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Power BI and SharePoint in Higher Education

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What's the experience with an organizationwide deployment of Power Bl and SharePoint Online and how does this adapt to the requirements and needs of Higher Education?

#PowerBI #SharePoint



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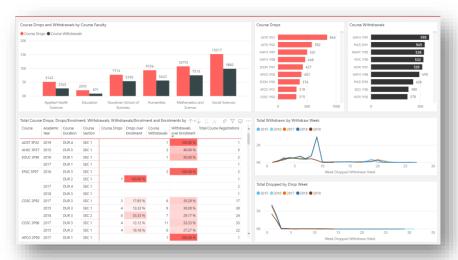


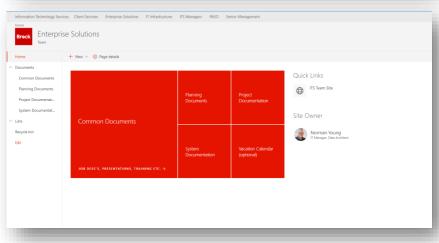
Power BI

- Admissions dashboards
- Enrolment planning management

SharePoint

- Employee portal
- Collaboration sites
- Site request and provisioning solution
- Case Management solution
- SharePoint Usage Docs







Problem:

- Too much data and not enough information
- No timely access to performance indicators

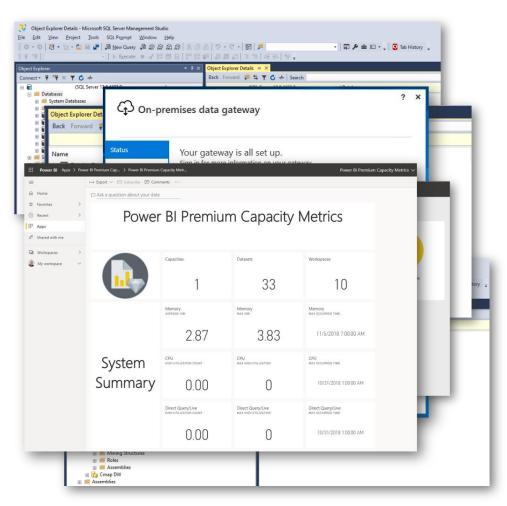
Solution:

Near real-time information using SQL data warehouse and Power BI

- Transform data into meaningful, timely and actionable information
- Create opportunities for intervention
- Informed decision making



- On premise SQL Server
- SSAS for OLAP and SSIS for ETL
- DQS for address validation
- 2 stage ETL source to staging (1) and staging to target (2); Runs 1AM and noon daily
- On Premise Data Gateway for connectivity
- Deployed using Power BI Apps
- Hosted on Power BI Premium



Admissions dashboards

- Applicant pipeline KPI's.
- Forecasted to Actual's.
- Flowthrough rate.
- Historical comparisons.
- Global, provincial and local recruitment.
- Applicant choice comparisons.



Enrolment planning management

Problem:

Not enough information to make fully informed decisions.

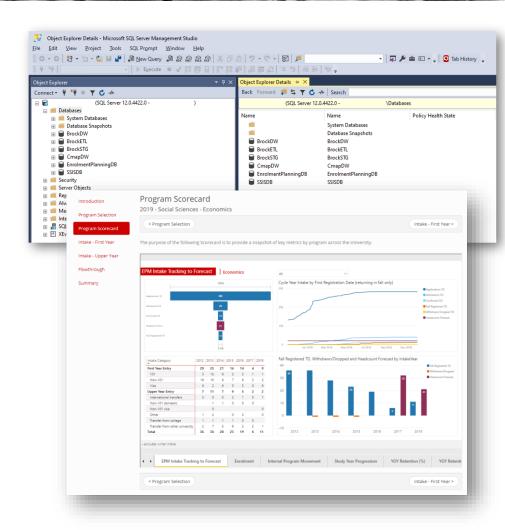
Solution:

Custom web app that leverages Power BI Embedded.

- Provides information tailored to the decision making at hand.
- Increases informed decision making.
- Used for University wide strategic (i.e. budget), tactical (i.e. staffing) to operational (i.e. residence) planning.
- Sets realistic, informed and "agreed" upon targets!!!

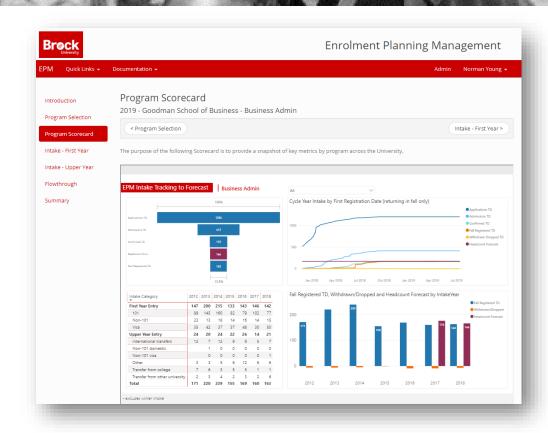
Enrolment planning management

- SQL Server Database.
- C# MVC web app.
- Power BI Embedded.



