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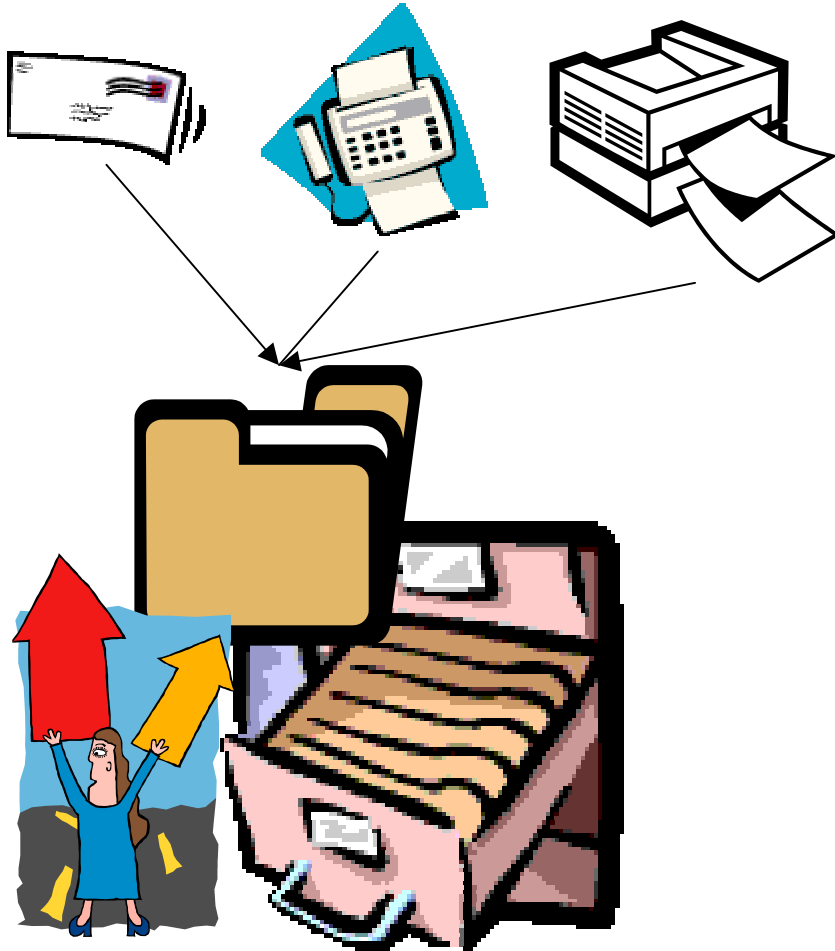
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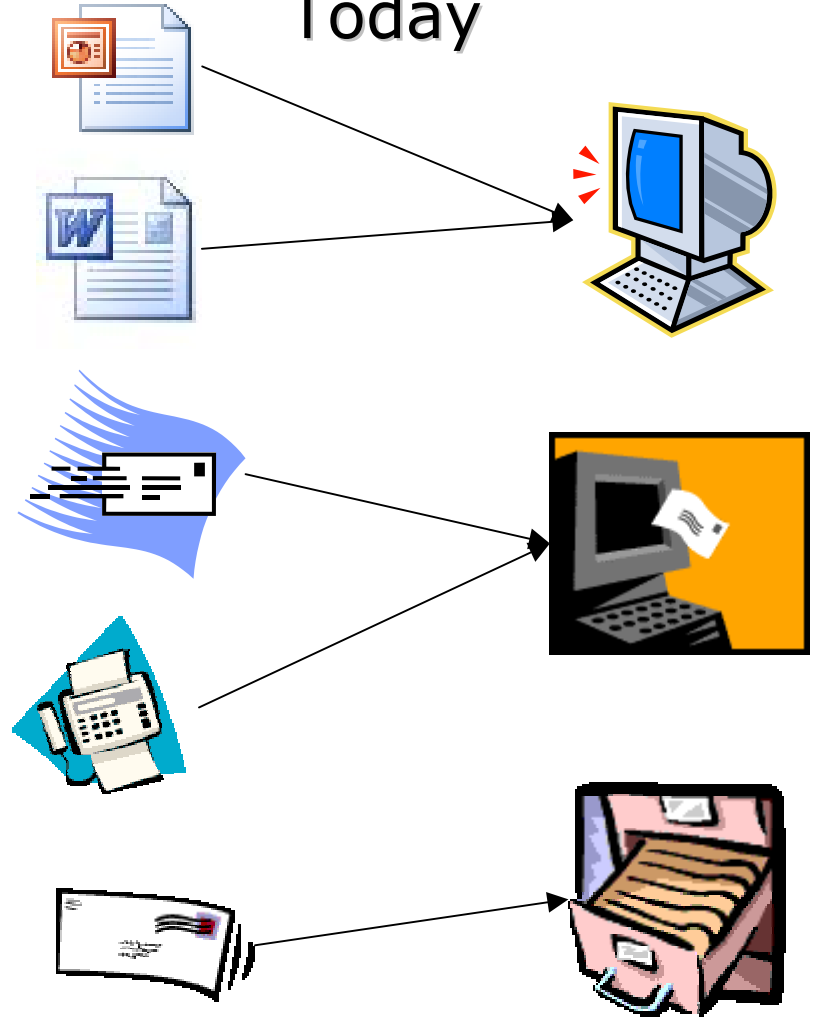.NET solutions practices

