


Special Interest: Search 101 for SharePoint Server 2007/2010

- Search
 - Enterprise scalability
 - Contextual relevance
 - Rich people search
 - Rich business data search
- Microsoft Vision for Enterprise Search
- Governance and Search
- Taxonomy and Search
- Enterprise Search – Changing the Way People Interact with Information
- Key Search Features
- Types of Content Sources
- Default Scopes
- Custom Scopes
- Advanced Search
- Keywords
- Easy-to-Use Results Page
- People Search: Results List
- Structured Data Search: Results List
- Structured Data Search: Single Result
- Preview: Federated Search Results
- Customizing Search
- 3rd Party Search Add-Ons
- Search Customization Demo
- Search Demo
- 2010 Changes
- Upgrade Considerations

Ron Jones	
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	Ron Jones is a SharePoint Consultant with CTS's (Computer Technology Solutions) Atlanta, GA office. He got his start as a web designer/asp 3.0 developer. Things were going just fine until one dark and gloomy day, "Management" forced him into the not so glorious world of Microsoft Content Management Server 2002 and SharePoint 2003. Luckily, with some patience, a little willpower, and quite a few lessons learned, Ron has been fighting the forces of evil to deliver rich and scalable SharePoint solutions tailored to business problems. Today he contributes to a wide range of projects from Portal Planning and Governance to Custom SharePoint Development.

Developer: SharePoint 2010 Developer Goodness

Although few argue the business success of SharePoint you'll find far fewer developers singing the praises of SharePoint. For developers the lack-luster integration with Visual Studio was often a pain point. For developers and designers alike SharePoint Designer, with all of its portability and applications lifecycle consequences were also a source of frustration. For all the heavy development environment requirements could often be a show stopper. With all that and more in mind SharePoint 2010 represents a significant step forward for SharePoint as a development platform. SharePoint is now a first class citizen in Visual Studio 2010. SharePoint Designer can now fully participate in application development lifecycle. Windows Vista and Windows 7 are now viable development platforms for SharePoint. In this session we will be introducing the new features of Visual Studio 2010's integration with SharePoint. We will be providing an overview of SharePoint Designer 2010 new ability to produce WSP packages. Lastly we'll be touching on some of the new built in tools for developers including the Developer Dashboard.

Josh Carlisle	
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	Joshua Carlisle is a principal consultant with B&R Business Solutions. He specializes in collaboration solutions based on SharePoint, ASP.NET, and the .Net Framework. He has been developing with Microsoft tools for over 13 years and with SharePoint since 2003. In his current role he works with clients to design and implement enterprise and commercial solutions based on the SharePoint platform. He is the co-founder of the new Raleigh SharePoint User Group, active in many community projects, and can be found speaking at many user groups, regional conferences, and code camps across the east coast.


Developer: ColdFusion & SharePoint: Two Great Tastes that Taste Great Together

"You've got your ColdFusion in my SharePoint!"

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As SharePoint quickly becomes the ubiquitous corporate online team collaboration and document management tool, ColdFusion developers find themselves needing to work in a SharePoint environment and are often asked to integrate legacy ColdFusion apps into a SharePoint portal.

With the latest version ColdFusion, Adobe has moved forward with tools to help a ColdFusion Dev work on that challenge. We'll talk about what your options were in a pre-CF9 environment and where you'll be able to take it in a CF9 environment, with examples of what is possible.

David Brown	
	Company: Europa Sports Products
	Blog: David Wilson Brown attended Appalachian State University with a double-major in Political Science and Communications (with a concentration in Broadcasting). David has had a varied career including: a theme park character; intern on Capitol Hill; camera and graphics for Top 30 market news station; Corporate event producer for Top 5 bank; Video editor and videographer for monthly Golf show on Regional Sports Channel; Internal Webcasting for former Fortune 500 company. In 2001, David sought out formal training to expand his self-taught skills in web design and found a connection with ColdFusion. David began his current career at Europa Sports Products, the national leader in Sports Supplements distribution in January 2005 as the sole Web Developer. David is now Lead Web Developer, responsible for the company's total web direction. David has brought the company new technologies from building an enterprise SharePoint farm to pushing the website forward using Flex.


