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Its Role in Collaboration and What is New in 2016?

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Most people spend the greater part of their work day involved in collaborative tasks. They share information, they work together in teams, and they manage projects. It can be a challenge to collaborate effectively if they do not have tools to easily communicate, share information, and coordinate projects details and deadlines among a large group of people.

SharePoint can help to get the work done more efficiently because it provides organizations with a platform for sharing information and working together in teams.

Manage Projects More Effectively

Users can create a site from the Team Site template to manage a range of team projects and document related tasks. They would use their team site every day to create and manage documents, track issues and tasks, and share links and contacts. Because they have one location for these activities, members of a team can save time and enjoy increased productivity.

The site can store long term routine information for a single department or short term information for a special project that spans several departments. By creating a team site to use as a collaborative workspace, your team can become both more efficient and more productive and ultimately achieve better business results.

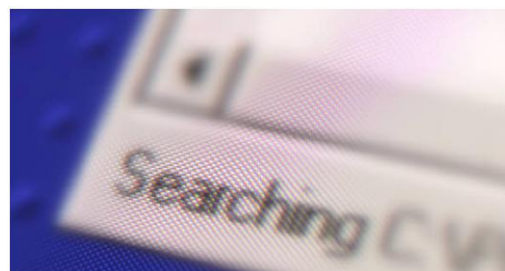
Create, Review, and Share Documents

Groups of people can create and edit documents collaboratively. For example, team members save general documents to a shared Documents library, where other team members can easily read them or check them out and edit them or team can use slide or picture libraries to save and reuse slides and pictures for various presentations, etc.

Capture and Share Team Knowledge

SharePoint provides organizations with a central location to capture best practices, share information, and promote standardized business processes. Teams can use both a wiki site and a blog site to capture and communicate information of interest to the team. A team can use a wiki to compile general information about company and team processes that will be helpful to new team members.

Any member of the team can add information to the wiki or update the wiki posts. A team can also routinely post industry-related or marketing-related information to a blog site, where other team members can read the posts and comment on them. The blog provides team members with a forum to share new ideas, opinions, or inspiration.



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Microsoft releases a new version of SharePoint every three years. SharePoint 2016 public Beta version is available. The full version is expected in Spring 2016. Here is what is new in SharePoint 2016 version.

SharePoint 2016's main goal is to bring the best of Office 365 Cloud technology to on-premises solutions. In this truly effective Hybrid model, organizations will be able to have the best of the Cloud, whilst keeping all their important information and data stored on-premises.

SharePoint Server 2016 has been designed to reduce the emphasis on IT and streamline administrative tasks, so that IT professionals can concentrate on core competencies and mitigate costs.

MinRoles

You can now install just the role that you want on particular SharePoint 2016 servers. This will only install what's required there, and it will make sure that all servers that belong to each role are compliant. You will also be able to convert servers to run new roles if needed. You can look at the services running on the SharePoint 2016 server and see if they are compliant.

Downtime for Updates

Downtime previously required to update SharePoint servers has been removed.

Mobile and Touch

SharePoint 2016 provides the latest technologies and standards for mobile push

and information synchronization. With deep investment in HTML5, SharePoint 2016 provides capabilities that enable device-specific targeting of content. This helps to ensure that users have access to the information they need, regardless of the screen they choose to access it on.

App Launcher

The App Launcher provides a new navigation experience where all your apps are easily available from the top navigation bar. You can quickly launch your application, browse sites and access your personal files.

Improved Controls

Based on SharePoint Online and OneDrive for Business, SharePoint 2016 document libraries inherit the improved control surface for working with content, simplifying the user experience for content creation, sharing and management.

Mobile and Touch

In addition to a consistent cross-screen experience, SharePoint Server 2016

Content Sharing

SharePoint 2016 improves the sharing experience by making it more natural for users to share sites and files. You can just click the "Share" button at the top right corner of every page, enter the names of

people you want to share with, and press Enter. The people you just shared with will get an email invitation with a link to the site.

Large File Support

SharePoint 2016 provides support for uploading files up to 10GB.

