

# **Bridging Islands of Information**



## AdaptivEdge helps you take advantage of Microsoft SharePoint to more easily share knowledge across your organization.

There are many tools available to help organizations store, organize, process and distribute information, but those tools don't interoperate very easily. Their independent nature makes collaboration difficult and inhibits the decision-making process. Microsoft SharePoint removes those barriers, providing a common platform that unites people and information without forcing them to abandon familiar applications.

AdaptivEdge can help you utilize SharePoint to eliminate silos of information and create a cohesive environment that facilitates communications and collaboration. Business users have the tools they need to solve problems, serve customers and create new opportunities. Information flows freely across applications and processes, within your network and across organizational boundaries to customers, suppliers and business partners.

## Why SharePoint?

Microsoft SharePoint is a web-based collaboration tool that enables users to engage with colleagues and easily store, organize, share and access information. It is a powerful, feature-rich solution platform capable of enhancing productivity and decision-making by providing visibility into critical data across the enterprise.

With SharePoint, AdaptivEdge can help you:

- Create a complete view of your business by accessing all of the information, documents and applications you need throughout the day.
- Put relevant data at your fingertips by organizing personalized information - such as news, links, documents and web sites - into a single SharePoint site.
- Share knowledge across business units or your entire organization using familiar Microsoft Office applications.

- Find and leverage your organization's intellectual capital within file shares, web sites, Microsoft Exchange public folders and databases.
- Create self-service portals for employees, partners and customers, reducing support costs and improving customer satisfaction.

## Why AdaptivEdge

At AdaptivEdge, we bring a deep understanding of business processes across a wide range of industries. We also speak the language of various departments, from operations to HR to legal, and can work with department heads and business users to make their processes more efficient and effective.

The success of any Microsoft SharePoint project is measured by how well users adopt the solution. AdaptivEdge takes a consultative approach to SharePoint development that maximizes user adoption and ensures that the organization's business objectives are met. We begin each engagement with a thorough investigation and analysis of the problem to be solved. Our goal is to not only gather information but to help decision-makers understand what can be accomplished using SharePoint as the foundation. Armed with an understanding of the customer's needs and vision, our experts plan, develop and deploy the solution.

While we specialize in end-to-end solutions, we can help jumpstart stalled projects at every level of completion. We can also serve as a trusted advisor to help guide the decision-making and development process.

Whatever the project, we never lose sight of the fact that the customer owns the outcome. We are there to facilitate the alignment of your needs and objectives with the SharePoint platform.



#### The AdaptivEdge Methodology

AdaptivEdge has developed a proven methodology around the design and delivery of SharePoint solutions. Our approach draws upon web- and software-development principles coupled with an integrator's understanding of system architectures and deployment considerations.

#### Envisioning

In the Envisioning phase, our goal is to help all stakeholders define what they hope to accomplish from a high level. At this phase we are not concerned with functionality but rather with the strategic objectives of the project.

We work with stakeholders throughout the organizational hierarchy, including those who will ultimately use the solution. Inhouse IT teams are brought in to help us understand any technical requirements, licensing constraints or other issues that may impact the project.

Based upon the feedback gained from these groups, we define the features we believe will enable us to achieve the desired solution. This leads to the development of a Business Scope Document that describes the conversations we've had, the assumptions we've made and the scope of the project as it's understood at that point in time.

#### Planning

It's during the Planning phase that the solution begins to take shape as we begin developing the aesthetic design and technical functionality of the solution. Significant attention is given to the user interface and user experience. Depending upon the project, we may create mockups, wireframes, proofs of concept or other deliverables.

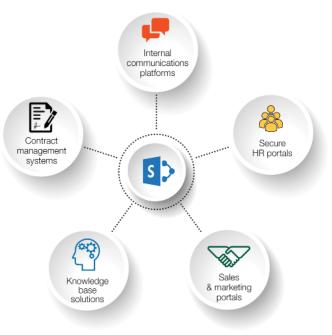
We also design the back-end technology needed to support the ultimate solution, and document the specifications and any other information needed to set up a production environment.

#### Deployment

During the Deployment phase, we build out the servers and other infrastructure needed to support the solution based upon



We have built a wide range of solutions on the SharePoint platform, including these use cases:



the configuration decisions made during the Planning phase. We follow a deployment methodology that incorporates security best practices at every level.

Once Deployment is complete we deliver documentation that details every aspect of the environment's configuration. This document is designed to help in-house IT teams to support the solution and recover the environment in the event of a disaster.

#### Manage

At this phase, the solution is turned over to the stakeholders. AdaptivEdge will provide content-rich end-user training that emphasizes those areas that were discussed during the Envisioning phase.



#### **Proven SharePoint Expertise**

AdaptivEdge has demonstrated expertise leveraging Microsoft SharePoint to meet customers' needs. AdaptivEdge is uniquely qualified to help you bridge islands of information and connect people throughout your organization and beyond.