End User: Building Successful Solutions on SharePoint

SharePoint is a great platform on which to build and deliver solutions. The question, however, quickly becomes what to build, how to build it, and most importantly, how to ensure that what I build is successful. In this presentation, we discuss the SharePoint "Solution Quadrant," which addresses the many types of solutions you can build on SharePoint. We explore how to build your solution, keeping in mind the concepts of modularity and reusability. And finally, we address end user adoption challenges and how to overcome these by providing the information people need right to their fingertips. In short, how to get the most value out of your SharePoint investment!

Chris Kaveney	
	Company: CorasWorks
	Blog: Chris Kaveney has over 15 years aligning technology with business needs and IT experience. At CorasWorks, he advises SharePoint customers how to best architect and build business applications using the CorasWorks Modular Application Development System for SharePoint.


Administrator: Hyper-V/Failover Clustering and MOSS

Here's what I'd like to present: I: What is Hyper-V; II: Hyper-V System Requirements; III: Hyper-V and Passthrough Disks vs VHDs; IV: What Microsoft supports in Hyper-V; V: Why should I virtualize MOSS?; VI: Advantages / Disadvantages of Hyper-V and MOSS; VII: Failover Clustering, Hyper-V and MOSS; VIII: Conclusion.

Eric Olson	
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	Currently a Senior Systems Engineer for L-3 Communications. Most recent work involves deploying Hyper-V failover clustering for a Network Load Balanced MOSS portal.

Special Interest: How to use Record Management in MOSS

Records Management can be a complicated issue. Learn how to use MOSS' Record Management feature to help organize your Records.

Gary A. Bushey	
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	Former SharePoint MVP with over 9 years of SharePoint experience.


Special Interest: Social Computing with SharePoint 2010

Learn about some of the new powerful social computing features within SharePoint 2010

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	Michael (Mike) Gannotti works at Microsoft as a Principal Technology Specialist. Blogger, Podcaster, SocialMedia, Digital Media, SharePoint Samurai, wanna be world travelor.


Developer: Advanced Feature Deployment using Feature Receivers

Sustainable SharePoint development includes (but isn't limited to) the idea that "Anything that I write, on any machine, in any part of the world must be able to be deployed using the standard SharePoint mechanisms of Features and Solution packages". Using advanced feature receiver deployment techniques can help you deploy your features with fewer steps and far greater reliability.

Sean Moran	
	Company: infoReliance
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	Sean Moran is an MCTP in Windows SharePoint Services Application Development. He has been an avid SharePoint developer since his first exposure 2 years ago. Sean has been a key developer on the largest SharePoint implementation to date for the Unites States Air Force.

Special Interest: SharePoint Branding Using CSS & Master Pages

This session will cover the process of customizing and branding a SharePoint site from start to finish. It will focus on how to leverage Cascading Style Sheets and Master Pages in order to implement a unique design and layout, using SharePoint Designer as the primary tool. We will look at several public-facing SharePoint sites in order to shed light on how these designs were achieved and discuss techniques that you can utilize in a real-world SharePoint Branding project.

Susan Henry	
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	Susan Henry is a SharePoint Consultant with ettain group, a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, based in Charlotte, NC. Her career began in web design and development, but for the past two years her primary focus has been with Microsoft SharePoint Technologies. She specializes in Administration, Architecture and Design. She has extensive experience with SharePoint Branding and Web Content Management and has helped several clients take their SharePoint sites to the next level through customization and design.

Developer: Maximizing SharePoint Search Components

Learn how to avoid wasting time writing your own SharePoint data retrieval Webparts by leveraging the out-of-the-box SharePoint Search Webparts.

