Managing Content Types in the Modern World

When the order of the day was huge, pyramid-shaped Site Collections for capabilities like Intranets, managing your Content Types was relatively easy: any Site Columns and Content Types you built in the root site were available throughout the Site Collection. When we needed more enterprise-wide information architecture, we turned to the Content Type Hub. In our new, flatter world, we need to think about information architecture differently while hanging onto the better practices of the past.

SharePoint Framework (SPFx) for the JavaScript Developer

JavaScript is no longer considered an inferior development method (really!); it’s an integral part of the development landscape for modern SharePoint and other Office 365 applications. If you have existing JavaScript solutions holding you back from moving to modern SharePoint, you can migrate them into SPFx Web Parts, extensions, or even to Microsoft Teams.

PowerApps, Forms, Flow: Choosing the Best Tool for the Job

There are more tools than ever in the Microsoft Office 365 stack to handle the intake of data. How do you know which tool to choose for your business needs? In this session, we will evaluate PowerApps, Microsoft Forms, SharePoint Lists and Flow and how each tool fits into the forms landscape. We will talk about the pros/cons and use cases for each tool and highlight examples of how the tools can be used together to create robust end-to-end solutions.

5 steps to Driving Sustainable SharePoint and Office 365 Adoption

Is SharePoint working for you or are you working for SharePoint? Why do many end users cringe when they hear the word ‘SharePoint’? It's not because SharePoint is a bad platform (quite the contrary actually), it's because of their past experiences with SharePoint. In this session, we will talk about the 5 things You can do to make your users fall in Love with SharePoint and Office 365 and drive end user adoption of the platform.

Everyday Etiquette in Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams is new to many people and how to best work with it isn’t a skill you’re born with. In this session, you’ll learn the proven practices, behaviors, and etiquette to make your Teams experience the best it can be. From permissions recommendations to meme guidance, the best bots to smartly working with external guests, your colleagues need some handholding to maximize their experience with the newest and best collaboration tool in Office 365. This session will cover real use cases, suggested guidelines, and recommendations for dealing with the many nuances that come with working in Teams, plus some great resources for reference after.
**Build an Intranet with modern SharePoint**

Learn how to build a world class Modern Intranet by leveraging Office 365. Intranet should no longer be a single portal with multiple site, but it should span across multiple features and capabilities to deliver the platform you are looking for. Explore how to use Microsoft Teams, Modern SharePoint Team Sites and Communication sites, as well as Hub sites to create this unique modern site that can be glued all together to provide the future of the intranets.

**Killing the InfoPath Zombie and Getting to PowerApps without Killing Your Productivity**

InfoPath a product that went end of Life years ago seems to be haunting a lot of customers. PowerApps is an awesome product and it continues to get better, but many feel left behind. These InfoPath challenges continue to paralyze people in their efforts to modernize and move forward in their efforts to optimize business processes. In this session we’ll analyze each of the challenges and provide guidance and workarounds as well as review solutions to the product gaps. We’ll help you better understand the direction of the Power Platform and gaps. PowerApps is a fantastic product and continues to improve. We’ll dig into these challenges and solutions. We’ll analyze those gaps as well as look the PowerApps Roadmap and Microsoft progress. What are you waiting for? Stop holding your breath and let’s get you unblocked!

**Integrating Microsoft Teams with Azure DevOps Services**

We will demonstrate how to integrate Azure DevOps Kanban board & Dashboards in Teams. How to provide Teams users an interactive and visual flow of work as progresses from start to finish. Virtually anyone interested in Teams and Azure DevOps integration will benefit. At the end of this session attendees will have a fair understanding on how to integrate an AzureDevOps Services organization project in Teams.

**Deep Dive into Power BI - Not the Same Old Intro Class**

This scenario focused, demo heavy exploration of Power BI will cover SQL Azure DB, Azure Analysis Services, Power BI Drill through, Power Query, SharePoint search, Azure Application Insights, Azure Log Analytics, and Power BI paginated reports. Don’t miss out on this world tour of all the great techniques you can use to be a data hero in your organization.

**How All Organizations Can Maximize Collaboration with Microsoft Teams**

Communication in small to large organizations within and across teams, locations, regions, and more can be difficult. Microsoft Teams provides a collaboration canvas to break down communication barriers. In this session, learn best practices for Microsoft Teams utilization and adoption strategies for any organization. Learn how best to use teams, channels, tabs, collaboration, and provisioning to offer the right manageable collaboration spaces.

