

6 REASONS YOUR PORTAL USERS WILL LOVE A SHAREPOINT UPGRADE

You may be using SharePoint 2007 or 2010 and be quite content with how everything is working, but with SharePoint 2016 or SharePoint Online now available, it is the ideal time to think about what an upgrade can do for you.





Whether you are using SharePoint as a collaboration tool for projects and teams, or as an enterprise platform for employee engagement or communication, we have focused on six reasons your SharePoint portal business and IT users will love an upgrade.



#1 EASIER INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

With SharePoint 2016, the size and number of packages are reduced considerably, and there is no more downtime required when running updates. With SharePoint Online, updates are automatically done by Microsoft, freeing up your valuable IT resources from maintaining or updating with patches. So whether it is with SharePoint 2016 or Online, your IT team will have an easier way to manage your SharePoint infrastructure.



#2 INTEGRATION WITH OFFICE 365 APPLICATIONS

Both SharePoint 2016 and Online have deep integration with Office 365 applications such as Groups, Teams, Delve, PowerApps and Flow. The integration of SharePoint's Team Sites to Office Groups and Teams simplifies and improves the way staff communicate across the organisation. You can use Delve to discover and organise information that's likely to be most interesting to you right now. You can even turn your business expertise to solutions by building no-code apps using PowerApps and Flow.





#3 MODERN SITES, LISTS AND LIBRARIES

SharePoint's dynamic team sites give your project, team or department a shared workspace to collaborate. You can customise SharePoint's site pages, lists and libraries to connect with all your resources across Office 365 or key applications and services. Its modern document libraries allow you to create, co-author, share, organise and access files across devices using a browser or a SharePoint app..



#4 INTRANET IN YOUR POCKET

Collaborate effortlessly and stay connected and productive wherever you are. SharePoint connects you and your teams more fluidly than ever before. Its mobile app lets you connect to sites, files, people and news from across your teams – all from your favourite Android, iOS or Windows devices.



#5 BETTER USER EXPERIENCE

Spend more time exchanging ideas and less time searching. Locate files in seconds with SharePoint's powerful and improved search functionality. Drag and drop to upload files, work on the same document with co-authoring and keep track of different versions of your documents through version control. Collaborate confidently knowing that everyone has secured file access and is working on the most up-to-date information at all times.



#6 ENTERPRISE-LEVEL SECURITY AGAINST CYBER CRIMES

If you are still on SharePoint 2007 or 2010 then your portal is extremely vulnerable to the increasing number of incidents of cyber security attacks as Microsoft is no longer supporting these SharePoint versions, so there are no more patches available. SharePoint Online has enterprise-level security that protects your data and organisation across devices with Microsoft's thorough and effective security measures. You can be confident that your data and intranet is safe and secure, giving you peace of mind for your business and your users.



SHAREPOINT'S EVOLUTION THROUGH THE YEARS

2007	2010	2013	2016	ONLINE (OFFICE 365)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to brand an intranet site • Addition of blog posts functionality • Create a form and publish it as a webpage • Two-way sync with Outlook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contextual ribbon to assist users finding functions • User profiles to assist with sharing and collaboration • Enterprise wiki to allow users to quickly share knowledge • Records Management • Inclusion of taxonomy/ folksonomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of drag and drop functionality • Added Share button to assist sharing content • Improved search results • Preview documents when searching • Introduction of social engagement including news feeds, #hashtag and @mentions • Social communities to enhance collaboration • Increased web browser support • Enhancements to allow mobile phone access to SharePoint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to connect SharePoint to Office365 to allow users to have an integrated experience • Modern team sites to assist easy build pages* • Modern list and document library experience to enhance finding documents and collaboration* • Ability to upgrade without downtime • SharePoint Mobile App 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern sites, lists and libraries • No patching required • Automated upgrades • Limited infrastructure management • New features enabled here first • Integration with other Office365 applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange • Groups • Stream • Delve • Teams • PowerApps • Flow

*Coming soon

CONCLUSION

Microsoft is rolling out significant improvements to SharePoint 2016 and SharePoint Online. Upgrade your SharePoint portal so you can take advantage of its productivity, collaboration and security enhancements. And trust us, with all these benefits, your users will thank you for it!

NEXT STEPS

On-premise or cloud: Which is right for you? Speak to one of our SharePoint experts today to get a free assessment and consultation on the right upgrade path for you.

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