Enrolment planning management

- Web app.
- Scorecards
- Step by step though the process.
- In context analytics.
- Output.
- Power Bl App.





Problem:

• Public web site became a dumping ground for employee content making it difficult for applicants and students to find key information.

Solution:

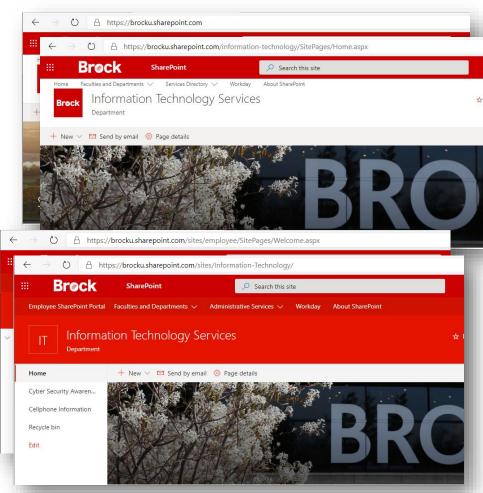
• Move all employee content to SharePoint communication sites and revamp public site to a recruitment and retention tool.

Value:

Focused content for targeted audiences.

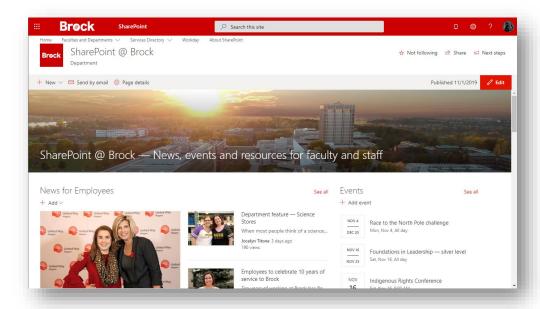


- SharePoint root URL for parent site and subsites for departments using "classic" Publishing sites.
- Moving to a flat architecture using "modern" Communication sites tied together by a single HUB.



Employee portal

- Quick walk through of existing.
- Global navigation.
- Site usage.
- HUB site preview.





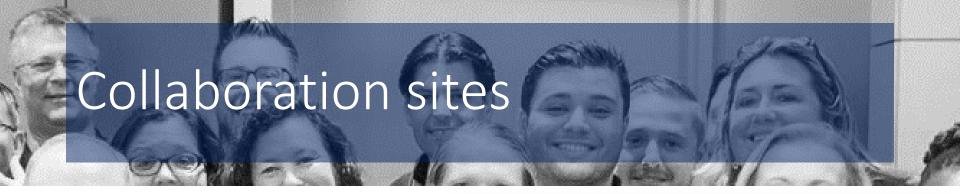
Problem:

• Email and "shadow IT" only forms of collaboration.

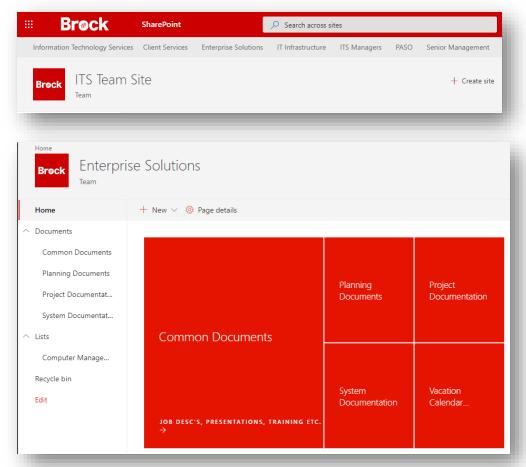
Solution:

• SharePoint Team sites for departmental, committee, projects collaboration.

- Centralized location.
- Modern document management with less reliance on IT.
- Less email!!!
- Consistency in use and design.

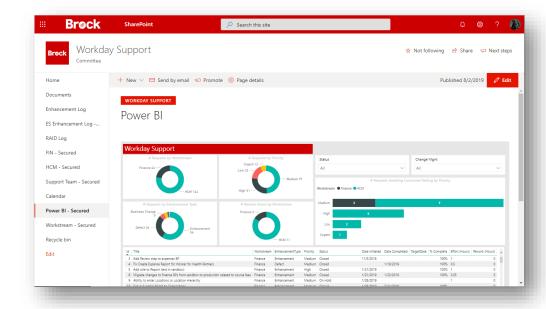


- Information architecture decision making.
- Document library scenarios.



