

SharePoint Standard

Introduction

Microsoft SharePoint provides a secure space for team members and organizations to exchange files and share information.

Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to outline the acceptable use of the web-based platform, SharePoint.

Definitions

Site owner – the person or group within the agency who has full control over an organizational SharePoint site or subsite.

Standard

All SharePoint sites are required to meet the most basic form of administration:

- The site owner(s) must take responsibility for the permissions added to the SharePoint site they control, adding or removing access as needed.
- All site end users must have a basic understanding of SharePoint usage prior to the site owner or administrator granting access to the site.
- All SharePoint sites, by default, are set to private (invite only). If a case requires that the site be set to public (visible to all state employees), the site must adhere to all OMES security standards.

When creating a SharePoint site, it must be determined if it will be a team site, communication site or an external SharePoint site:

- Team site.
 - Use a SharePoint team site to provide a location where end users individually and/or in a team can work on projects and share information from anywhere on any device. A team site includes a group of related web pages and web parts that can be customized to meet the team's needs.
 - A team site is appropriate when collaboration is needed with other members of the same team or with others on a specific project. With a team site, typically all or most members can contribute content to the site and access to the information is limited only to the members of the team or project and specific stakeholders.
- Communication site.
 - Use a SharePoint communication site to broadcast information out to a broad audience. With a communication site, typically only a small set of members contribute content that is consumed by a much larger audience.
 - A communication site can be used to share news, reports, status, and other information in a visually compelling format. Communication sites are responsive and can be viewed from anywhere on any device.
- External SharePoint site.
 - Use an external SharePoint site for either a team or communication site type. This site must be created by an OMES SharePoint administrator. This site gives the owner the ability to collaborate with external partners. To gain access, all external partners are required to sign up for a Microsoft account.

- Initiatives.
 - To support the long-term strategy for deployments, OMES migrates on premise network shares to SharePoint.

Compliance

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Rationale

To coordinate and require central approval of state agency information technology purchases and projects to enable the chief information officer to assess the needs and capabilities of state agencies as well as streamline and consolidate systems to ensure that the state delivers essential public services to its citizens in the most efficient manner at the lowest possible cost to taxpayers.

References

- [Creating a team site in SharePoint](#)
- [Creating a communication site in SharePoint](#)

Revision history

This standard is subject to periodic review to ensure relevancy.

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