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Flash Research Paper: SharePoint

Currently this company is losing the potential to increase its revenue by 400 billable hours per PMP every year. By not using a platform to share documents and information, this company is lacking the ability to be efficient and create a better value for its customers. Microsoft SharePoint solves the problem of ineffective communication, management, and sharing of information through its single platform.

Microsoft SharePoint is run by backed up servers and manages file content that includes network services, security services, database structure, and web services infrastructure. SharePoint works by simplifying the user environment by allowing the user to only open one application – the web browser. Every time a new file is added, it is stored in a library. Along with this, SharePoint creates sites for the user that allow team interaction, sharing, and project-specific management of documents and files on one platform making them easier to share. These documents are easily scalable and can be readily deployed across multiple servers to accommodate an entire company and its clients. This gives everyone the ability to access information to documents and files stored by the company, per management's decisions. SharePoint allows the management of each file to be controlled by type and lets workers manipulate policies. SharePoint provides a single, scalable infrastructure that allows better control over resources including the management of company lists and the ability to improve data management and protection because of its high availability.

By implementing Microsoft SharePoint, each of this company's PMPs can increase billable hours by 400 a year. Currently, by not using SharePoint, PMPs are struggling to manage and share documents and files that relate to their project and by doing so, they are increasing their backlog hours, which does not generate any revenue for the company. The implementation of SharePoint comes around a price of \$100,000 for a one time installation, not including an \$18,000 yearly software maintenance. However, SharePoint will increase billable hours which will increase revenues for this company by \$700,000 so the price of implementation becomes minimal. Another company that has tried and succeeded through its use of SharePoint includes the Federal Aviation Administration that uses SharePoint to make safety training simulations, TomTom GPS which uses it to create a social platform for ideas and other portals of learning and becoming a better company, and Citrix which uses SharePoint to hire and train new employees. By implementing this system, the company will be able to decrease work time for PMPs and create more value for its customers.

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