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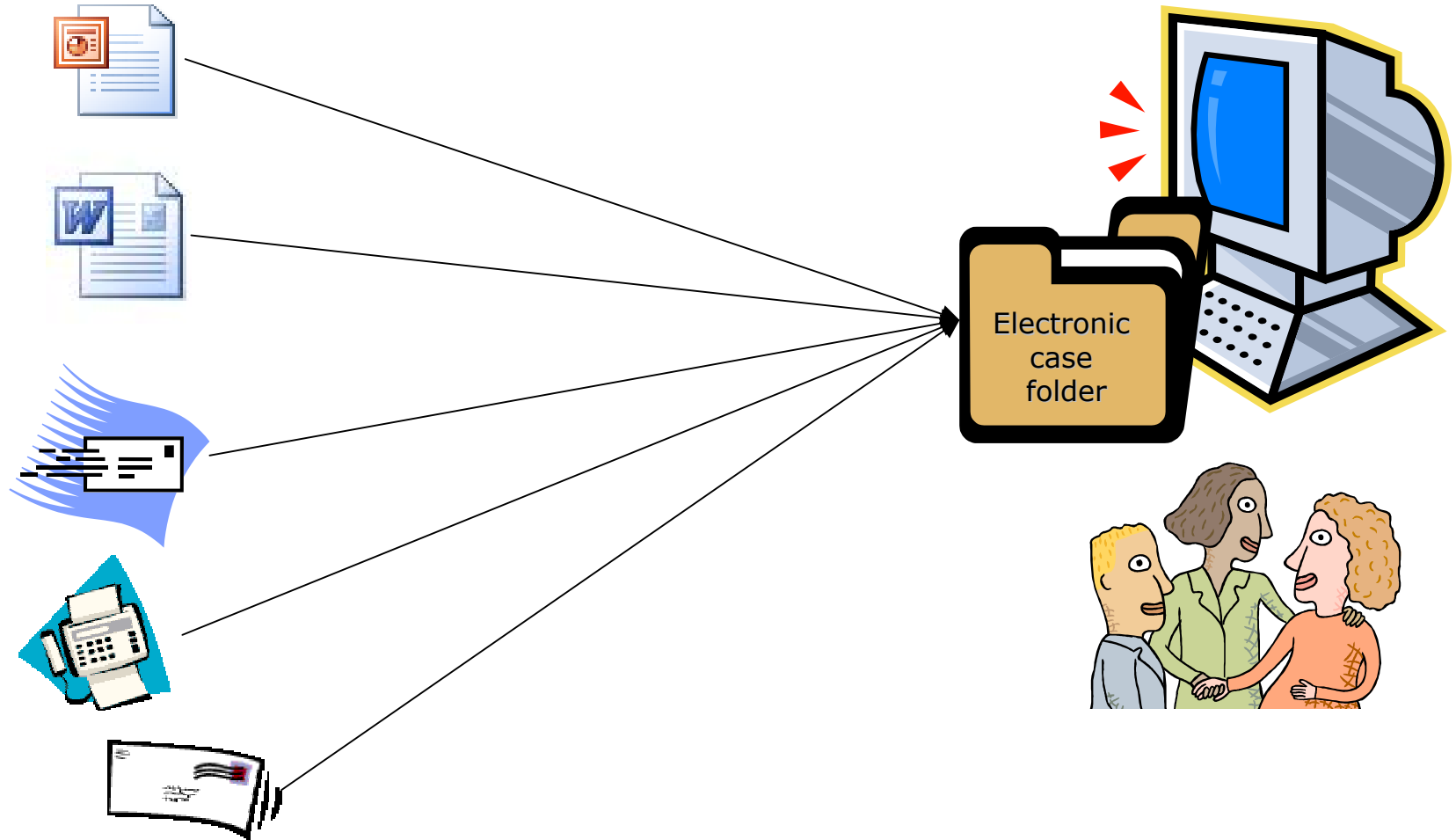
...in a nutshell...

Yesterday

Today

...our solution...

Electronic case folder

The Challenge

- 90% of corporate information is held in electronic form
- Many information silos within the organisation
- Most organisational content is held in unstructured form
- Increasing number of large unconnected systems
- Emails are the most common form of business communication

- Business cannot:
    - **retrieve and reuse** information effectively, with confidence
    - **trust** their information to be auditable and legally admissible
    - **share** and process information across the organisation

