

Successful Strategies for Deploying Desktop Change

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Tech Be Nimble, Tech Be Quick

- Volume of applications in today's workplace
- Pace of version upgrades
- Range of access
- Applications are not silos
- Concurrent engineering / upgrades / deployments
- Successful IT Departments MUST make it happen quickly and they MUST get it right



Strategy 1: Use Smarter Deployment Tools







Smarter Migration of User Data

Microsoft USMT

- In Place Migrations
- Stores User Data on Hard Drive
- Customizable

Flex Profiles

- Operational Tool for Maintaining User Settings/Data
- Customizable
- Consistent User experience

Migration Up and Migration Down

Customized Scripts to use during deployment



Strategy 2: Hold Out for a Hero...or Two



Finding Mr./Mrs. Right

- Executive Leadership
 - Communicates Vision
 - Influence
 - Active Involvement
- Funding
- Protection



Sponsors Are Like Shoes: More is More*

- Which people, groups or offices are impacted?
- The "ripple effect" desktop change isn't just about applications...it's about training and workflows and....
- Who has the authority to implement change?
- Who is committed to seeing the change through to completion?



Focus on Focus Groups

- Lay out the commitment you are asking for from participants – it takes time to plan, meet, review and approve
- Include diverse members from the same practice group or job role
- Remember: the Focus Groups speak and IT listens



Strategy 3: Figure Out What's Going to Break...Before You Break It on 200 Desktops

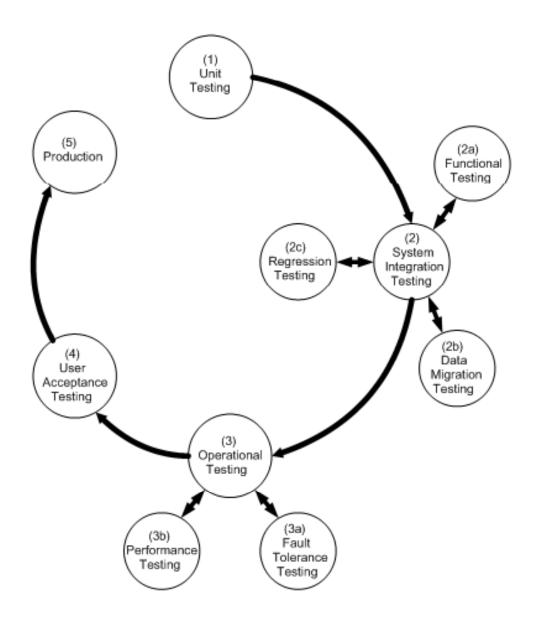


No Application is an Island

- The Christmas Tree Effect
- Microsoft 2010 Suite seeks to further integrate all the products – applications are not silos
- Not everyone uses the same applications



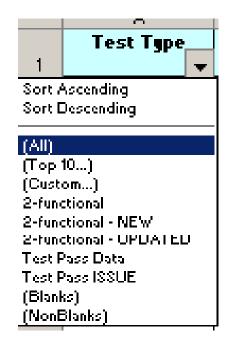
- A "simple" upgrade to IE8
 - Surfaced over 100 applications and websites
 necessary for workflow, along with an additional
 60+ eFiling sites
- A "typical" upgrade to Office 2007
 - Except...Elite Enterprise doesn't work

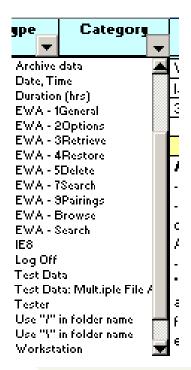




Testing, Testing...

