

SharePoint 2007 Customisation & Systems Integration

SharePoint 2007 can also be customised to integrate with other applications. In this way it can provide a single portal for your people. It is also possible to extend and customise SharePoint to meet a particular business need by developing custom software components known as *Web Parts*.

In both cases Parabola can help you deliver the solution using our wide experience in .NET and software development in general.

Why employ Parabola for SharePoint software development?

Parabola has been delivering eBusiness solutions in the UK since 1999 and specialising in ASP.NET since 2001. We are a Microsoft Certified Partner.

Expertise and experience when you need it – Depending upon your in-house expertise and resources you can do many things yourself with SharePoint. On the other hand a little expertise can improve the quality of your implementation as well as saving you time and money.

Professionalism – Software development projects require planning and a professional approach to be successful. Our proven methodologies for software development projects will ensure you deliver.

Make use of our existing library of reusable .NET controls – We have a ready made library of software for .NET which can save you time and money. We never deliver a .NET project from scratch when we can reuse software.

What is a Web Part?

Web Parts are the building blocks of SharePoint. In essence, they are customisable place holders for web content which, when bound together by the SharePoint framework, make up your Intranet website.

Many useful Web Parts are provided with SharePoint, such as a Document Library and Event Calendar, but there is also facility for developers such as Parabola to integrate new Web Parts tailored directly to your organisation's needs.

Example scenarios when you might need to develop custom software for SharePoint 2007

There are many possible scenarios, but here are a few from our experience which you might recognise:

- **Present an external information feed** – SharePoint is great for making your key business information accessible to the right people. For instance, you could provide some key statistics from company web stats. A Web Part could be developed to automatically feed these statistics to SharePoint ensuring data is always current.
- **Custom navigation** – SharePoint navigation menus can be limiting or out of line with your company standards. It's quite possible to add your own dynamic navigation tool/menu.
- **Access to another application from SharePoint** – You may wish to use SharePoint as the entry point for other web based systems such as your website content management, webmail, or ecommerce administration. Most ASP.NET applications can be embedded within SharePoint with minimal customisation. This can include automatic sign-on to the application based on SharePoint security.

Systems integration – You may need to provide complete integration with another system such as your CRM

Conclusions – when to customise

If you want to use SharePoint as an information portal then custom Web Parts may be useful for presenting information. If you are trying to create your organisation's Portal you will need a strategy for delivering your business applications to your users via SharePoint. The goal may be to run whole web-based applications from SharePoint and provide a single entry point for your users.

How much does it cost?

We will quote you a fixed price for a SharePoint systems integration or development including a software warranty against defects.

Yes that's what we need, who do I contact?

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