A fraction of the value of the information held is realised

Decisions are made on incomplete, inaccurate information

HP document Information System solution Definition

A solution that

- Extend the typical document lifecycle beyond the collaborative creation, approval and publishing stages
  - integrate enterprise business processes
  - act as historical records from the perspectives of legal, fiscal, and other requirements
- deal effectively with the information overflow from various sources such as email, electronic and hardcopy documents and transactional data
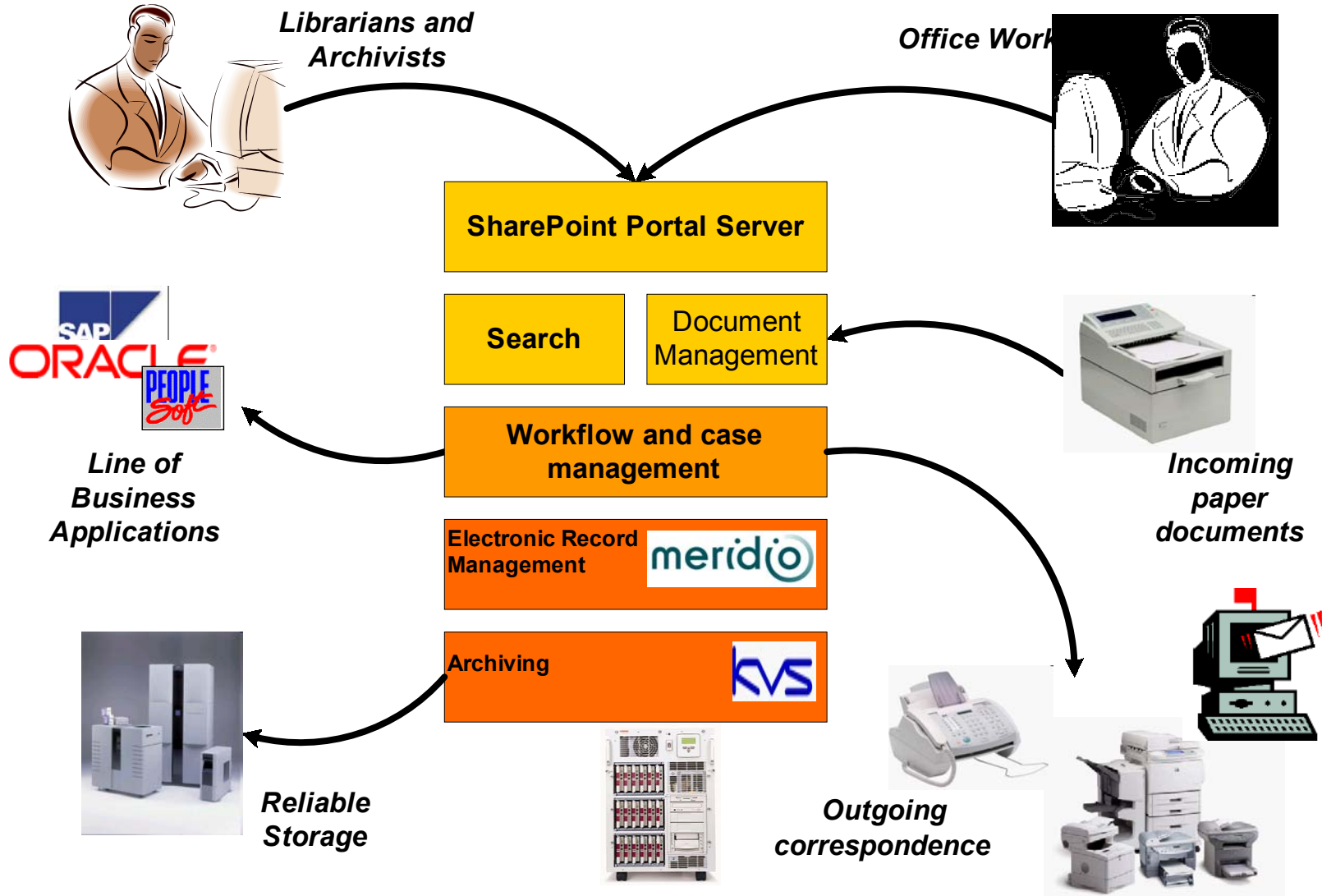
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- To Control the Creation and Growth of documents (electronic or hardcopy)
- To Reduce Operating Costs
- To Improve Efficiency and Productivity
- Integrate new or existing new technologies
- Ensure regulatory compliance
- To minimize litigation risks
- Preservation of vital information
- Support better decision support
- Preserve corporate knowledge
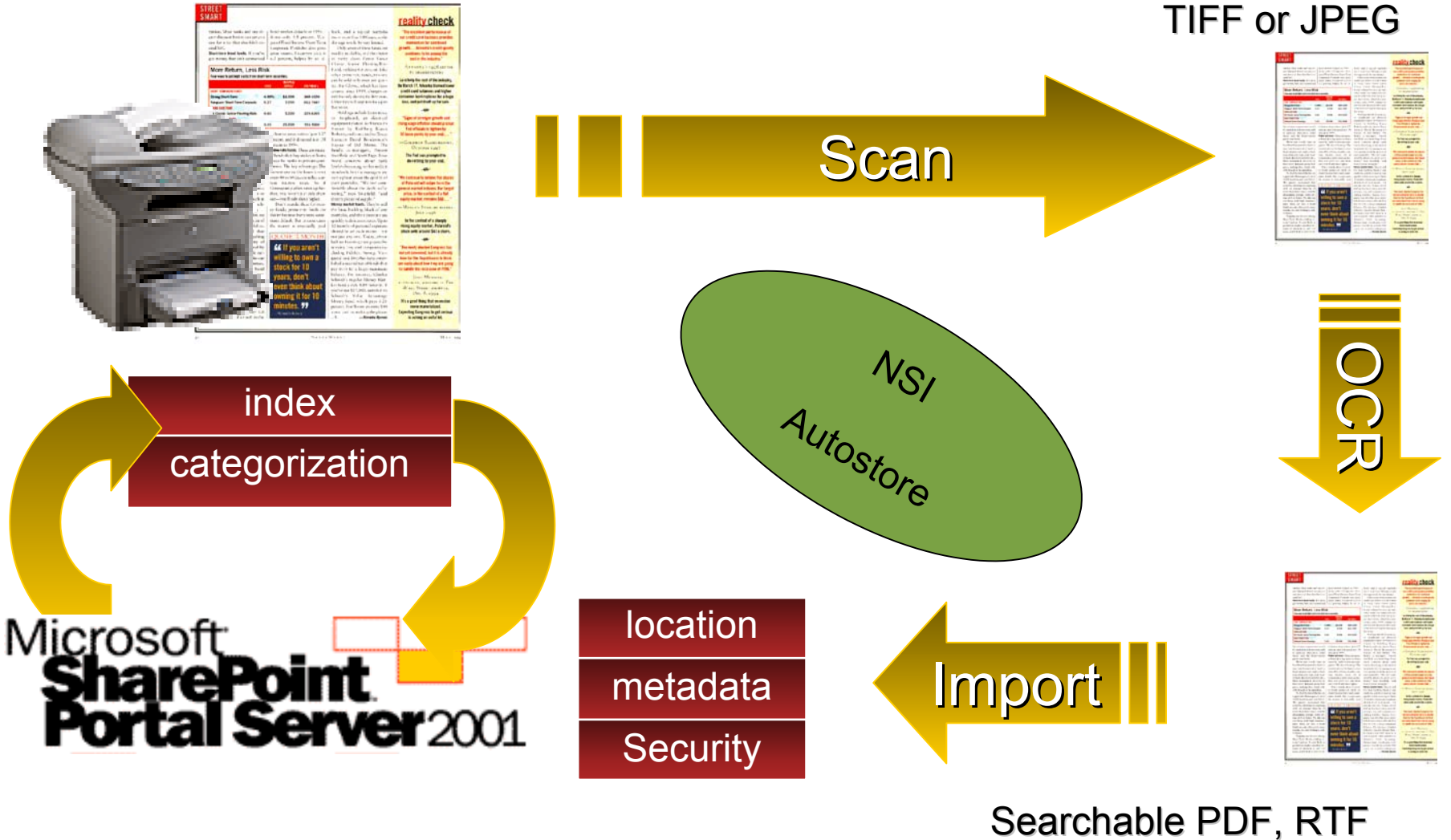- Foster professionalism in running business

Potential benefits

- Easier document retrieval and correlation
- Reinforce business rules
- Insure compliance with retention regulation
- Task allocation
- Integration with existing systems

Solution overview

Librarians and Archivists

Office Work[...]

SharePoint Portal Server

Search

Document Management

Line of Business Applications

Workflow and case management

Incoming paper documents

Electronic Record Management — meridio

Archiving — kvs

Reliable Storage

Outgoing correspondence

Paper based document integration

Digital Sender – Sign on screen

Digital Sender – Programmable Keys

Why SharePoint Portal?

