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How to Maximize Productivity Today and Opportunities Tomorrow

Time waits for no one – nor business. As our economy begins its climb out of the Great Recession, smart businesses are positioning themselves for the coming wave of growth and opportunity.

You want technology that will help your employees analyze, collaborate, and bring new ideas to life - without requiring extensive retraining or new staff. Microsoft's BI platform -- Microsoft Office 2010 and SharePoint 2010, running on SQL Server 2008 -- provides the capabilities you want.

[Learn more on how to utilize your IT resources to foster business intelligence here.](#)

Why Cloud Computing Matters to Midsized Business

These days, there are clouds on the horizon for many businesses--and that's a good thing, if the clouds are of the computing sort. It seems that everyone is talking about the pros and cons of moving to the cloud. But what exactly is the cloud, and when and why does it make sense to move there?

Cloud computing is actually an array of computing services that are hosted by a third party on a subscription basis. These services can range from IT infrastructure (you rent the servers), to platform (you rent the operating system), to applications (you rent the software). When properly managed, these services function together seamlessly, operating as a single system.

[If clouds may be in the future of your company or you would like to learn more about the software click here.](#)

How do I know which version of SharePoint 2010 I need?

With multiple versions of SharePoint 2010 available, including one that is free, it can be difficult for users to determine which version will meet all of their needs. This article addresses this issue by outlining some of the more popular features and which investment level is required to get them.

[Learn how to know which version of SharePoint 2010 your organization needs by reading post to the SharePoint Blog.](#)

Business Connectivity Services in SharePoint 2010

Business Connectivity Services (BCS), formerly known as Business Data Connectivity Services (BDC), is a feature of SharePoint 2010 that allows organizations to surface external data within SharePoint 2010. Well, that sounds great, but what does it really mean?

Imagine you have an application within your business that contains some sales data, like territories, salespeople, and orders. The users of that system have access to the data within it, but perhaps other employees, including some executives, don't use the system and cannot see the data it contains. [Find out how Business Connectivity Services in SharePoint 2010 can give you access to this data in our recent SharePoint blog posting.](#)

Get the most out of your laptop's battery with Windows 7

Have a laptop and want to get more battery life out of it? Windows 7 includes a hidden built-in tool that will examine your laptop's energy use and make recommendations on how to improve it.

1. Run a command prompt as an administrator. To do this, type CMD in the search box, and when the cmd icon appears, right-click it and choose "Run as administrator."
2. At the command line, type in the following:
powercfg -energy -output \Folderenergy_Report.html
...where "\Folder" represents the folder where you want the report to be placed.
3. Windows 7 will examine the behavior of your laptop. It will then create a report in HTML format in the folder you specified. Open the report and follow its recommendations for ways to improve power performance.



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