



## Microsoft Collaboration Case Studies by Catapult Systems

Microsoft Collaboration solutions connect people with knowledge, for better, more timely, enterprise-wide dissemination of on-point, formatted and digestible information. And Catapult's Collaboration expertise ensures you reap the benefits of better top-down intelligence, clearer bottom-up understanding, and faster decisions made better across the organization and beyond its boundaries. Read on to learn how three companies took advantage of these benefits.

### Chip Maker Collaborates to Reduce Costs

A leading global chip maker had deployed a collaboration solution using Oracle Portal. Once implemented, the high operational and administrative costs of running this solution became an obstacle to its continued use. The Oracle infrastructure was very cumbersome and required direct administrator intervention for even the simplest tasks.

Catapult proposed a move to Microsoft SharePoint. Once the client accepted, Catapult consultants migrated the existing Oracle Portal library to SharePoint and provided training to key personnel.

#### Results

- Reduced operational and administrative costs
- End users empowered to manage their own collaboration environment
- High adoption enterprise-wide

### Venture Capital Firm's Collaboration Solution Scales to Meet Corporate Growth

This venture capital firm faced the challenge of those whose growth outstrips system scalability. When the firm started, its paper-based collaboration was an effective solution. As the company grew, this approach became unwieldy: electronic documents were scattered throughout the organization, a lack of document version control made it difficult to ensure that information being viewed was current and accurate, and communication became inefficient, potentially preventing the company from responding rapidly and flexibly to opportunities.

Catapult learned the organization and its challenges, and proposed a Microsoft SharePoint portal solution. After gathering requirements, Catapult installed and configured the solution, implementing department-specific areas as well as team sites for smaller groups' collaboration. In addition, Catapult developed custom Web Parts for a corporate directory based on profile database. Finally, it implemented version-controlled document libraries for document storage.

#### Results

- Information is easy to find using keyword searches and best bets
- Actions are taken on accurate information due to version control
- IT costs are reduced as users easily manage their portal areas

### Manufacturer Meets Legislative Requirements with Collaboration Solution

Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, this metal manufacturer needed a better way to disseminate information internally. Specifically, its Human Resources and Safety groups, each burdened with legislative requirements, had to be able to ensure that the information it had was made available to specific user and employee groups.

Catapult worked with the client to define specific business rules for the two departments, ranging from general requirements for document sharing and information dissemination to challenging design specifications for displaying safety information and recording and making available incident reports. Catapult installed and configured Microsoft SharePoint for the affected departments areas according to these requirements, and created and implemented the portal's look and feel. In addition, Catapult provided technical mentoring for IT staff and training for end users.

#### Results

- Cost-effective information sharing
- Meeting of legislative requirements
- Reduced IT requirements with an easy-to-manage solution

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