- Portal

- Search

- Document and list management

- Close integration with Microsoft Office

SharePoint document workspaces

- Document workspaces in SharePoint offer great functionality
  - Very well integrated with Office
  - Allows for adding additional documents
  - Membership management
  - Tasks
  - Additional lists and forms libraries
- Same holds for meeting workspaces etc.

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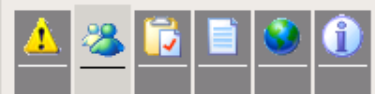
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Shared Workspace

Members

Document Workspace name:

Letter

Location for new workspace:

Team Web Site

Create

Create a Document Workspace if you want to
share a central copy of this document. A
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Tell Me More...

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Creating Document Workspace

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by SPSV2\administrator
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Upload files to the Shared Documents library to share them with others. Use the Links list to create shortcuts to files or Web sites related to
your work.

⊞ Add new announcement

Shared Documents   ▾

Type Name   Modified By

       Letter! NEW   SPSV2\administrator

⊞ Add new document

Tasks   ▾

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task" below.
⊞ Add new task

Members   ▾

Online
None of the members are online.
Not Online
  SPSV2\administrator

⊞ Add new member

Links   ▾

There are currently no favorite links to
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HP Workflow Extension   ▾

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Working with document workspaces

- Add members manually
- Add tasks manually and assign them
- Manage members of the life time
- Add lists and forms libraries manually if required

Full end-user control

Case management- DIS Toolkit

Business process control over document workspaces

- How to control creation process of documents

- Managed process often required by
  - Goverement organizations
  - Banks
  - Ensurance companies
  - …

- Multiple processes
  - Predefined contributors, tasks and lifecycle states
  - Flexibility required to deviate

The challenges

- Manage membership automaticly
- Manage tasks automatically
  - Lifecycle controlled
- Extend task functionality
- Manage audits
- Manage forms libraries automatically
- Manage document property definition automatically
- Data-Text integration
- Creation from other sources than Office
  - E.g. registering (scanned) documents from a queue

Under business process control

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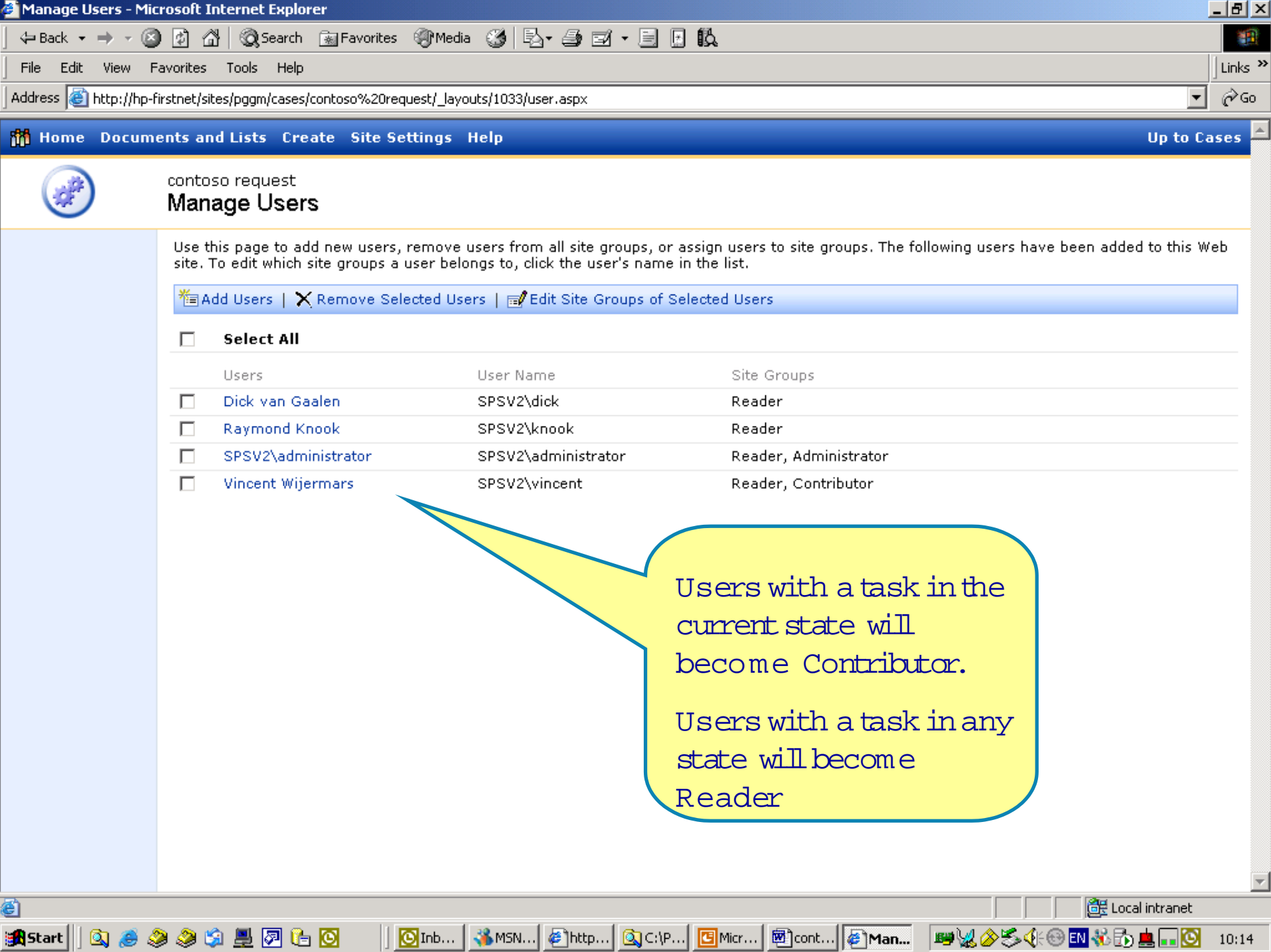▣ Add new member

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Active Process   'NONE'

[Service Proposal ▼]   [Initialize]

> Extension WebPart allows for the selection of a process

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Home **Documents and Lists** **Create** **Site Settings** **Help**   Up to Cases

contoso request
Manage Users

Use this page to add new users, remove users from all site groups, or assign users to site groups. The following users have been added to this Web site. To edit which site groups a user belongs to, click the user's name in the list.