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Test Type	Category	Test Case	Expected Results	Special	Outlook -	Outlook -	IE -	IE -
				Requirements	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Test Pass Data	Tester	Vivian Kreider						
Test Pass Data	Workstation	labvwks001						
Test Pass Data	Date, Time	3/9/2010						
Test Pass Data	Duration (hrs)							







Strategy 4: Use Just Enough Process

Structure Without Strangulation

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- The work is the most important element
- Tool: Departmental Project Template
 - Defines what's in AND out of scope
 - Provides the players and target dates
 - Sets clear expectations from the git-go, but leaves room for development (and doesn't take seven weeks to complete)

Project Details

For Management Use Only:			
☐ Approved	Under Discussion	□ Deferred	□Closed
Comments:(Sponsor – if proposal is de	ferred, please provide short exp	lanation.)	
Project Sponsor:	Р	roject Driver:	
Target Completion: (<u>required</u>)			
Project Overview			
Project Objective:			
Users impacted by this project:			
Project Scope			
In Scope:			
Out of Scope:			
Outcome/Deliverables/Artifacts:			

Staff Resource Requirements

Resource Name (if known)	Skill Set Required	Estimated Hours (required field)

Materials Resource Requirements

Materials	Estimated Cost (required field)

The Plan

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Milestone and Schedule Commitment:
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Strategy 5: Know the Unknowable...or at Least Plan for It



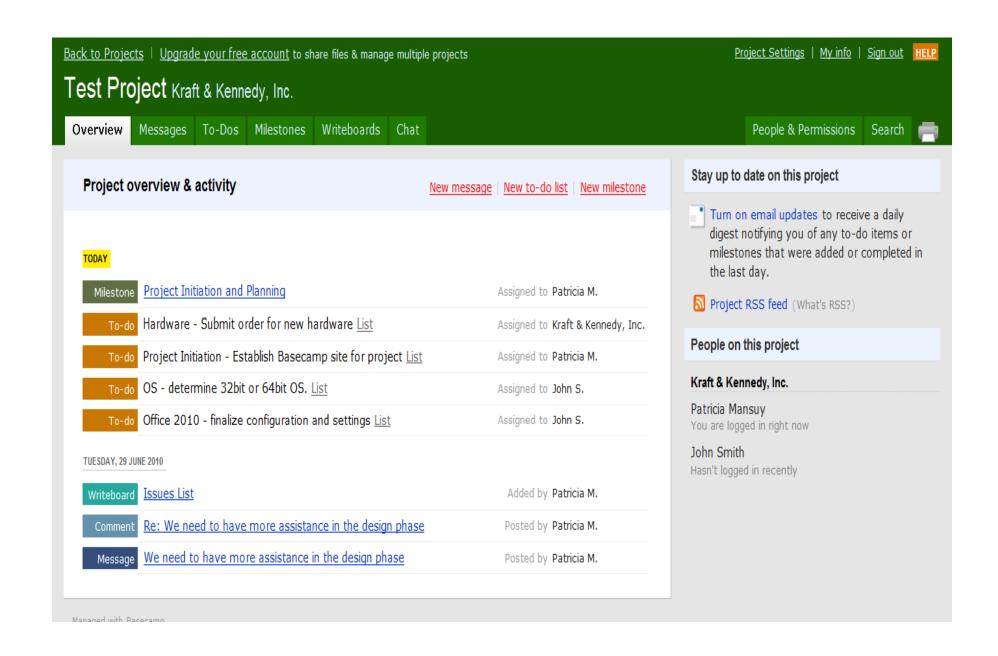
Role with It

- Define an SME role...and let them be the SME
- Define a Project Manager role to administer project
- Define a Tech Writer role focused on end user communication & documentation
- Define a QA role to confirm expected behavior of the product and proof the technical documentation

