to use by faculty and students
- Evaluate the impact of this method upon teaching and learning experiences and practices
- Advance new knowledge about the contextual and social nature of teaching and learning online

FIPSE Support for CANS

The School of Information Science & Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri - Columbia, with partners at the University of Michigan and Virginia Tech, has been awarded a three-year grant (2007-2009) to advance the use of CANS and evaluate the impact of its use upon teaching and learning experiences and practices by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) of the United States Department of Education.



Current Challenge: CANS WIDGET

Develop a way to integrate interactivity with notifications into the Sakai work context.

- Provide a quick overview of what is going on
- Help members know how well they are doing
- Encourage participation and equality of participation