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Executive Summary

The SharePoint 2013 project will migrate existing campus customers from the two existing production instances of SharePoint to the latest version, which has several new features and enhancements. This will also allow for consolidation of the SharePoint environment and support of one standard service offering.

Business Need/Background

Currently, there are three (3) SharePoint (SP) deployments supported by Information Technology Services (ITS). SharePoint 2007 (SP2007) and SharePoint 2010 (SP2010) are both production services relying on aging hardware and with SP2007 in “extended support” from Microsoft (only security updates are provided) and nearing end-of-life. The proposed SP service strategy is to migrate existing customers on these environments to the newly built, on premise SharePoint 2013 (SP2013) service.

There are many new SP2013 features that will benefit campus customers, including:

- HTML 5 support, which will provide an enhanced experience for Macintosh users
- Optimized viewing experience for mobile devices
- Improvements in the search engine that allows query processing and targeting of results

Additionally, migrating customers from SP2007 and SP2010 will allow ITS to offer and support one standard SP service for campus.

Project Description

After conducting an initial evaluation of hosting options, the SP2013 production environment has been built and deployed utilizing an on premise, fully virtual infrastructure. The on premise option was selected due to limitations at the time with Microsoft’s SP cloud offering, such as concerns around supporting the size of the current ITS environment and the absence of some required features. Once the migration to SP2013 is complete, an evaluation of future hosting options (e.g., on premise, cloud or hybrid) will be conducted.

The migration will be performed in phases:

- Phase 0 – Early adopters migration to SP2013 (complete)
- Phase 1 – SP2007 to SP2013 migration (49 root site collections to be migrated from July 2014 through Summer 2015)
- Phase 2 – SP2010 to SP2013 migration (51 root site collections to be migrated from July 2014 through Fall 2015)

Individual migration project plans (including testing and communications plans) will be developed in collaboration with each customer.

For More Information

Please visit the project page at: http://www.utexas.edu/its/sharepoint/2013%20Upgrade%20Project