Collaboration sites

- Simple site.
- Targeted solution site.
- Complex site.



Site request and provisioning solution

Problem:

- Custom site builds taking too long for IT to complete.
- No consistency in the builds.

Solution:

• Custom provisioning app with standard site templates using Azure and PnP cmdlets.

- Less reliance on IT.
- Standardized builds with fast turn around time.
- More time for user support, engagement and adoption.

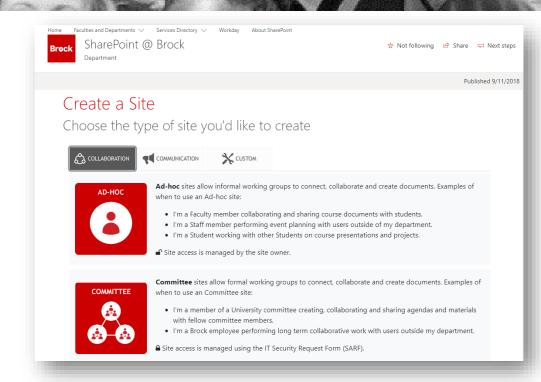
Site request and provisioning solution

- Azure SQL Database.
- Azure App Service.
- Azure Functions using PnP cmdlets.
- Power BI for reporting.



Site request and provisioning solution

- Provision project site.
- Provision team site.
- Power BI reporting.





Problem:

• Manual tracking of processes not covered off by IT/ERP systems.

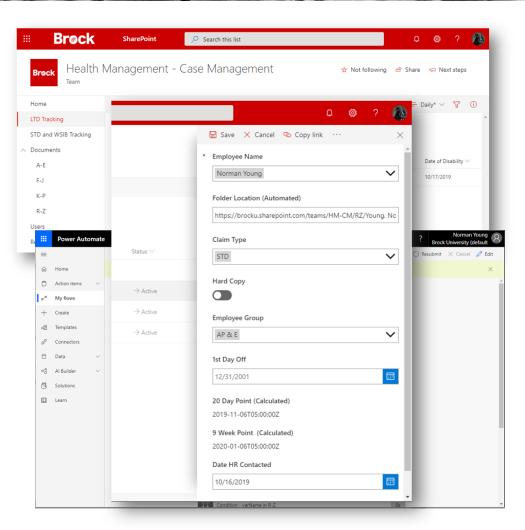
Solution:

Convert manual forms/processes to SharePoint Lists with Flow.

- Central and modern solution with all the benefits of a SharePoint and O365.
- Automation to add value to users.

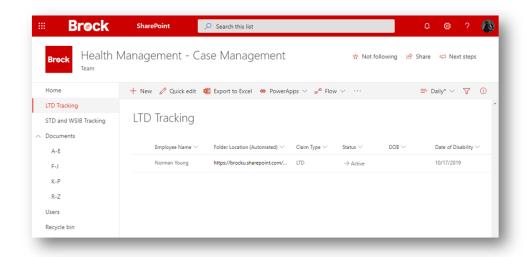
Case Management solution

- SharePoint team site for collaboration
- Lists for process tracking.
- Flow for automation.
- PowerApps for form customization.



Case Management solution

- Site tour.
- List purpose and functions.
- Flow automation.

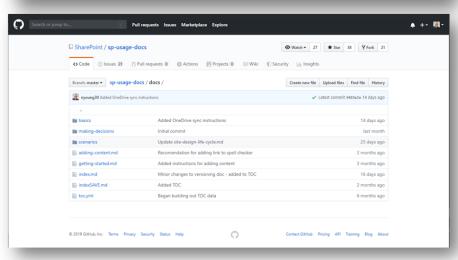


SharePoint Usage Docs

- https://github.com/SharePoint/spusage-docs
- SharePoint Documentation on usage and feature patterns for site owners and citizen developers.
- This repository is here for YOU.
- From SharePoint basics, decision making through too scenarios - learn from others...

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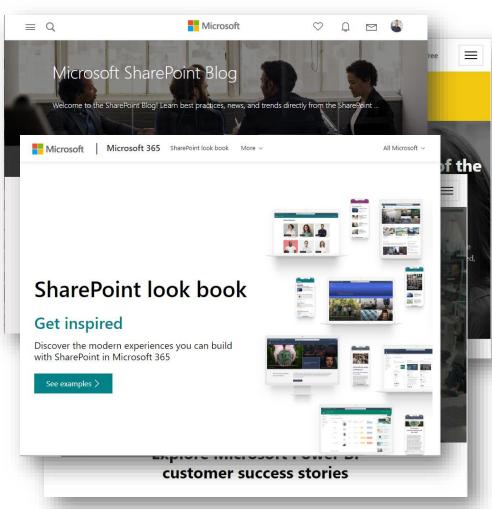
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