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You may have just finished with upgrading your SharePoint to 2010 version and SharePoint 2013 has been released a year ago. What is this all about? And are you going to adopt it or not?

Microsoft releases a major version of SharePoint every three years. SharePoint 2013 is a significant release with many new great features. However, you may find it hard to justify moving on to 2013 release in the near future, unless you can find a business justification for spending the time and money it will take to make the transition.

I am going to highlight few new features of SharePoint 2013 to help you with this decision.

Reuse Content Across Multiple Sites

Cross-Site publishing has been introduced. When using this feature you can store and manage content in one location and then display the content in other site collections.

Navigation and User Friendly Links

There are new navigation features and the ability to base a navigation structure of an existing term set. This allows organizations to centrally manage their content and to provide meaningful navigation structures within the multiple site collections.

Changing Web Parts

SharePoint 2013 adds a new web part that will allow you to provide the same functionality as the Content Query Web Part, but is instead based on the search functionality available within SharePoint.

Social Features

The list of new features include: micro blogs, activity feeds, community sites, Following, Likes and Reputations.

My Site

In SharePoint 2013 saving documents into My Sites is going to get a lot easier.

Mobility

It is easier to access SharePoint content from a mobile device. Adding to the existing classic view, SharePoint 2013 offers two new views for mobile devices, including a contemporary view for optimized mobile browser experience and a full-screen view which enables the user to have a full desktop view of a SharePoint site.

Site Permissions

SharePoint 2013 includes new, simplified sharing based model for site permissions management.
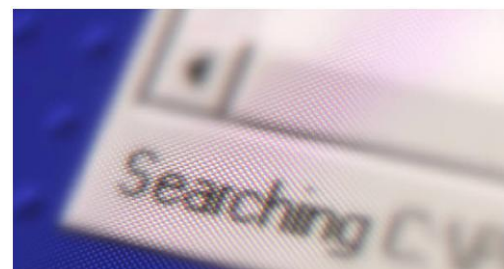
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With the growing trends of social collaboration and enhancements found in the latest release of SharePoint 2013, Microsoft continues to facilitate collaboration among employees.

As SharePoint continues to evolve, it is essential to have a solution in place that would achieve the vision of efficiency and collaboration without compromising on security and compliance. It is imperative that organizations establish effective information governance strategies to support secure collaboration.

There are two new nice features in SharePoint 2013 version that would help you with compliance issues. E-discovery center is a SharePoint site that allows to get more control of your data. It allows to identify, hold, search, and export documents needed for e-discovery. "In Place Hold" feature allows to preserve documents and put hold on them while users continue working on them. These features are available for both on-premises and in-cloud solutions.

2013 SharePoint has been integrated with Yammer which provides many social features. This presents new challenge with compliance. Yammer is planning to integrate more security in future releases. But for now, organizations need to create policies and procedures for these social features. Roles like "Community Manager", "Yambassadors", "Group Administrators" might be introduced.

There are 3rd party tools that could be used with SharePoint for compliance and information governance. They are: Metalogix and AvePoint for Governance and Compliance, CipherPoint and Stealth Software for Encryption and Security; ViewDo Labs and Good Data for Yammer analytics and compliance.

Develop a Plan

When developing your plan, it is necessary for organizations to understand the types of content SharePoint contains before establishing governance procedures. It is important to involve the appropriate business owners and gather any regulatory requirements.

Implement Your Governance Architecture

In order to implement effective content management, organizations should address and plan to manage growth of sites, files, storage, and the overall volume of content. Organizations without a governance strategy often struggle with proliferation of content with no solutions to manage or dispose of it. This is a huge problem with file servers. Over time, file servers grow to the point where they become a bit like the file cabinet collecting dust in the corner of your office. It is easy to add in a new file, but you will not find it later when you need it. The challenge comes from the planning on how to organize and dispose of out-of-date content.

SharePoint offers the technology to address these challenges, but only if it is enabled as part of your governance plan. Information management policies can be used to automatically delete documents, or you may be using third-party solutions to archive documents, libraries and sites. By default in SharePoint 2013, Shredded Storage is enabled to reduce the overall storage of organizations that are utilizing versioning. Remote BLOB Storage (RBS) can also be enabled in SharePoint or through third-party tools to reduce SharePoint's storage burden on SQL Server.

Ongoing Assessments

In order to ensure that established governance procedures continue to meet your business requirements ongoing assessment is required. Conduct ongoing testing of business solutions, monitoring of system response times, service availability and user activity, as well as assessments to ensure that you have complied with your guidelines and requirements for properly managing the content.

React and Revise as Necessary

In order to continue to mitigate risk, respond to evolving requirements, and harden security and access controls, you should take information gathered in your ongoing assessments and use that to improve your information governance.

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## AvePoint Integrates with Box

AvePoint has introduced DocAve Cloud Connect, which allows business users to search, edit, share and collaborate on Box and SharePoint content.

DocAve Cloud Connect allows both SharePoint and Box users to collaborate with one another without the need to duplicate data on both platforms. Through this tight integration between SharePoint and Box, users can enable secure mobile collaboration, and share information directly with customers and partners as well as use SharePoint's document management capabilities, which include e-discovery, enterprise search, permissions management, workflows, alerts and versioning.

Managing Enterprise Search

RAVN Systems has announced RAVN Manage 3.6, an enterprise search tool designed to identify hidden problems and allow organizations to be more efficient in managing critical search and other applications.

- The company highlights the following features of Version 3.6:
- a new version of RAVN Manage REST API allows viewing and editing of configuration and service states;
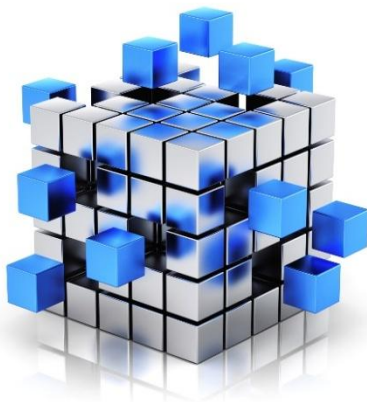
- the ability to create new service types by cloning existing ones in the new Service Types Settings view; and

- an updated engine settings view, which enables a clearer view of which drivers are enabled for each service type.

Compliance and Governance for Microsoft OneDrive from Concept Searching

Concept Searching has extended its conceptClassifier for SharePoint and conceptClassifier for Office 365 platforms to include the management of OneDrive for Business.

Within the expanded conceptClassifier for SharePoint and conceptClassifier for Office 365 offerings, Concept Searching clients are now able to deploy precisely the same functionality already available in SharePoint and Office 365 to OneDrive for Business.

Semantic Enrichment, Ontology Management from Luxid Version 7

TEMIS has released the seventh generation of its flagship semantic content enrichment platform. The company reports Luxid 7 offers a more scalable and robust semantic enrichment pipeline and a dedicated ontology management tool, providing users with an integrated workflow that is said to be more powerful and more efficient.

Also new is Luxid Webstudio, which is described as a natively multi-user, collaborative Web application enabling users to create, edit and maintain an ontology while governing the way ontological objects are recognized by the Luxid semantic enrichment pipeline.

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