Add Users | ✕ **Remove Selected Users** | **Edit Site Groups of Selected Users**

☐ **Select All**

	Users	User Name	Site Groups
☐	Dick van Gaalen	SPSV2\dick	Reader
☐	Raymond Knook	SPSV2\knook	Reader
☐	SPSV2\administrator	SPSV2\administrator	Reader, Administrator
☐	Vincent Wijermars	SPSV2\vincent	Reader, Contributor

Users with a task in the current state will become Contributor.

Users with a task in any state will become Reader

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Contoso Request
Documents and Lists

Select a View

| All |

Document
Libraries

Picture Libraries

Lists

Discussion
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Surveys

See Also:

⊞ Sites

⊞ Document
Workspaces

⊞ Meeting
Workspaces

This page shows all the libraries, lists, discussion boards, and surveys in this Web site. Click the name of a library or list to view its contents. To create a new library or list, click Create.

📄 Create

Document Libraries	Description	Items	Last Modified
Case Data		0	6 minutes ago
Shared Documents	Share a document with the team by adding it to this document library.	1	7 minutes ago

Picture Libraries

There are no Picture Libraries. To create one, click **Create** above.

Lists

Announcements	Use the Announcements list to post messages on the home page of your site.	1	7 minutes ago
AuditTasks	Workflow AuditTasklist	0	6 minutes ago
Contacts	Use the C...		7 minutes ago
Events	Use the E... meetings		7 minutes ago
Links	Use the L... members will find interesting or useful.		7 minutes ago
Tasks	Use the Tasks list to keep track of work that you or your team needs to complete.	2	2 minutes ago

Automatic added Audit list

Discussion Boards

General Discussion	Use the General Discussion to hold newsgroup-style discussions on topics relevant to your team.	0	7 minutes ago

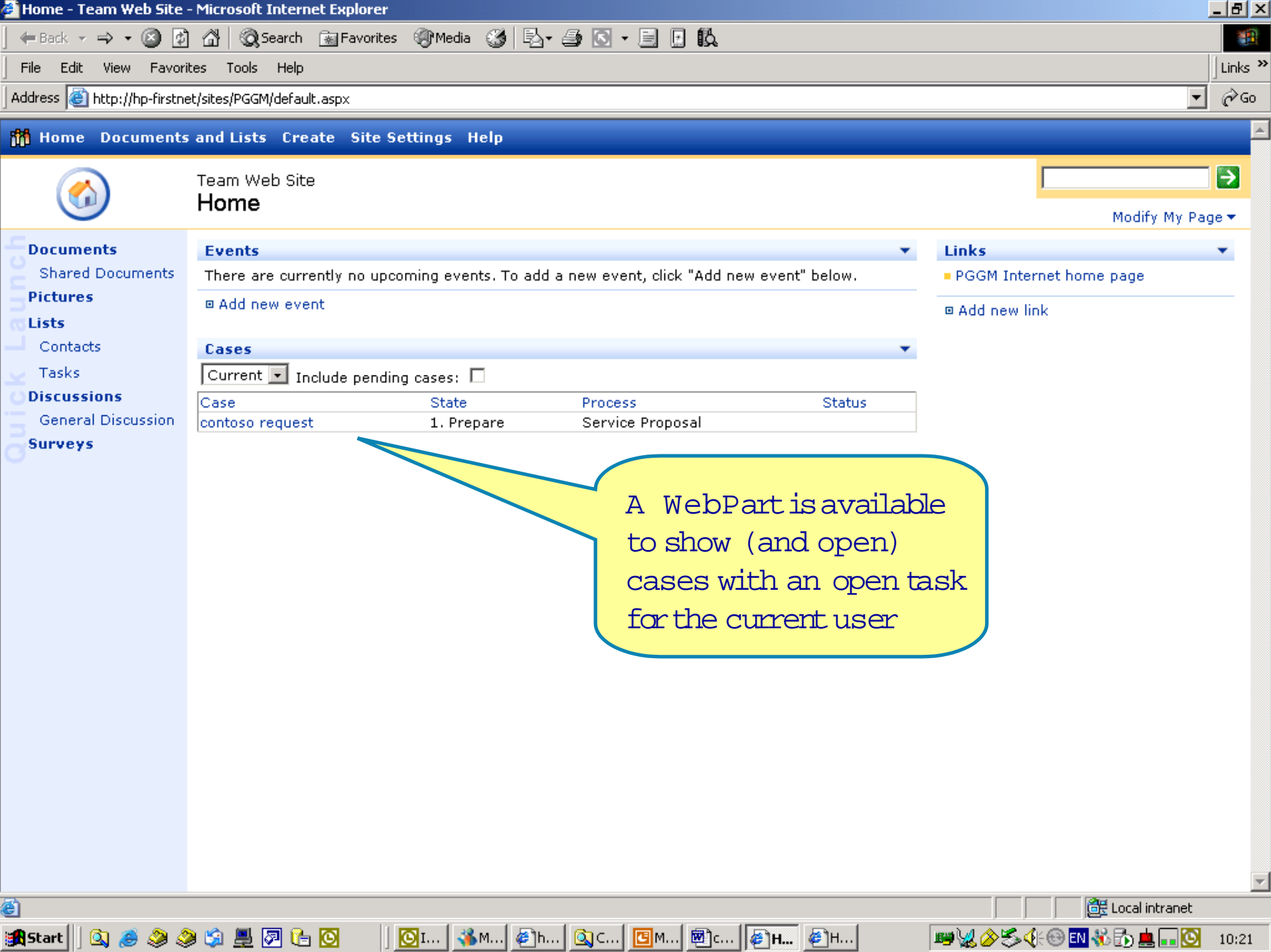File   Edit   View   Favorites   Tools   Help

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Events   ▼
There are currently no upcoming events. To add a new event, click "Add new event" below.
⊞ Add new event

Cases   ▼
| Current ▼ | Include pending cases: ☐

Case	State	Process	Status
contoso request	1. Prepare	Service Proposal	

Links   ▼
▪ PGGM Internet home page

⊞ Add new link

A WebPart is available to show (and open) cases with an open task for the current user

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Up to Cases

contoso request
Tasks: Set case data

⧉ New Item　|　⊞ Edit Item　|　✕ Delete Item　|　Alert me　|　Go Back to List

Title:	Set case data
Priority:	(2) Normal
Status:	Not Started
% Complete:	
Assigned To:	Vincent Wijermars
Description:	
Start Date:	6/30/2003 10:07 AM
Due Date:	7/1/2003 10:07 AM
WorkflowState:	1. Prepare
Action:	Add data form

