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CampusContent, the DFG Center of Excellence for E-Learning, will be presenting its networked repository solutions for learning and knowledge content at Cebit. This will be the basis for a repository network for the education sector called "**edu-sharing**", to be launched in 2009.

As opposed to other repository solutions throughout the EU, CampusContent largely supports protected cooperation among communities of colleagues and experts. The successive connection of **edu-sharing** will make the content of existing networks, such as Ariadne and European Schoolnet, available on **edu-sharing**.

The possibilities of granting specific access rights to invited colleagues have attracted a lot of interest, especially in the school and university sectors.

edu-sharing is interesting for communal data centers that often support different learning platforms for several hundred schools and that would like to network these with each other. Universities often use several learning management systems, which has been a barrier to the exchange of learning content, media, and learning scenarios in the past. Publishing houses, radio, TV, and other content providers can offer content to the education facilities that are connected to the network via various licenses.

The repository software and optional authoring tools will be provided as open source. Users can install a self-contained repository for their own facility; however, it is desired that the repositories are connected to the **edu-sharing** network.

Alfresco, a very successful and widespread open source document management system, was chosen as the basic repository software system. This ensures **edu-sharing** users stability and performance, as Alfresco has a large developer, service, and user community. Alfresco provides interfaces to many IT systems, including Office programs. Alternatively, instead of the Community version, users can use the Enterprise Service of the Alfresco partner network. During 2009, service partners will be certified and listed on **www.edu-sharing.net** for all the other modules, such as the Onyx testing and evaluation system from the education portal in Saxony, Germany and for the Chameleon authoring system from metacoon.

The **edu-sharing** network launches with pilot partners in spring. During the pilot phase, technologies and user interfaces will be optimized and the network organization and content licensing processes will be coordinated. In autumn, the software and community model will be published and content providers and other repository networks will be connected to **edu-sharing**.

At Cebit, interested users and potential service partners can obtain information and advice. Producers of e-learning software that would like to connect to **edu-sharing** are welcome to visit us at the trade show booth.

At **Cebit 2009** you will find us at Booth D06 in Hall 9 or visit us at **moodle moot 2009**.

You will find more information on our website:
www.edu-sharing.net