(All of this is subject to a little tweaking, but it'll be pretty close to what I've got listed here)

High-Level Agenda:


- Avoid the Hand-Rolled Webpart Trap
- Leverage Search Web Parts
- Get the Results

Topics Covered:

- SharePoint Search
- Search Core Results Web part
- Wiring up XSLT/XML Configuration
- Using SharePoint Designer to help with XSLT creation (if time allows)

Things to know before attending this presentation:

- SharePoint 2007
 - Shared Services Providers
 - Basics of SharePoint Search
 - Web part development basics
 - SharePoint Designer (if time allows)
- Basic understanding of XML and structured data
- Basic understanding of XSLT and transformations

Adam McKee	
	Company: Ironworks Consulting
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	Adam is a SharePoint MCP at Ironworks who brings 10 years of software design and development experience to the table. He specializes in delivering custom-tailored SharePoint implementations and integrations, including writing custom web parts, integrating custom web applications into SharePoint, and managing SharePoint's administration back-end. Adam has a strong background in web application and relational database design, including directly integrating external web applications with SharePoint for a seamless user experience.


End User: SharePoint 2010 Overview and What's New

This session will cover the popular and most awaited version of SharePoint yet, SharePoint 2010. We will look at SharePoint 2010 from an end user perspective to review the product features and enhancements, and what's new for collaboration sites from SharePoint Server 2007.

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	Company: Ettain Group
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	Dan is a Senior SharePoint Consultant & Speaker. As an Information Technology Professional he has 10 years of experience in development, design, architecture, and administration. He specializes in Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 and Windows SharePoint Services 3.0. He is a Microsoft Certified Application Developer as well as a Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist in the configuration of SharePoint. Dan speaks about topics in relation to SharePoint at Code Camps, SharePoint Saturday's, User Groups, Seminars, and more. Dan is from Charlotte, NC, where he is active in the SharePoint community and on the committee for the Charlotte SharePoint User Group. He enjoys public speaking, participating in the online community, and blogging about SharePoint.


End User: 8 Things You Must Do to Drive User Adoption

One of the biggest challenges companies have with SharePoint is its adoption within the corporate environment. SharePoint will die on the vine if it's not fed and cared for. A steady diet of SharePoint education, interactive solution building and the metered rollout of its capabilities will help to drive the successful use SharePoint to solve your business' challenges. During this presentation, we will discuss the 6 things you must do to increase SharePoint's adoption in your user community. This is an interactive presentation so bring your questions so that we can all learn from one another!

Lee Reed	
	Company: Northridge
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	Lee is laser focused on helping companies leverage their SharePoint investment to more easily and efficiently accomplish their business goals. His passion is in demystifying technology and increasing information worker collaboration using the powerful SharePoint platform. He is a frequent speaker at industry conferences and has trained over 2,400 users on the proper use of SharePoint 2007 and its supporting applications. Lee is also a contributing author to EndUserSharePoint.com. On EndUserSharePoint.com, you can read his articles and watch the SharePoint videos he contributes for the benefit of the SharePoint community.

Developer: Adding Spice to SharePoint Server 2007 TeamSpaces with Content Types and Workflows using SharePoint Designer and Custom Workflow Activities

This session will present a technical demonstration of how to add advanced functionality to a SharePoint TeamSpace using a combination of Content Types, Workflows and other tricks. We will use SharePoint Designer as the primary design tool and Visual Studio 2008 for the development of simple custom workflow activities.

Mark Howell	
	Company: International Computer Concepts, Inc
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	Mark Howell is the principle consultant for International Computer Concepts, Inc. Mr. Howell specializes in business process re-engineering, software design and development, corporate training and change management. He has over 25 years of experience working with companies that range in size from fortune 500 down to entrepreneurial start-ups.


Developer: Creating Custom Edit and Display Forms

Tired of the same old display page or edit page that you get with SharePoint? Would you like to be able to control what fields can be edited or highlight a particular field? This presentation will walk you through how to use SharePoint Designer to create your own custom display page and edit page, and show you how to set your custom pages as the defaults used by your list. This is a great way to learn how to get more from your lists and improve the overall User Experience.

