Adventures with SharePoint: An Intranet Migration Experience

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Overview

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- Migration process
- Current configuration
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Initial State

- Public web site
- Intranet site for faculty and staff use
- Password-protected directories for partners

Reasons to Migrate

- Reduce maintenance effort
- Eliminate data duplication
- Improve site organization
- Integrate access for partners
- Build a base for future applications
Development Process

- Met with IT to learn about capabilities
- Reviewed structure of existing site
- IT set up a test environment
- Used test environment to experiment
- Evaluate applicability

 Migration Process

- Identify data to be moved
- Identify duplicate data
- Develop site structure, including views
- IT set up site
- IT set up SSO extensions group
- Copy data
- Rename files
Migration Process

- Add appropriate descriptors to files
- Validate site content and structure
- Develop external security groups
- Associate security groups to folders
- Add external partners to security groups
- Coordinate with IT
- Go live

Current Configuration

- SharePoint 2007
- SharePoint External Connector
- SSO Extensions
IT Support

- Assisted with needs analysis
- Consulted on technical aspects
- Set up site
- Provided SSO Extensions infrastructure
- Assisted with testing
- Answered innumerable questions
- Helped smooth the transition

Lessons Learned

- Get training ahead of time
- Budget more time than you think will be needed
- Understand the capabilities of SharePoint
- Understand the limitations of SharePoint
- Think about structure
- Develop naming standards
- Provide links in reports to documentation
- Be cognizant of how active directory works
Potential Future Development

- Investigate workflow-based applications
- Migrate applications from web server
- Learn about SharePoint 2010 capabilities

Demonstrations

- Establish new document library
- Add documents to library
- Set document attributes
- SSO Extensions
- Assigning permission groups to document libraries
- Assigning users to permission groups
Questions

Thank you for time

Please complete the evaluation
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