

SharePoint as a development platform

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Why you should care?

- Everyone is talking about it – you should know enough to tell business people ***when it's not the right fit***
- SharePoint is a platform which can do some of the ***heavy lifting*** for your projects
- ***Leverage the concepts*** in your next project



When I say SharePoint Dev ...

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→ You think I mean

Web Part
Development



What SharePoint isn't

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- A silver bullet
- A database engine
- A transactional platform



What SharePoint is

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- A tool for helping to deliver software projects
- A development platform providing
 - Security
 - Web Part Framework
 - List Management
 - Document Management
 - MS Office Client Integration



SharePoint Developer Issues/Rants/Pain Points (1)

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- SharePoint is not documented or there is not sufficient documentation
- Why SharePoint if I can built it from scratch?
- SharePoint is not for developers – it is an end user tool
- SharePoint has too much constraints
- SharePoint specific weirdness – CAML, ...
- Error messages, logging, ...

- **Answers see**
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SharePoint Developer Issues/Rants/Pain Points (2)



- No development on client OS – you will need VPCs or native W2003/2008 boxes
- Complex to deploy solutions
- Learning curve is quite steep
- HTML output is not clean
- SharePoint does not support large lists, transactional/relational data
- Poor data validation

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Let's discuss ...