Created at 6/30/2003 10:07 AM by Vincent Wijermars
Last modified at 6/30/2003 10:07 AM by Vincent Wijermars

The task page. Using a link field special functions are called such as creation of a form or a document based on a specified template

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Infopath is called to edit a form

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Document number using a WebService

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Rich form features

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Shared Documents   ▾

Type Name
        contoso request! NEW

⊡ Add new document

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Title
Create letter! NEW
Set case data! NEW

⊡ Add new task

Members   ▾

Online
  Raymond Knook
  SPSV2\administrator
  Vincent Wijermars
Not Online
  Dick van Gaalen

⊡ Add new member

Links   ▾

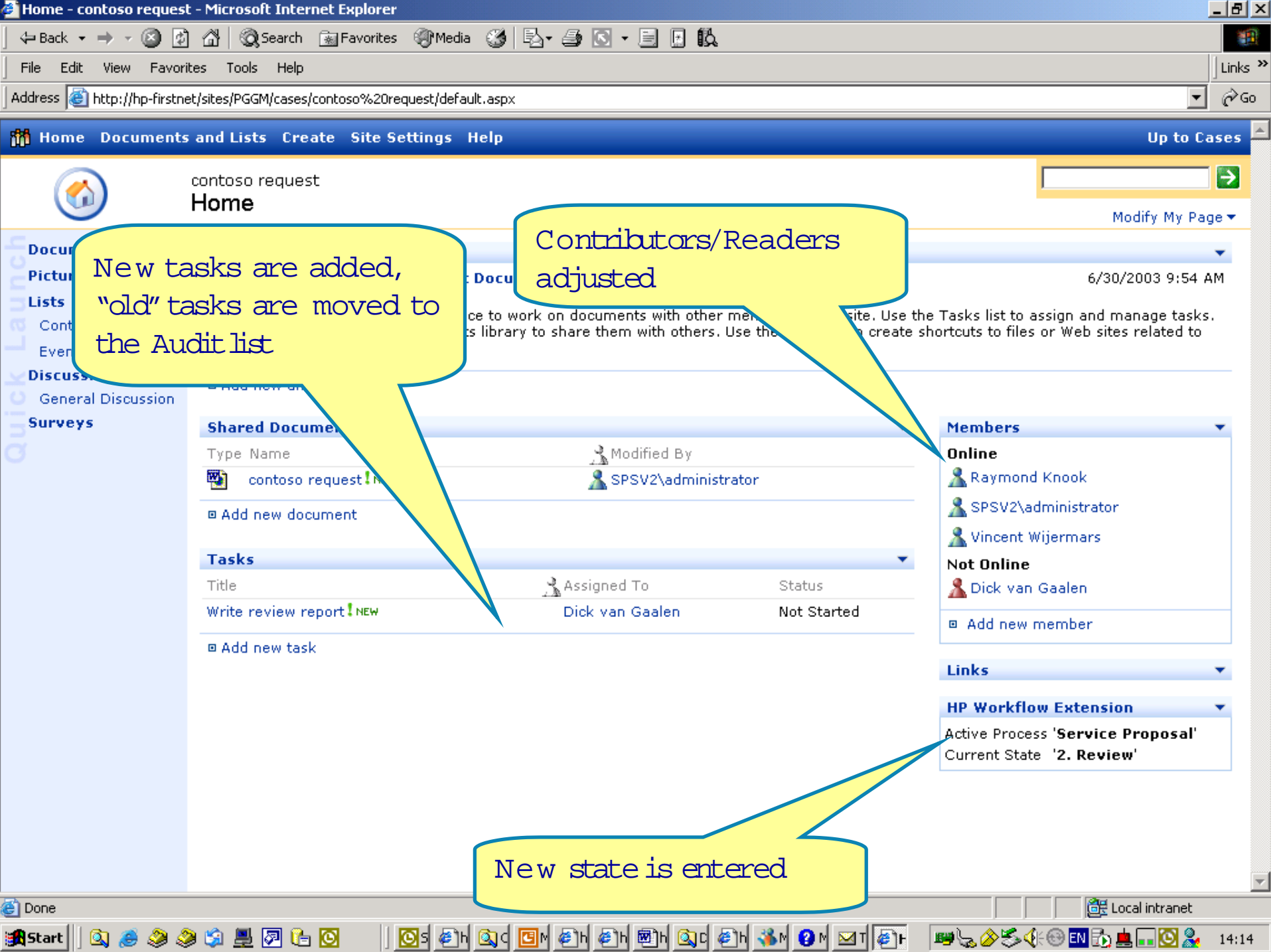**HP Workflow Extension**   ▾

Active Process   'Service Proposal'
Current State   '1. Prepare'

**You can continue the workflow by
selecting a new state**

[2. Review ▾]   [Continue]

> If there is no branch in the workflow, the next state is automatically entered.
>
> Otherwise the contributor is presented with a possible list of states to choose from

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New tasks are added, "old" tasks are moved to the Audit list

Contributors/Readers adjusted

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...s library to share them with others. Use the...   ...create shortcuts to files or Web sites related to

Shared Docume...

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   contoso request ! N...   SPSV2\administrator
▣ Add new document

Tasks

Title   Assigned To   Status
Write review report ! NEW   Dick van Gaalen   Not Started
▣ Add new task

Members

Online
   Raymond Knook
   SPSV2\administrator
   Vincent Wijermars
Not Online
   Dick van Gaalen

▣ Add new member

Links

HP Workflow Extension

Active Process 'Service Proposal'
Current State '2. Review'

New state is entered

Done   Local intranet

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Alternatives to create a case or add documents

- Cases can also be created using a registration application

- Documents in document library are base for new case
  - E.g. scanned documents using Digital Sender and AutoStore

- Documents can also be added to an existing case

- For new cases the process can be chosen

- Document properties can be edited

Process definition

- State engine for basic workflow
  - Web service
  - Based on SQL workflow
  - Has to run on a separate server
    - FrontPage server extensions clash
- Tasks, Forms library and document properties set in special definition site
  - Using special definition WebPart

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WorkflowTasks   ▾ ✕

Edit   WorkflowState   Duration (Days) Title   👤 Assigned To

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⊡ Add new item

Workflow definition WebPart   ▾ ✕

Process: **Service_Proposal**

Your selected process needs to be defined!