Brian Gough	
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	<p>I have been in the IT industry for over 25 years. I have been working with SharePoint as a Developer, Administrator, and Information Architect since version 2.0. I was recognized by Microsoft as a SharePoint MVP in 2007 and again in 2008. I am a Board Member of the Enterprise Developers Guild and the Charlotte Area SharePoint User Group. I regularly give presentations around the region and enjoy talking and educating people on the virtues of SharePoint.</p>


Developer: Creating Information Policies

In this developer focused presentation we'll be covering an overview of Information Policies in SharePoint and we'll be doing a walk through of the creation of custom expiration policies and associating those policies with content types.

Chris Pragash	
	Company: Progress Energy
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	Christopher Pragash has more than 11 years of IT experience and has been predominantly focused on Microsoft solutions. Under his current capacity as a Senior SharePoint Architect, Christopher has implemented portals based on Microsoft SharePoint technologies. His expertise in Microsoft SharePoint Technologies ranges from helping organizations translate business requirements into SharePoint solutions, building the solution, and training SharePoint administrators and developers.

Special Interest: Federated Search

A walk through on upgrading with the infrastructure update, incorporating the web parts and pulling structured data into SharePoint from various sources.

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	<p>In between searching the planet high and low for the best skiing conditions, deepest powder and crazy 'steeps', Eric Harlan spends most of his time in the technology field. Eric Harlan has been in the I.T. industry for ten years, and heavily involved with SharePoint for six years. Starting from a developer role, Eric has moved on to a more architectural role with a focus on configuration and server implementation. Never forgetting his developer roots, he still jumps in when needed to pick up the slack on custom dev needs. As Principle Architect for Sogeti Baltimore Eric is the first on the ground to plan and initiate SharePoint engagements and guide them to fruition. Eric is involved with many volunteer organizations from the Maryland Elder technology Outreach, SharePoint Saturdays, and educational code camps to President and Co-Founder of the Baltimore SharePoint Users group. Eric also does many speaking events revolving around SharePoint. Topics range from SharePoint Development, InfoPath development tricks and gotcha's to basic SharePoint sessions for the end user.</p>


Special Interest: InfoPath 2010: Where We Were, Where We're Going

A look through some of the major changes in InfoPath 2010 over IP 2007. New Tips and tricks and feature implementation overview.

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End User: Building interesting dashboards with SharePoint Designer

Using SharePoint Designer to Build Dashboards for SharePoint: Learn how any SharePoint site (WSS or MOSS) can have custom dashboard views of list data using SharePoint Designer. The technologies we'll explore will include conditional formatting of data form web parts using SharePoint Designer, along with formatting data using unusual fonts based upon SharePoint calculated columns. This session requires no code but is for advanced Information Workers - having access to SharePoint Designer.

Susan Lennon	
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	Susan Lennon is an independent consultant / Microsoft Certified Trainer. She has been an independent for eight years and has been working on US Navy projects during that time. The last six years have all been involved with architecting SharePoint solutions for the Navy. Susan has certifications as an MCT, IT PRO Database Admin, MCTS SharePoint (all 4) and MCSD .NET. Susan is deeply committed to the development community and helps run three user groups in VA and is a frequent speaker at Code Camps and SharePoint Saturdays.


End User: SharePoint for Project Managers

You've completed your business requirements, the project plan is solid, and you think that you are ready to start working on your new project. But how do you manage your project once you hit the fast lane? Keep your projects from spinning out of control due to a lack of organization. Learn how to use common SharePoint functionality to manage your projects and improve the efficiency of your Project Management Organization

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Administrator: Creating a High Performance SharePoint Environment with Successful SharePoint Data Protection, Administration, and Replication

When deploying SharePoint as a business-critical collaboration tool and digital-asset repository, implementing intelligent strategies for data protection, platform management, and accessibility is absolutely essential. Though SharePoint natively provides some data protection and administration capabilities, they prove inadequate for most competitive organizations. In this session we will discuss the key attributes of all successful SharePoint data protection, archiving, and administration initiatives, and review how to develop strategies for your specific organizational needs. After analyzing SharePoint's native backup and recovery, administration, archiving, and data-access capabilities, we will identify best practices, available free tools, and other best-of-breed solutions for ensuring a fully protected, efficiently managed, and highly performant and accessible SharePoint platform.

