DocuXplorer vs. Microsoft SharePoint

Can we use Microsoft SharePoint as a document management solution?

SharePoint allows groups to share information with each other for project management, but it was never intended, as DocuXplorer is, to be used as a long-term solution for document management. Additionally, the upfront and long-term costs to incorporate SharePoint far exceed the affordable costs of DocuXplorer.

Document Management vs. Content Management

DocuXplorer's document management system is a centralized digital repository that enables businesses to go paperless, secure, and protect their documents, and control accessibility in or out of the office.

- **Process centric**. Finding and processing the record is more important than the content.
- **Business Process Management.** Set notifications and track the status of records as they're shared across teams, departments, or offices.
- **Access control.** Security and user permissions are essential to maintain compliance.

Microsoft's SharePoint is a collaborative intranet platform that enables teams to share and manage content, knowledge, and applications across their organization.

- **Content centric.** Without content there is no document.
- **Collaboration.** The document changes a lot.
- **Access.** User access is essential to collaboration.

Both have some similar characteristics, but DX achieves significant goals. SharePoint is sufficient if an organization is looking to collaborate and share documents for a particular project, but that organization will still need a more robust document management solution to ultimately store, archive, and retrieve specific files for the long-term.

Cost Implications

DocuXplorer is a lower-cost alternative to SharePoint and offers clients several advantages. DocuXplorer requires no expensive consultants, or hardware to purchase, set up or manage. Our clients can also access their files anytime and from anywhere in the world.

SharePoint was built for large enterprises with thousands of employees and mega IT budgets. The cost of incorporating SharePoint into an organization's day-to-day operations proves to be prohibitive for small and mid-sized organizations. Implementation also requires expensive hardware, multiple SharePoint Server licenses, and "SharePoint experts" for installation and maintenance. SharePoint is also strictly on-premises

software. Since you need to run servers in-house, SharePoint's total cost of ownership (TCO) is actually much higher than SharePoint license costs.

Conclusion

SharePoint's core competency is its functionality that allows users to collaborate and share information within workgroups; it does not serve as a long-term document management solution for users to quickly organize and retrieve data when needed. DocuXplorer, either as a stand-alone product or in conjunction with SharePoint's collaboration technology, provides the long-term document management solution for the effective archiving and retrieval of an organization's files.

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