

Season's Greetings

With Christmas fast approaching this year December will be our last meeting of 2009. However the Adelaide SharePoint User Group will resume normal functions on February 16th, 2010.

The end of this year has really been exciting in regard to SharePoint. With the Release of SharePoint 2010 Beta, Office 2010 Beta and a stack of new products which can work with or use SharePoint (such as Visual Studio 2010, Team Foundation Server, Windows 7/2008R2, etc.) The next two to three years are positioned to be an exciting time in the ICT Industry.

Also I will be hunting for user group sponsors and presenters over the Holiday period, so if you (or your company) would like to sponsor or speak at one of our user groups next year, please send me an email or give me a call and we can arrange it!

So on the final note for this month's Newsletter, I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I will see you next week on Tuesday the 15th of December.

Finally, on behalf of the Adelaide SharePoint User Group and its members I would like to thank all who have presented over the last 12 months, your efforts and contribution are greatly appreciated.

See you next week!

December Meeting Information

This month will see Adam Cogan down again for another great presentation! Adam is also doing a training session on Visual Studio, Team Foundation Server, SharePoint 2010 next week, There are still spots left and more information can be found [here](#), Daniel Brown will also be presenting on SharePoint 2010 External Content Types and show in a real life situation how they can be used to help deliver information to your users through SharePoint 2010.

December is also the last meeting of the year and in the spirit of the season we will be having a Christmas network even prior to the meeting with a bit more than soft drink ☺ so be sure to register so we know how much to get ☺

This month will also see the catering service of Craig Parham Catering who is the independent contractor for Microsoft Innovation Centre. This is brought to you by [AvePoint](#).

If you plan to attend the festivities, can you please ensure to reserve your place by clicking [here](#). This will help with catering and ensures everyone gets enough to eat.

When & Where:

- When:
- Where: Microsoft Innovation Center Auditorium
- Address: Level 2, Westpac House, King William Street, Adelaide ([Map](#) – Entrance is actually on Currie Street)
- When: Tuesday, 15th of December
- Door Prize: - Books, Shirts & More

- You must fill in your evaluation forms to be in the draw!

Agenda:

The agenda for this month's activities are:

- **5:30PM** – Arrive, Relax and Network
- **6:00PM** – Welcome, Introductions, Australian Computer Society – Daniel Brown
- **6:15PM** – External Content Types in SharePoint 2010 – Daniel Brown
External Content Types are a great new feature of SharePoint 2010 which has come from the desire to change the back end data source of SharePoint Lists. External Content Types allow you to connect your external data sources to SharePoint and expose them as if they were SharePoint lists; allowing for greater information exposure to the people who need it with the added bonus of all of the features of a SharePoint list!
- **7:00PM** – What is new in SharePoint 2010 – Adam Cogan, SSW
In this session Adam Cogan will provide information about what is new in SharePoint 2010 and his personal favourites.
The SharePoint Team has invested in many including:
 - UX support for Silverlight and Ajax,
 - their Web Content Management System,
 - Digital Asset Management System (for videos),
 - Visual Studio 2010 tools for SharePoint 2010,
 - Developer Platform,
 - Office 2010 integration,
 - RESTful Web API,
 - Tagging and Rating

Let's see what is good and what's not.

- **7:45PM** –SharePoint Forum with Adam & Daniel
Adam & Daniel will host a discussion and open to any questions you may have in relation to SharePoint. So please come along and ask away as it's a great opportunity to find out what you want about SharePoint!

For those of you who attended Adam Cogan's last presentation, you will remember Adam doing something very similar to this with the audience ☺ it's a great way to learn and get answers to your questions in a friendly and social way.

- **8:30 PM(ish)** –Meeting Close and move to the Grand Chancellor for refreshments and for continued forum and questions.

If you plan to attend the festivities, can you please ensure to reserve your place by clicking [here](#). This will help with catering and ensures everyone gets enough to eat.

Call for Speakers

On a quick note, if you would like to present on a topic next year, please get in quick, even if you are only expressing an interest at this stage as only have a limited number of slots left and they are gradually filling up quickly. More so as I will be hunting some presenters over the holiday period ☺

If you have a topic you would like to see presented on, an idea or would like to see how your idea can be translated into a 'SharePoint solution (with-in time restrictions of a meeting) then please email me as many people would like to see these also.

Call for Sponsors

I'll also be looking for sponsors for catering and Door Prizes for 2010 over the holiday period.

If you think that your company or business would be interested in sponsoring a meeting or two, please do not hesitate to contact me. Like speaker positions, sponsorship positions are limited also.

For more information please contact Daniel Brown on 0419-804-099 or by email at daniel@danielbrown.id.au

List Management

Feel free to forward these emails to others who may be interested in the Adelaide SharePoint User Group. If they wish to receive emails directly about the Adelaide SharePoint User Group, they should send a message to me at the address below.

If you would like to include meeting details in your works internal newsletter, please also feel free to do so.

We are in the process of setting up a facility for companies who which to include meeting details can be notified by an automated system. If you would like to participate, please contact Daniel Brown (daniel@danielbrown.id.au).

Feedback

Please let us know if you have any feedback on how we can improve the user group. Also, if you would like to present to the group on your experiences with SharePoint, just let us know. I can be contacted at daniel@danielbrown.id.au or by visiting <http://www.aspug.org.au>.

(P.S: It been busy ☺)