Out of the Box SharePoint Solutions

Building SharePoint Solutions with Out of the Box Features and No Code

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SharePoint Version

Agenda

What is 'no-code'

Examples

Personalization

Navigation

Automation

Social interaction

No-code Solutions

Let's not use custom code until we have to use it.

Instead try using:
- Easy navigation
- Columns (fields)
- Views & Audiences
- Content Types

- Single line of text
- Multiple lines of text
- Choice (menu to choose from)
- Number (1, 1.0, 100)
- Currency ($, ¥, €)
- Date and Time
- Lookup (information already o
- Yes/No (check box)
- Person or Group
- Hyperlink or Picture
- Calculated (calculation based
- Task Outcome
- External Data
- Managed Metadata

⊞ Columns
⊞ Sort
⊞ Filter
⊞ Tabular View
⊞ Group By
⊞ Totals
⊞ Style
⊞ Folders
⊞ Item Limit
⊞ Mobile

What is a no-code solution?

Solves a business need

Often is 'quick' and useful

No code (a.k.a. no '<')*

Examples of no-code solutions

New-hire orientation

PTO tracking

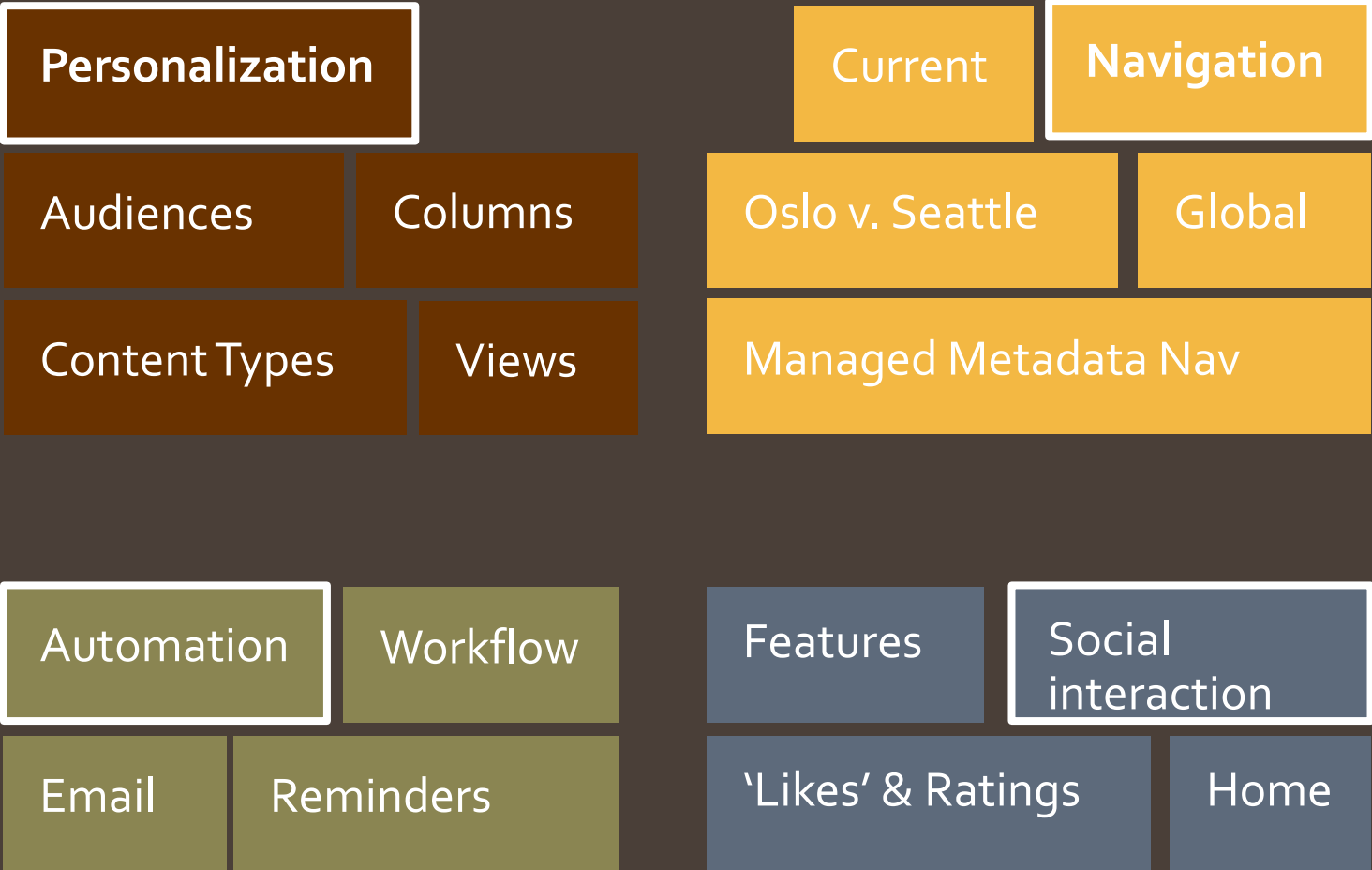Feedback & suggestions

Training

HR portals

Tracking inventory

Dashboards

Helpdesk

Expenses

Others?

Building blocks

Personalization

Audiences	Columns
Content Types	Views

Current	**Navigation**
Oslo v. Seattle	Global
Managed Metadata Nav	

Automation	Workflow
Email	Reminders

Features	Social interaction
'Likes' & Ratings	Home

Personalization

Audiences

Columns

Views

Content Types

Columns

- Know your columns

- Lookup

- Choice

- Calculated

Views

[Almost] everything in SharePoint is a view

Using a view's options can give you great power without having to restructure your data.

Out of the box web parts

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Content Types

A group of reusable settings that describe the shared behaviors for a specific type of content. A content type can specify:

- The columns (metadata) that you want to assign to items of this type.

- The document template on which to base new items of this type (document content types only).

- The custom New, Edit, and Display forms to use with this content type.

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- The custom solutions or features that are associated with items of this content type.

Personalization

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Navigation

Global

Current

Oslo v. Seattle

Managed Metadata Navigation

Content Navigation

Navigation

How quickly can users find what they need? What they are looking for?

To help our users, we need clear and meaningful elements of navigation

- Service navigation
  - Sites
  - Yammer / Newsfeed
  - OneDrive
- Global navigation
  - Across the whole site experience

- Current navigation
  - Specific for the current site

- Content area navigation
  - Image carousel
  - Promoted links
  - Search results

Navigation

DEMO

Automation

Workflow

Email

Reminders

Social interaction

Home

Features

'Likes' & Ratings

Social interaction

Internet Explorer Home Page
- Group policy
- Doesn't have to be your intranet's home page

Social features
- Yammer
- Enterprise keywords
- Community site

Likes & Ratings

Social interaction

DEMO

Furnishings

Office web apps

SharePoint Store

OneDrive for Business

Furnishings

DEMO

What Have We Learned

Let's not use custom code until we have to.

We can create out of the box solutions:

- By using site Personalization
- Making use of smart Navigation
- Adding Automation
- Being Socially Interactive

Don't reinvent the wheel - make use of the out of the box functionality and the SharePoint App Store to create solutions that bring great value

Questions?

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