Tasklist WebPart added to main page and workflow view selected

Process created, but needs to be designed

Done

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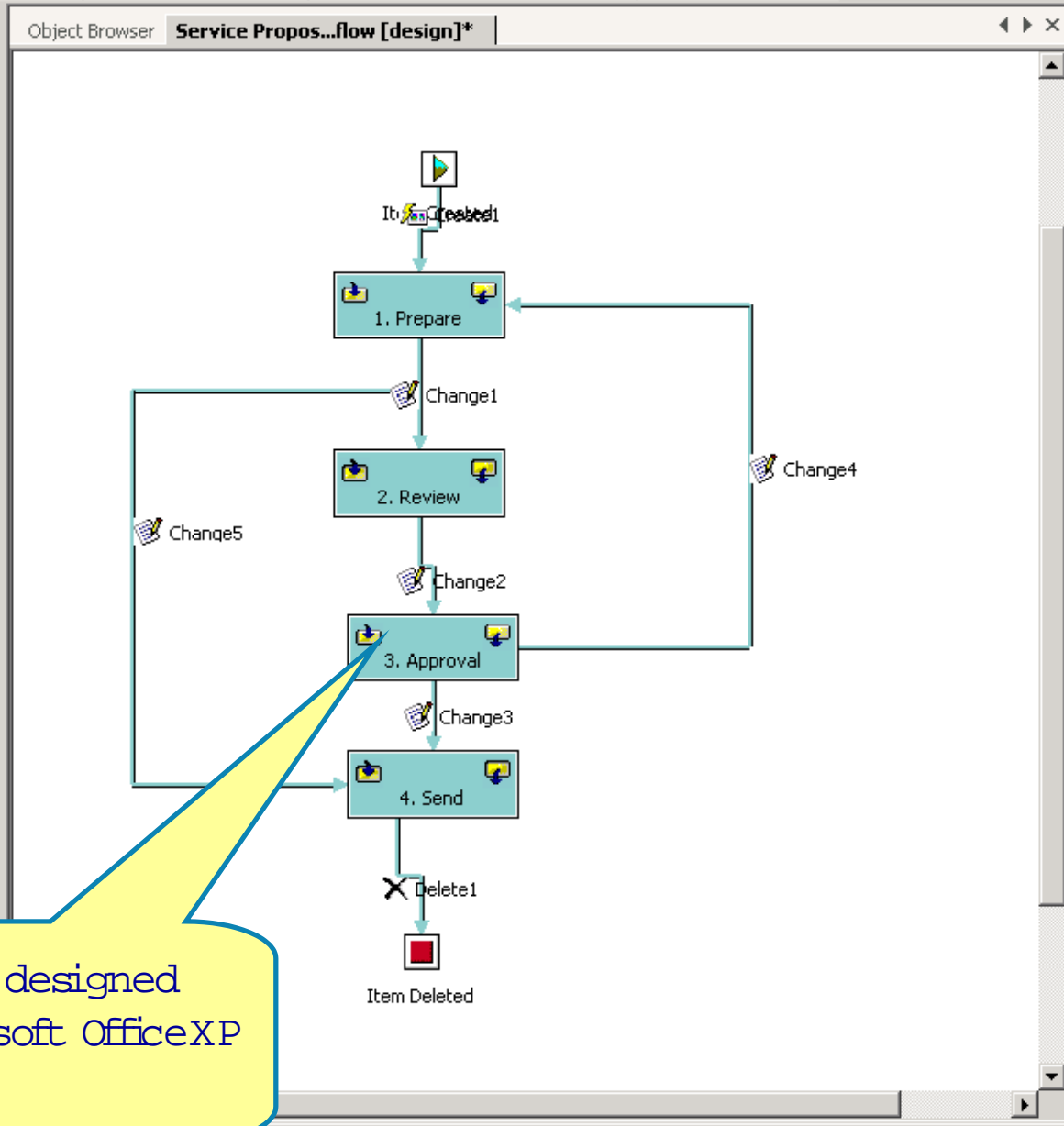Start | Inbox - Mi... | C:\vincen... | Microsoft ... | http://hp-... | Home - S... | EN 13:19

Workflow is designed using Microsoft OfficeXP developer

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template document
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WorkflowTasks

New Item | Filter

Edit	WorkflowState	Duration (Days)	Title	Assigned To	Action
	1. Prepare	1	Create letter	Vincent Wijermars	Compose letter
	2. Review	3	Write review report	Dick van Gaalen	Using template
	3. Approval		Sign pr...	Raymond Kno...	
	4. Send		Send Proposa...	...V2\ad...	
	1. Prepare	1	Set case data		

Workflow definition WebPart

Process: **Service Proposal**

Verify Task Fields

Multiple tasks can be created for multiple states and assigned to members of the site.

If necessary add members to the site (as readers)

Template forms library (using InfoPath) and document library can be added

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Introduction to Electronic Record Management

SharePoint Portal Server

Electronic Record Management

- **What is a Record?**
- Evidence of an activity or decision
- Content cannot be changed
- Must be captured, managed and preserved whilst maintaining authenticity
- Is created by day-to-day work
- Latter stages of document life-cycle
- Driven by government legislation and business needs

Introduction to Electronic Record Management
Comparing DM & RM

Document Management

- Enables organisations to
  - Capture
  - Protect
  - Manage
  - Share

- Characterised by:
  - Search and retrieval of documents
  - Access management and security control
  - Version control
  - Audit trails on access and changes to documents
  - Document properties - information about each document

Record Management

- Enables organisations to
  - Capture
  - Protect
  - Manage
  - Share
  - Apply standard Records Management practices

- Characterised by:
  - Record classification within the corporate filing structure – the fileplan
  - Formal retention and disposal scheduling
    - Based on an approved disposal and review schedule
  - Accountability

Basic Records Management Concepts
The Fileplan

- A hierarchical corporate filing structure

- Used to classify records
  - Every record must have a defined location within a fileplan
  - Provides context, e.g. Accounting/Reports/2001/…
  - Multiple classification of a record is possible
    - By referencing it in several locations in the fileplan

- All users work in common fileplans

- Typically, a fileplan will reflect the structure of the organisation, either by department or by business function

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Basic Records Management Concepts
Electronic Folders

- A fileplan consists of a hierarchy of electronic folders

- An electronic folder can contain either
  - Electronic folders or
  - Electronic folder parts
  - But not both

- The hierarchy of folders classifies the records it contains

- Folders can be identified by their path. For example "Department Fileplan/Accounting/Reports/2002"

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Basic Records Management Concepts
Electronic Folder Parts

- Placeholders for electronic records

- They exist to ease electronic folder management
  - They split electronic folders into manageably-sized parts

- The split can be
  - Manual or
  - Automatic, based on the size of the part (in Kb), the number of records it contains, or an annual cut-off date
    - For example, after a certain date, an electronic folder part can be automatically closed. New records will be declared in a new part.

