

About Innovative Architects

Innovative Architects is an Atlanta-based Microsoft Gold Certified Partner specializing in solving business problems around business intelligence, data management, portals & collaboration, custom application engineering, and business process integration. Our solutions are architected on Microsoft's enterprise platform including BizTalk Server, SharePoint, SQL Server, Dynamics CRM, and VisualStudio.NET. Innovative Architects offers a single point of delivery and support through the entire project lifecycle, from envisioning through day-to-day operations that begins with our Quick Win methodology.

Our consultants have the necessary technical, architectural, and project management skills to help mitigate risks associated with business and technical constraints. Our expert Microsoft BizTalk engineers are ready to help with every aspect of your collaboration, content management and process automation needs. We have Microsoft Virtual Technology Specialists on staff and were awarded the BizTalk Server National Award, "Driving Customer Adoption."

SharePoint Solutions

Our SharePoint Discovery Program can help your IT team decide which projects are a good fit for SharePoint and how to create an implementation roadmap using best practices to meet the needs of all departments and business units. SharePoint is a powerful collaboration, content management, and business process automation platform to complete a wide variety of projects to include:

- **Collaboration** – Team Sites, My Sites, Project Sites
- **Enterprise Content Management** – Information Architecture, Taxonomy, Security, Search
- **Web Content Management** – Dynamic and easily managed web content
- **Data Visualization** – External Data, Business Intelligence, Dashboards, Excel & Visio Services
- **Process Automation** – Forms Management, Workflows, Custom Tools

Success Stories

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Public Websites

Innovative Architects worked with NAIS to design and brand 5 public facing websites built on SharePoint 2010. By replacing NAIS's existing and outdated content management software, NAIS's main site was brought into the 21st century with a modern, attractive, and award winning design and implementation. Challenges of maintaining and finding content were solved using SharePoint 2010's publishing features, custom built dynamic content rollup web parts, and FAST Search.

Key Services: Content & Search, UX Architecture, Knowledge & Education, Process Automation, Social, Infrastructure

Bell Helicopter Customer/Vendor/Partner Portal

Partnering with Bell Helicopter, Innovative Architects was able to replace an existing portal for Bell's Customers, Vendors, and Partners built on an outgoing platform. Leveraging SharePoint 2010's publishing features and out-of-the-box web parts and workflows, along with custom development for integration into additional back-end systems, the previous cumbersome process of deployments for updated content was streamlined to allow for real-time approval based content updates in the live system. Additional benefits were realized by utilizing SharePoint Search and some custom development.

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Milliken & Company Public Websites, Customer Portal, and Application Portal

Milliken & Company moved the majority of its web based applications from Lotus Domino to SharePoint 2010. Innovative Architects led numerous initiatives from public content management websites to heavily integrated portals. The Milliken Apps Portal utilizes heavy custom development to integrate with Active Directory as well as other internal proprietary systems and streamline the process of user provisioning and assignment. Replacing the need for an IT team to create accounts for external users and grant them appropriate access and permissions to various disparate applications, business users now have an external user automatically provisioned and assigned the necessary permissions and data within the various applications owned by the business unit. The Apps Portal also serves as a central point of access to required legal documents, user profiles, and various other applications.

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Manhattan Associates Intranet Portal

Innovative Architects assisted Manhattan Associates in vastly improving their SharePoint 2010 infrastructure and with remediation of issues by implementing best practices and providing development services to update and fix issues with existing custom functionality. Manhattan is leveraging SharePoint 2010 technologies to provide client portals, Salesforce integration, and project collaboration for their enterprise. With FAST Search, Manhattan is able to provide quick access to their content across the globe to all of their employees. Yammer's and SharePoint's social capabilities provide Manhattan with a social platform for sharing and exploring ideas across the company, while providing a central repository for Manhattan's digital assets.

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Sebia Intranet Portal

Sebia managed thousands of documents through a network shared drive. Innovative Architects utilized SharePoint 2010 and through proper Information Architecture, Taxonomy, Governance, and branding, provided an attractive and useful Intranet Portal. The new portal allows Sebia to maintain only one master copy of important documents and relate them to various products and projects while ensuring that only the proper people gain access to view or edit those documents. Search was also implemented to assist users in finding the documents they need, as this was a huge problem for Sebia. Additional benefit is achieved through user interaction with My Sites, corporate announcements, and other useful out-of-the-box SharePoint functionality.

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UCB Sales Portal

Innovative Architects, working with Midtown Consulting and OrionTech, designed and developed a first class Sales Portal for the US Sales Force using SharePoint 2007 and subsequently successfully upgraded it to SharePoint 2010. Core Sales Force information in Oracle databases was integrated with the native SharePoint security model to provide highly sensitive incentive reporting in a secure manner, delivered on a territory, district and regional basis. Challenges to several manual processes were solved by developing full lifecycle solutions for the field, such as exhibit and promotion request systems. The often chaotic and transparency lacking process of HR onboarding and off boarding was re-engineered with workflow foundation and SharePoint.

Key Services: Content & Search, UX Architecture, Process Automation, Business Systems Analysis

Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey (with OpenSky) Upgrade and Migration

Innovative Architects, working with OpenSky, assisted Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey with a large upgrade, re-architecture, and migration of large amounts of data from SharePoint 2007 to SharePoint 2010. Utilizing best practices, proper Information Architecture, and third-party migration tools, the client now has a much more scalable and useful Enterprise Content Management system.

Key Services: Content & Search, Infrastructure, Business Systems Analysis

Assurant Solutions Client Portal / Systems Integration

Assurant Solutions utilized SharePoint 2010 to build a large scale Client Portal allowing clients a central place to interact with services provided by Assurant. A large amount of custom development was required to integrate with numerous proprietary back-end systems to keep all relevant data in sync and available from a single point of entry.

Key Services: UX Architecture, Process Automation

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