Ryan M. VanOsdol	
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	Enterprise Account Manager, Southeastern U.S. Ryan works directly with Fortune 500 and other enterprise customers to develop and implement cost-effective SharePoint management, protection, and optimization strategies. Ryan's experience with SharePoint dates back to the early days of WSS 2.0, when he worked as a technical consultant for product companies dedicated solely to SharePoint solutions. His knowledge of SharePoint has earned him multiple speaking opportunities within the SharePoint community and at technical tradeshow and events.

End User: Creating reports from SharePoint List data with Access 2007

Access 2007 and WSS V3/MOSS have tighter integration than ever before and in this session we look at how easy it is to build Access 2007 reports with SharePoint List data.

Michael Lotter	
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	Michael Lotter, MCTS, is a SharePoint Solutions Architect for B&R Business Solutions, and travels throughout the United States implementing SharePoint and InfoPath-based solutions. He is an active speaker at East Coast Code Camps and user group meetings, and is a co-author on O'Reilly's SharePoint 2007: The Definitive Guide. You can also follow Michael's work through his blog http://blog.michaellotter.com .

Special Interest: Getting down and dirty with SharePoint branding


Working primarily with enterprise clients not wanting the out of the box look and feel a new respect has been created for people that do SharePoint branding as a career because it's so complicated and requires a good technical understanding and a delicate touch to pull it off. "Getting down and dirty with SharePoint branding" is a phrase that I've come up with after doing a couple SharePoint branding projects with the latest version of SharePoint. How to brand a SharePoint site really determines what flavor and templates are being used and this is only one of the difficult parts of the whole process.

This session is going to look at some sites that you might be surprised are SharePoint; I will discuss some of the challenges faced on more recent projects. I will cover moving your branding project from SP2007 to SP2010, what you need to prepare for and what to expect when they flip the switch. We will cover masterpages, css and anything else that is relevant to branding.

Heather Waterman	
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	Heather is a Business Solutions Architect and Visual Design Leader for Synteractive. Heather has been focused on SharePoint branding for the past several years and has been active in website design and development for the past ten years. She created the SharePoint skins that are currently sold on PixelMill.com. Here are just a few branding projects she worked on this past year: Merck.com (Latin America), Univadis.jp (Merck), Whirlpool (Intranet), and Recovery.gov; which went from RFQ to completion in 10 weeks. She had three designs featured at the SharePoint 2009 conference, one of which was a branding project for Microsoft on SharePoint 2010.

Developer: Extending SharePoint with Features and Web Parts

- Cool stuff in SP that you can change and modify. Quick overview. But what do you do when what is there does not do what you want?
 - Buy it or Build It, the business case for this.
- Show a short custom feature that could be done with Notepad and stsadm, we show elements and manifest and a simple action and command, deploy (copy) and then install (stsadm)
- Then repeat this with VS2008 showing code behind and how powerful this is to be able to then have this same simple feature do thing we need when we turn it on or turn it off
- Run the demo and show it
- What is a Web Part and why are developers so excited about this technology since they are currently difficult to write and deploy?
- How would you use this? (Well you already are, illustrate web parts with pages and layouts briefly)
- Show a simple web part and then one we have done that is complex and how this technology was difficult to do delivered huge business benefit
- Q & A

Chuck Traywick	
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	President and founder of Infotronics, a consulting firm established in 1993. Specializes in development, consulting and training with various SharePoint technologies. Provides regular SharePoint seminars at Microsoft-Charlotte over the last two years.

Administrator: What's new in SharePoint 2010 for Administrators

This session will be a high level overview of SharePoint 2010 Central Administration and other new administrative features.

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