

Business Productivity Optimization



Overview

Customers today are investing heavily in reporting, collaboration, and productivity tools in one form or another. Customers sometimes have difficulty navigating all these tools. The IT staff has difficulty keeping up with user demands, and these technical resources require assistance in addressing these business challenges. Companies have invested billions of dollars in purchasing, designing, deploying, and maintaining messaging, telephony, business intelligence, and collaboration systems.

Technology needs to do more than just provide a tool set for information workers—it needs to mirror the ad hoc tasks that people actually perform. The alternatives are inefficiencies, the inability to take advantage of intellectual property, and the inability to discover key information locked away in data silos. This translates directly into the widespread failure to realize the expected returns on investments made in enterprise hardware and software.

Microsoft® business productivity capabilities encompass business intelligence, collaboration, content management, search, and unified communications. The 2007 Microsoft Office system provides a set of server and client tools that make it easier for enterprises and software vendors to build and deploy rich business productivity capabilities.

The Microsoft platform can help your company succeed by enabling you to provide a tightly integrated and streamlined solution to the information worker.

Objectives

Amplify the impact of your people with a business productivity solution based on the Microsoft platform, which comprises a complete set of desktop and server software and services to help streamline the way your people do business while increasing IT effectiveness. Our objectives are to empower your people in a quickly changing and challenging atmosphere with a unified infrastructure that simplifies the way your people communicate, share expertise, and search for information.

- *Validate an architectural framework:* Demonstrate the feasibility of a solution.
- *Simplify the user experience:* Simplify and consolidate the number of applications and tools your users must access to gain insight, collaborate, make decisions, and take action on business data.
- *Bridge the “results gap”:* Empower your people by providing access to collaborative and line-of-business data within the familiar interface of Microsoft Office programs and Web browsers.
- *Connect structured and unstructured data:* Provide an integrated user experience for the everyday tasks that tie together line-of-business and collaborative applications.

Microsoft Products/Methodologies Involved

Some or all of the following may be involved in the engagement:

- Microsoft Office system, including:
 - Microsoft Office SharePoint® Server
 - Microsoft Office Communications Server
 - Microsoft Office PerformancePoint® Server
 - Microsoft Office SharePoint Designer
 - Microsoft Office programs, including Office Outlook®, Office Excel®, Office PowerPoint®, Office Access®, Office InfoPath®, Office Communicator, and Office Groove®
 - Open XML Formats
- Microsoft SQL Server®
- Microsoft Exchange Server
- Microsoft .NET Framework
- Microsoft Visual Studio®
- Microsoft Visual Studio Tools for Office

ARCHITECTURE DESIGN SESSION	PROOF-OF-CONCEPT WORKSHOP
<p>OVERVIEW</p> <p>This intensive, two-day session delivers in-depth technical information on integrating data from across your entire organization and delivering it in an analysis-ready form. Presentations, demonstrations, and whiteboard discussions are customized to address your organization's needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Server topology:</i> In order to deploy your business productivity solution, it is necessary to understand the required server topology. • <i>Integration platform:</i> The Microsoft Office system servers work seamlessly together and can also be integrated with third-party and line-of-business applications. The architecture design session (ADS) will endeavor to fit diverse systems together. • <i>Secure framework:</i> Companies can create experiences that are both user and role based. Base the solution on a range of options for restricting sensitive information, and deliver the most relevant experience while meeting industry standards and enterprise security requirements. 	<p>OVERVIEW</p> <p>The proof-of-concept engagement at the MTC is a one- to three-week workshop that provides a means of validating a proposed architecture. The session will help mitigate the risk around new deployments and the impact to the current environment; our architects work with your team to validate the riskiest parts of a solution. It is also a mechanism for transferring knowledge about the latest Microsoft technologies to your technical team, who will be actively engaged in scoping, planning, and execution.</p> <p>The workshop will focus on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Functionality:</i> Determine if the solution can serve a particular function, or integrate with another system as dictated by the technical requirements. • <i>Business value:</i> Build a critical portion of the solution so that end users can evaluate how it would work in the context of their business processes. • <i>Scalability:</i> Help ensure that the solution can scale and meet the performance requirements. <p>Building out a working version of the solution will demonstrate exactly what the solution can and cannot do in practice.</p>
<p>DELIVERABLES</p> <p>During the architecture design session, we will plan a high-level architecture framework and conceptual design for a solution based on your organization's business goals and technical requirements. In addition to a written summary of the engagement, you will also have acquired information around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special areas of concern to your organization, such as security, compliance, and compatibility issues. • Deployment scenarios that map to established deployment and practices and that cite specific examples where applicable. • Familiarity with the Microsoft technologies proposed for the solution, as well as any tradeoffs among the differing technology options. • The capabilities of Office Business Applications to deliver business performance. 	<p>DELIVERABLES</p> <p>At the conclusion of the workshop, your development team will have gained working knowledge in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Microsoft .NET technologies to provide rich user applications and next-generation capabilities to meet current and future requirements. • Adding capabilities to an existing solution. • Developing a scenario to demonstrate predefined use cases.
<p>PRIMARY AUDIENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architects • Developers • Test/quality assurance engineers • Technical staff 	<p>PRIMARY AUDIENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developers • Operations engineers • Test/quality assurance engineers

Contact Information

To schedule an architecture design session or proof-of-concept workshop, contact the Microsoft Technology Center in your area:

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