**SharePoint Online Customization Toolset**

The session describes a place of SharePoint in Modern Office 365 and Microsoft ecosystem. It provides high-level overview of the building blocks that are available for a developer in SharePoint Online.
Easy No-Code SharePoint List Customizations

Explore how to create stunning visuals for your modern SharePoint lists without having to deploy code! SharePoint list formatting allows you to customize your lists with simple JSON objects. We will walk through several examples of how you can easily transform your lists!

Microsoft Flow for SharePoint Designer Workflow Professionals

Microsoft Flow is a cloud-based business process automation service that provides a way to automate workflows across multiple applications and services. It can automate approvals, send/receive notifications, synchronize files, as well as collect, organize and update data...and more. Microsoft Flow is the successor to SharePoint Designer so now is the time to become familiar with Microsoft Flow and start creating solutions. If you are using SharePoint Designer to create workflows and would like to get the jumpstart with Microsoft Flow, then this workshop is for you.

AI Behind the Buzzwords: Yes, Even You Can Build Chatbots & AI for Everyday Wins

Terms like artificial intelligence, chatbots, and machine learning are hot topics in today’s tech world. Drop by to get under the covers with everyday uses of AI and hear examples of practical applications of using bots in Office 365 to make your colleagues’ and customers’ days easier and more productive. From automating tasks to being a central source of knowledge, it’s not that difficult to cash in on this new tech to improve process, knowledge management, productivity, and customer engagement. We’ll specifically cover Azure services supporting language understanding in LUIS, knowledge sharing in QnA Maker, and process automation in Microsoft Flow.

What is the Cost of Migrating to SharePoint On-Premises or Office 365?

Thinking about migrating to SharePoint On-Premises or Office 365? Then you probably want to know how long and how much it is going to cost. Unfortunately, there’s no silver bullet to answer this question. This is because there are several variables influencing the cost of your migration, and understanding the values and how they apply to your organization will help in determining an accurate estimate. Often, companies underestimate the complexity and level of effort required for a smooth and successful migration. After performing dozens of migrations each year, this session is going to share the variables you need in developing a cost and time estimate for migrating to SharePoint On-Premises and Office 365. This session will also discuss 3rd party tools and other methods in which to structure your migration, influencing what your final estimate will be.

Building Intelligent Bots using Microsoft Bot Framework and Cognitive Services

A bot is a web service that interacts with users in the conversational format. The Microsoft Bot framework is a comprehensive offering that we can use to build and deploy high-quality bots for our users to enjoy wherever they are talking. Microsoft Cognitive Services let you build apps with powerful algorithms to see, hear, speak, understand and interpret our needs using natural methods of communication, with just a few lines of code. Easily add intelligent features – such as emotion and sentiment detection, vision and speech recognition, language understanding, knowledge, and search – into your app, across devices and platforms such as iOS, Android, and Windows, keep improving, and are easy to set up. In this demo-driven session, we will cover how to build the intelligent bots in using Microsoft Bot Framework and Cognitive Services.
**Microsoft Flow: Tips and Tricks from The Real World**

In this session, we will discuss commonly asked Flow questions and answers from Flow developers in the real world. Our content is derived from the Flow Community site (https://powerusers.microsoft.com). The Flow Community site is THE place for Flow questions and answers. We will walk through a variety of issues encountered by real world users and posted on the Flow Community site and walk through solutions to each one. We'll discuss the use of OData filters, date and time expressions, conditions and a variety of other topics. Full of demos, this session is designed to address real Flow issues with real world solutions.

**Develop Once, Use Twice - SharePoint Framework in Microsoft Teams**

Microsoft Teams and SharePoint integration becomes deeper. Now, using single Office 365 Platform for deploying applications, a developer can create an application that runs both in SharePoint and Teams. This session covers the process of creation SharePoint Framework application, demonstrates conditional code based on execution environment (inside SharePoint or inside Teams), and showcases deployment and configuration of created application in SharePoint and as a Teams Tab.

