

Evaluating SharePoint for Enterprise Deployment - Fact Sheet

This course developed by CMS Watch should be taken as a follow-on to the first in this series, "Evaluating SharePoint," or -- if you already know the basics about SharePoint 2007 -- just skip the first course and dive right in here. This course will enable you to confidently assess and plan any effort to extend SharePoint beyond a set of departmental installations into an enterprise-wide platform.

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Length: 4 modules, 3 hours

Cost: \$395

Outline

Modules included in this course:

- SharePoint as Application Development Platform
- Enterprise Architecture and Operations
- Evaluating the SharePoint Ecosystem
- Best Practices and Looking Forward

Who should take this course

- Business analysts -- to learn what key investments need to be made to up-size SharePoint for the enterprise
- Information and Knowledge Managers -- to compare SharePoint against other enterprise-wide information and knowledge management tools in your enterprise
- SharePoint project managers, senior architects, and lead developers -- to understand different approaches for customizing and extending SharePoint
- Enterprise architects -- to learn about architectures, governance, critical 3rd-party modules, and other aspects of running SharePoint beyond a single installation
- IT managers -- to better guide business colleagues about choices and impacts before they try to extend SharePoint unawares
- Consultants -- to understand how to improve SharePoint implementations through better governance and 3rd-party tools
- Anyone considering implementing SharePoint and wanting to know how it will scale across the enterprise
- Individuals who took our first SharePoint course and want more of the basics

What's *not* covered

- Discussion of out-of-the-box services – covered in the first SharePoint course, "Evaluating SharePoint"

Learning Objectives:

Module 1: SharePoint as Application Development Platform

- Name the 4 levels of custom modification that can be done to your SharePoint implementation
- Identify the areas of SharePoint that users typically configure and customize
- Recognize several situations where modifying SharePoint can cause future issues
- Understand where to go for help with conducting custom modifications to SharePoint

Module2: Enterprise Architecture and Operations

- Comprehend the three reference deployment models that Microsoft recommends for SharePoint
- Understand the differences between Basic and Advanced installations of SharePoint
- Understand some best practices in preparing for backup and disaster recovery
- Identify the three fundamental ways to interact with SharePoint
- Recognize some of the security challenges that SharePoint can pose

Module 3: Evaluating the SharePoint Ecosystem

- Recognize some of the various people and resources available within the SharePoint community
- Understand some reasons for caution when using Microsoft partner services
- Identify the areas where third parties have developed solutions to fill gaps within SharePoint

Module 4: Evaluating SharePoint for Social Computing

- Appreciate the criticality of employing a strong governance model with every SharePoint installation
- Recognize some symptoms of uncontrolled, viral growth of SharePoint sites
- Understand key business best practices around Costs and Effort, Functionality, Information Management, and Governance
- Understand key technical best practices around Technical Limits, Customization and Development, Administration