- Automatically sequentially numbered by the system

- New records are typically declared in the latest part

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Meridio Records Management

- Integrated approach to records and document management

- Proven scalability

- Strong integration with desktop infrastructure

- Solution focus to support integration

- Strong support for ERM standards – e-GIF
  - SOAP interface
  - Support for XML auto categorisation & tag searching

- Specifically designed to meet UK Public Record Office (PRO) requirements
  - Support MoReq standards
  - DOD certification scheduled

Meridio complementary Positioning with Sharepoint

Sharepoint Provides

- Version control

- Profiling

- Security

- Index & search

- Viewing

- Collaboration

- Enterprise portal

Meridio Provides

- File plan maintenance

- Record Classification

- Retention & Disposal

- Transfer

- Security

- Legal Admissibility

- Management of paper records

Document archiving

- hp magneto-optical libraries

- reliable, high-capacity, archival storage

- up to 2.1 TB of near-line storage

- supports both WORM (write once read many) & rewritable media

- based on industry standard magneto-optical drives & media

- Integrates with KVS archiving product

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Case Study: Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

Interview// Michel Kuijpers, Dutch Ministry

Summary   The Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport has been implementing IT solutions for over two decades, but none more important than their Windows-based digital workplace and the new HP archiving solution

The number of public sector IT projects is on the rise, as governments aim to improve their workflow processes and their stance on e-governance. Michel Kuijpers, a stalwart of the Dutch Government's IT department, talks to Martyn White about the changes he's seen in the past 20 years and the implementation of a digital archiving solution from HP for 17km of paper-based documents

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A fter a year of political uncertainty, a new centre-right government has been elected in the Netherlands. The new administration is said to be planning cuts of over €13bn in government spending, some of which could affect the Dutch IT industry and, just as importantly, IT projects in the government sector.

With a population of just 16m people you would be forgiven for thinking that the Netherlands was a mere backwater in the world of technological innovation and importance, and hence the cut in government IT spending a small drop in the technology ocean. Yet, the government sector is reported to be the fastest growing vertical market in today's IT sphere, and the Dutch have been quick to spot the opportunities to become a driving force of technological adoption in European society.

The previous Dutch Government, who addressed last year's European Council with an ambitious e-Europe Action Plan to accelerate the use of network security and broadband throughout Europe, have given themselves a platform from which to provide ongoing support for the use of ICT in Dutch society by implementing a number of innovative solutions in their own ministerial departments — a process that has been in progress for the past 20 years or more.

One of the people at the centre of the drive for technological change within the Dutch Government is Michel Kuijpers, who has been working in government departments for over 20 years in an IT role that has seen many sweeping transformations and dramatic changes in working processes.

Having originally joined the government sector as an Oracle programmer in the early '80s, Kuijpers has enjoyed a roller-coaster career as the accelerated use of technology has metamorphosed beyond recognition in the government sector and beyond.

You've been working in the government sector for the past 20 years. What was the first project you worked on and what has been the biggest change?
Well, I started at the Ministry of Finance as an Oracle programmer all those years ago. My background is technical and within the government sector I've been a database administrator, system programmer, then onto the manager of the system and database management group and ICT project manager.

It really has changed a lot. The most significant change is the way in which the whole Ministry is now dependant on ICT. Twenty years ago we had formal applications for finance departments etc., but nothing else. Now everyone is using IT on a daily basis and would seriously miss it if it weren't there.

Of course, this means that practices have changed as well. In the distant past if we were required to do maintenance on a system we would send out a note that said we would be shutting the system down on a Friday afternoon, for example, and everyone would thank us for letting them know. The reaction now would be one of horror and they would be asking us to do it in our own time! It just shows the dependency we all have on IT.

A new Dutch Government has only recently been sworn in and is already planning for massive cuts in government spending. How will this affect the internal projects that you're currently working on?
Well, I understand that they want to cut costs dramatically so we'll see what turns out. I'm not directly alarmed by this, but projects that we're currently

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Challenges

- As a policy making body, the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport generates huge amounts of paperwork

- By law this has to be efficiently archived

- Paper based systems were time wasting, expensive and inefficient

solution

- The Ministry decided on a Digidoc project to replace all paper documents and forms with digital ones

- This solution was based around Microsoft software, using .NET technology

- The use of reusable components from the hp document information system accelerated the development

- A team of 10 experts from hp services masterminded development and deployment of the application

results

- Digidoc will eventually allow 2000 civil servants to efficiently archive their documents, improving content and reducing wasted time

- Over five years, it will have paid for itself between four and five times

- This enables the Ministry to meet the detailed requirements of the country's archiving laws

why hp?

- hp services staff have many years experience in document handling systems

- They have specific experience in the Microsoft .NET arena and the solution had a low TCO

- It was important to have a partner who could exactly tailor the solution to the Ministry's particular business needs

HP Document Information System Solution Advantages

- Leverage existing assets and capabilities

- Better business processes

- Document efficiency and consistency

- Faster time to solution

- Greater return on IT investments

Why hp?

- more than 25 years designing, building, and supporting mission-critical, enterprise-wide IT infrastructure solutions

- one of the world's largest, most specialized forces of .NET consultants and solution architects

- Microsoft SharePoint Portal Server developed and tested on HP Proliant Servers.

- HP pioneered Digital Sending technology, providing seamless paper document integration.

- HP is the world's leading provider of imaging and printing products, known for the unparalleled connectivity of its document input-and output technologies

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