Compliance Tools

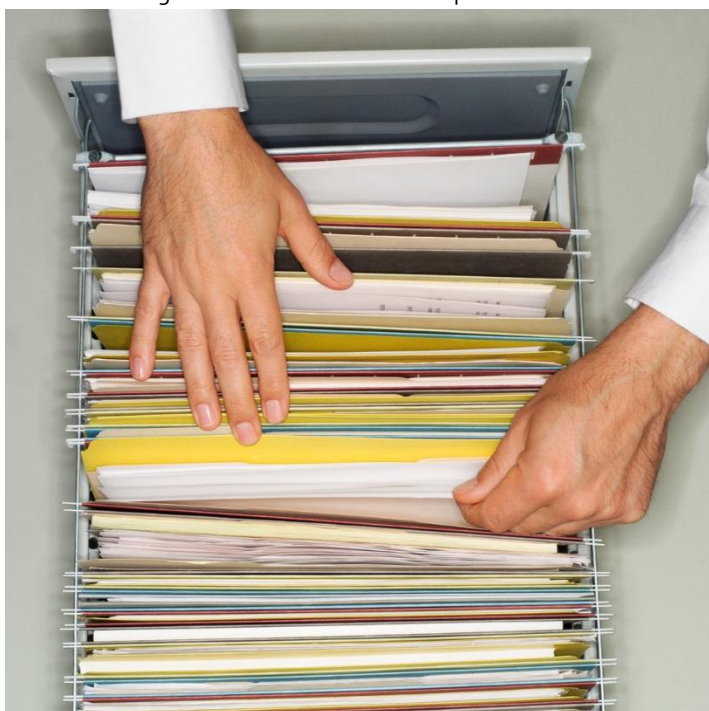
Preventing data loss is non-negotiable, and over-exposure to information can have legal and compliance implications. SharePoint 2016 provides a broad array of features and capabilities designed to make certain that sensitive information remains that way, and to ensure that the right people have access to the right information at the right time.

New In-Place Hold Policy and Document Deletion Centers will allow you to manage time-based, organization-wide in-place hold policies to preserve items in SharePoint and OneDrive for Business for a fixed period of time, in addition to managing policies that can delete documents after a specified period of time.

Cloud Hybrid Search

Cloud hybrid search offers users the ability to seamlessly discover relevant information across on-premises and Office 365 content. With the cloud hybrid search solution, you index all your crawled content, including on-premises content, in your search index in Office 365. When users query your search index in Office 365, they get unified search results from both on-premises and Office 365 cloud services with combined search relevancy ranking.

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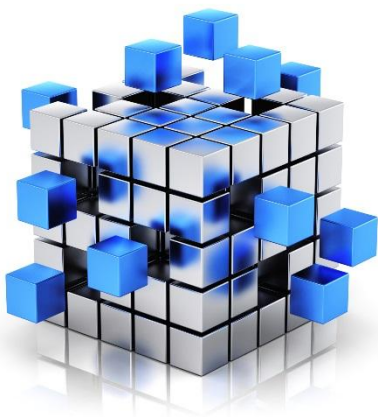
New Compliance Tools from AvePoint

AvePoint has introduced significant upgrades to its compliance product line, Compliance Guardian Service Pack (SP) 3 and Compliance Guardian Online SP 2. The company reports Compliance Guardian mitigates privacy, security and compliance risks across information gateways with a comprehensive risk management process allowing organizations to document policies, implement and measure them, and demonstrate conformance.

OpenText Expands Information Access

OpenText has unveiled Microsoft SharePoint Services (SPS) for Extended ECM for Oracle's E-Business Suite. OpenText says the offering provides comprehensive ERP-associated content management, governance and compliance management.

The OpenText SPS solution allows SharePoint users to work with, and add to, content managed by OpenText without leaving their native application. As with Extended ECM for Oracle E-Business Suite itself, users can participate directly in content-enriched Oracle E-Business Suite business process to facilitate an integrated approach to enterprise content management.



Bridgeline Digital Releases iAPPS 5.2

Bridgeline Digital has unveiled iAPPS 5.2, a .NET platform that has been designed for Web content management, e-commerce, e-marketing, social media management and Web analytics on one all-encompassing .NET platform. iAPPS can be delivered as either a true SaaS multitenant environment or a traditional dedicated server environment.

The company highlights major enhancements to the platform's native e-mail solution, iAPPS Marketier. Bridgeline Digital calls special attention to the new Communication Dashboard, which offers intuitive features that empower corporate marketing teams to develop, manage and execute effective e-mail campaigns. Additionally, new dynamic list segmentation capabilities allow customers to easily nurture specific audiences with targeted communications.

Bloomfire Premiers Advanced Reporting

Bloomfire has launched an Advanced Reporting offering, which the company says is designed to give organizations detailed, easily consumed data that moves beyond views, likes and follows to show the true engagement of collaboration initiatives.

Featuring more than a dozen new reports, Bloomfire's enhanced analytics includes detailed drill-down reports, use case-specific reports, broad filtering and export options, and full API support to ensure customers achieve the greatest ROI across internal and external communities.

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