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Binding your business with Microsoft Office SharePoint Server

Enterprise collaboration

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“**Improving** productivity of Information Worker through smart collaboration.”

Executive Summary

As a business development manager, you may see SharePoint as just another development platform for enterprise development. But many businesses identified Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 as one of the most powerful collaboration tool in this world. Microsoft SharePoint Server is capable of doing more than just managing your content. The promising feature of SharePoint is the ability to develop faster and smooth deployment over your enterprise. SharePoint seemingly integrates with most of the enterprise applications in your organization to build the enterprise collaboration solution.

Information Workplace - defining strategy

Information Workplace is meant to be the next-generation digital work environment. The Information Workplace is focused at the enterprise and evolves as an integrated platform for all information workers. When you look into Information Workplace vision, some Information Worker professionals and vendors have explored the global replacement for the current collaboration, content management and other productivity tool with innovative enterprise collaboration products such as Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 to bind their business with success.

Information Workplace strategy intend to rationalize the collaboration, content management, portals and business intelligence. Microsoft Office SharePoint Server offers wide range of collaboration features, content management abilities, messaging and hassle free integration with other enterprise applications. Along with Microsoft SQL Reporting services and Analysis services, Microsoft offers you the great business intelligence tools for the enterprises to seemingly integrate with collaboration tool.

SharePoint, What it solves?

“Enterprise collaboration platform to build effective interaction.”

All the good and promising features that Microsoft has said about its SharePoint Portal Server are true. Primarily the Microsoft SharePoint platform is for document management, internal searching and portal building. The integrated Web content management capabilities of Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 would help it to rationalize site administration because people outside of Information Technology would be able to publish Web content with easy-to-use authoring tools and built-in approval processes.

Enterprise Search in SharePoint searches not just documents and other files stored in document libraries, but also all the content available as part of the portal pages. Users can also find colleagues with relevant expertise anywhere in the enterprise, through the Office SharePoint Server 2007 people search capability. Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 built on an open, scalable architecture with support for Web services and interoperability standards such as XML and Simple Object Access Protocol, can be easily integrated with other Enterprise applications.

The flexibility provided by Excel Services, Document Libraries, Out of the box workflow capabilities and enhanced security are some of the key aspects of the SharePoint which can be used for easy building of the collaboration portal. Excel Services makes it possible for workbooks created in Office Excel 2007 spreadsheet software to be used as interactive reports throughout the enterprise. Seemingly SharePoint Platform solves many requirements as enterprise business process evolves and changes.

Business Collaboration using SharePoint



“Driving teamwork through innovative SharePoint features.”

Think Collaboration, Think SharePoint

Microsoft has been able to leverage its strong position on corporate desktops to drive additional investment in the SharePoint server for collaboration and other highly developed features. SharePoint is spreading to very large populations of business people very rapidly. As SharePoint spreads as an application for collaboration, new custom applications and increased demand for more custom applications follow in its way. SharePoint 2007 added a bunch of new features, but its multilayer development environment is what allows end users to develop simple applications using InfoPath and professional developers to build complex applications with SharePoint Designer and .NET programming - making the offering a collaboration platform that competes head to head with Lotus Notes.

SharePoint is the excellent replacement for the older Web and portal platforms, such as the Vignette and Plumtree portals and, to some extent, IBM's Lotus

SharePoint is a bundle of collaboration services, features and applications. The core collaboration features are solid and supported by mature development tools. And SharePoint is a customizable collaboration application, it can be customized on the existing feature by using the Microsoft SharePoint Designer and to add more functionality we can achieve the same using Visual Studio programming for your SharePoint portal. The interoperability features Microsoft has provided for SharePoint are one of the valuable solution, particularly the Web services application program interfaces. The collaboration team sites are the excellent replacement for the shared network folders. You can share all the documents and the data inside these portals with great features of collaboration.

Conclusion

Microsoft delivers the primary Information Workplace platform building blocks Collaboration, Content, Portal, and Office productivity right in the SharePoint server. Implementing SharePoint as your collaboration tool in your enterprise will definitely wipe out large number of pain areas in your collaboration process. Integrity of SharePoint Server provides you better information sharing between enterprise applications that will bring you better productivity in the business. The bunch of features and flexibility of SharePoint bind your business with success and growth.

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