**Raise the IQ of Your Intelligent Workplace with Microsoft 365**

Discover how your organization can benefit with intelligent workspace opportunities available in Microsoft 365. Learn how to utilize the power of integrations between Microsoft Teams, SharePoint, OneDrive, Yammer, PowerApps, Flow, and much more. You’ll walk away with an understanding of how you can utilize the many toolsets available in Microsoft 365, and how they come together to give your employees an intelligent digital workspace at their fingertips, on any device, no matter their location.

**Boost Company Training & Knowledge Share with Stream**

It is hard and very expensive to send users to training. Between getting behind on their day to day tasks, they have to deal with the email and phone call interruptions when issues arise, they don’t get to truly focus and retain the content. Online training is an easier solution as the users can block small pieces of time for the sessions, but they can still be rather costly, and the content is generic to train the masses and not focused on any one type of organizations usage. However, what if you could build your own training site, videos and your users are already familiar with the look and feel of the application or system the video pertains too? You can utilize Stream to provide these options to your organization and much more.

This session will be jam packed with the ins and outs of Microsoft Stream, how to utilize in the new era and classic SharePoint sites. We will begin by setting up Stream channels, uploading videos, recording videos, ensuring they are accessible to the right individuals, setup a training site and watch the magic all unfold. However, we won’t stop there as there are plenty of other use cases for Microsoft Stream to be discussed and demoed like end user knowledge sharing along with the most impressive Live Events!! Come join the fun and let’s figure out great ways to make training and knowledge sharing easy and impactful.
Don’t Get Left Behind: Chatbots are Upending Information Management

“Just in time, just enough, and just for me.” The knowledge and information management field has been after this panacea for decades, but we haven’t made it yet. No matter how well organized your sites and document libraries are or how perfectly optimized your search experience is, we still can’t meet that original goal. Chatbots help fill the void: better-organized information, what’s needed when it’s needed, predictable outcomes for finding information, powerful curation (but only of the good stuff), and minimal user training. Walk away wondering why we haven’t all jumped on the bot train yet.

10 Must Know Features for Administrating Microsoft 365 Driven Digital Workspaces

The Microsoft 365 Admin Center is an impressive, powerful, and somewhat intimidating toolset. When used correctly, the Admin Center enables organizations to unleash the potential of intelligent workplaces in an organized, maintainable way.

Join us as we take the mystery and worry out of the Admin Center, giving you an overview of the major components every Microsoft 365 administrator and power user needs to know. You'll walk away with 10 actionable tips to take your digital workspace to the next level including guidance and strategies for administering Microsoft Search, groups and users, branding, security and compliance, and much more.

Approvals in Flow

Approvals alone are more than enough reason to start using Flow today! In this session, you’ll learn the various methods of doing approvals in Flow and when to use each method. We’ll compare doing approvals using SharePoint Designer workflows to Flow approvals. Live demos will be used to demonstrate each concept including escalating an approval when no action has been taken, sequential approvals, parallel approvals and more! Attend this session and take away the knowledge you need to immediately start using Flow for Approvals.

Go Public with Microsoft 365 and Azure Using Power Platform Portals

In this session learn how to design and deploy external facing enterprise portal solutions using PowerApps Portals, Azure and Microsoft 365. See how organizations are creating a secure framework for customers, partners and employees to access Microsoft 365 content today. Learn patterns for extending you existing Microsoft 365 and Azure apps and data with secure portals, anonymous portals or a hybrid approach.

SharePoint Site Designs: Vision and Reality

Site Designs are the site templates of modern SharePoint. The enterprise can publish a number of designs which can be chosen when a new SharePoint site is created and re-applied as needed or when a site is added to a hub. Each new site is ready to go with custom list and views, branding elements, hub enrollment, and more. Learn the basics of Site Designs, how they compare to previous approaches, and why they ought to be better. Then we’ll dig into the real-world details on how they’re used, including current limitations and the challenge of site script idempotency, which reveals itself when sites and scripts are updated and re-applied. Throughout, we’ll touch on how site designs can help bridge the divide between information architects and developers, which is key to success adoption. Don’t miss this unique session on how to shape your sites and designs for best results over time!”
The 9 Resources You Need to Stay Current with Office 365

It’s no secret that Office 365 is ever changing with exciting new features nearly every day, but it can be difficult to keep up. In this session, we will take you through the best tools you should use to stay up to date on all things Office 365. You’ll walk away with a cultivated list of resources, strategies, blogs, podcasts, websites, and more so you can keep up with all things Office 365.

Stop Training Your End Users and Start Helping Them Get Their Job Done

Traditional training doesn’t work for end users. Then how do you motivate your users to get the best use out of your applications? Most Office 365 and SharePoint admins have the same dilemma. Supporting end users, motivating them and helping them do their job is extremely important for end user adoption, but it can become a full-time job for you if not planned properly. Don’t worry, the solution to this dilemma does exist and has been used by companies successfully throughout the world.

Under the Hood: PowerApps and Common Data Services

Model driven apps, Common Data Model and Common Data Service are the perfect trio for building enterprise capable business apps and also provide a great user experience to Azure services. This session will provide the latest updates from the product teams and a demo driven deep dive into CDS and building enterprise model driven PowerApps on Azure.

Simplifying SharePoint Security

Securing your SharePoint sites doesn’t need to be some black-box mystery or some mystic art practiced by monks. You can create security that works for your users’ needs, and you can troubleshoot security when you can’t figure out why people do – or don’t – have permission. Security is built on simple concepts – but on a lot of them. We’ll help you organize and understand what permissions do and don’t do so you can set and manage security in your sites. In this session, you’ll identify the role of various components in the setup of SharePoint security, including permissions, permission levels, and inheritance. You'll select the appropriate agent rights assignment, whether directly to the user, through a SharePoint group, or using an Active Directory group. And you'll troubleshoot and resolve permission problems.

Better Together: Microsoft Teams and SharePoint

You may have heard that Teams has taken off and is fueling digital transformation, but you may not have realized under the hood there is so much opportunity to integrate SharePoint to take advantage of best practices to storage, list data, and managing your modern team. When integrating SharePoint you get rich business data, calendaring and events, improved search, and an incredible development platform and so much more. In this session we’ll dive into the approach of an integrated information architecture and set of best practices to approaching Teams as a digital workplace. Microsoft’s approaches to SharePoint Framework, SharePoint News, and page integration is really just the beginning.
SharePoint Framework Connected Web Parts

The session guides how to connect SharePoint Framework web parts using dynamic Property Pane Properties as well as events model. Knowledge from the session can help to develop such scenarios as search refiners or page anchors navigation.

Strategy and Planning: Migrating Skype for Business to Teams

You’ve heard from Microsoft Skype for Business Online is going to be Retired on July 31, 2021. We’ll explore what that means, and we’ll also discuss the path to for technical migration your users for all editions of Skype for Business and discuss strategies and adoption change management practices. Highlights include guidance and best practices on Islands mode, meetings and calling co-existence, and the powerful UpgradeToTeams identity flag. This webinar will be focused on both the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) for Skype going away as well as understanding the roadmap and migration path to Microsoft Teams.

Microsoft Flow for SharePoint Quick Start - Part 1

Microsoft Flow is the successor to SharePoint Designer Workflows. While Flow is not just a SharePoint tool, this session will focus on using Flow with SharePoint. We’ll start by creating Flows from templates. Then we’ll move into creating Flows from scratch. We’ll explore how to do many of the operations you now perform with Designer Workflows with Flow. In addition, you’ll see how to use Flow to do many tasks you could never do with Designer Workflows. We’ll cover Flow approvals, expressions and a lot more! If you are new to creating Flows, this session will give you the tools you need to start creating time saving Flows immediately.

Microsoft Flow for SharePoint Quick Start - Part 2

If you want to take you Flow skills to the next level, this session is for you. We'll cover a variety of topics including: Approval Escalations; Sequential and Parallel Approvals; Sharing Flows and Flow Management; Calling One Flow from Another; Flow Expressions; File Operations in Flow; And More!

If you have a base understanding of Microsoft Flow and want to step-up your game, this session is designed for you.

Designing Departmental Sites

You may have control of the home page. You may be responsible for helping departments get their sites created. However, ultimately, they’ve got to update it themselves. You don’t have time to create content for every department. You can, however, help them to be successful by helping them understand how to think from the perspective of their internal users and what they need. In this session, you’ll learn how to help departments understand the separation between their needs and others' needs. You’ll learn how to help departments build a site that focuses on their internal consumers. Take these materials back home and use them to engage your departments in creating their own place on the intranet that serves their needs. In this session, you'll distinguish between communication and collaboration needs. You'll be able to create a user-focused catalog of services. And you'll develop departmental sites that are useful to users outside the department.