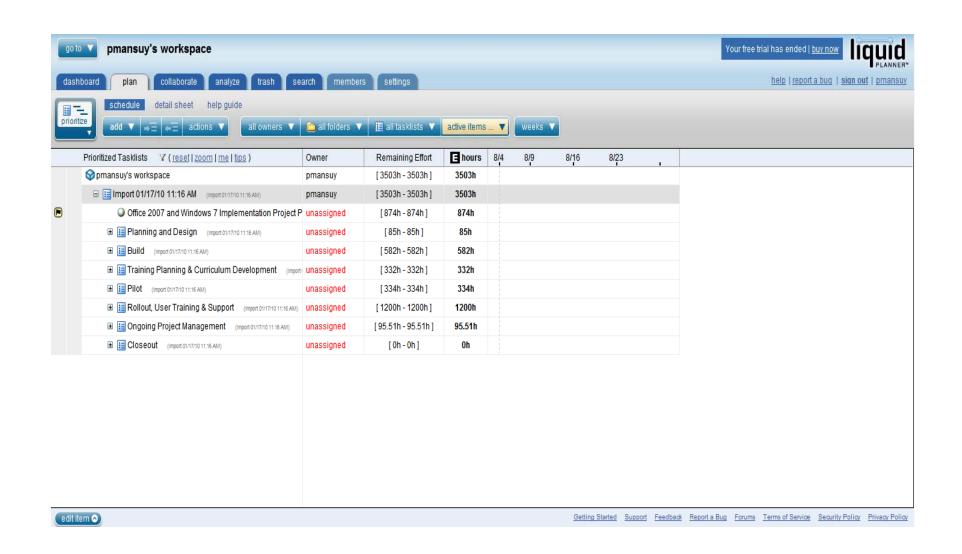


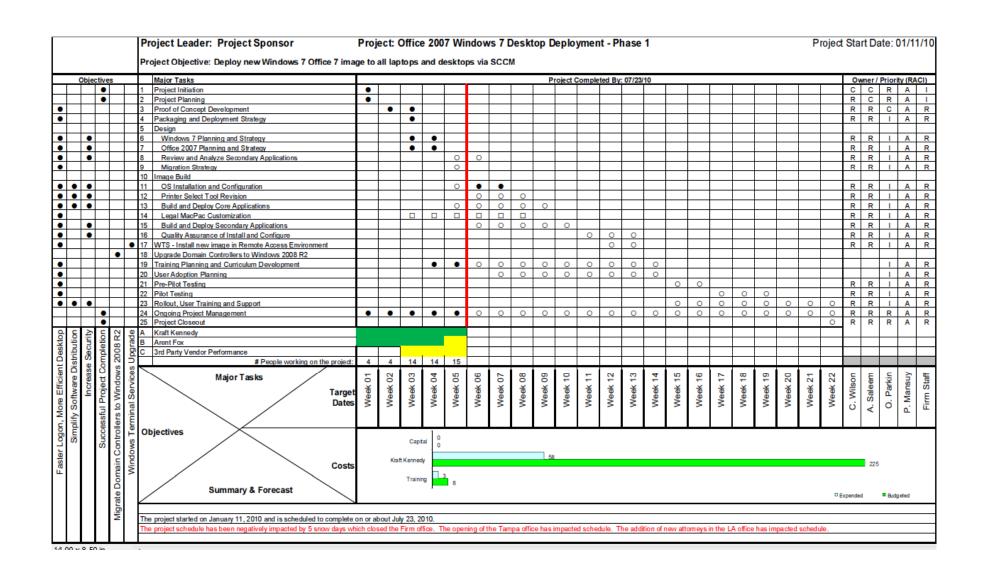
PM without a PMO

- Sharing information
- Documenting processes & change
- Information should be shared to the team...and that includes your Sponsor(s) and your Implementation Partner











Ready, Set...Now Wait for Your Vendor

- Implementation vendors
- Application vendors



What Happens in Vegas Shouldn't Stay in Vegas

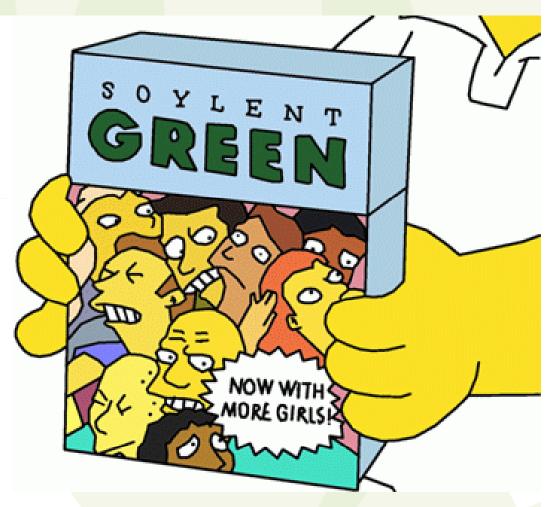
- Only a fraction of subscribers actually post to eGroups
- Search the eGroup archives
- Email posters directly and/or ask for introductions to resources
- Search for white papers or recorded webinars
- Watch webinars with your team



Strategy 6: Tackle the "Soylent Green" Issues



Soylent Green: It's People!*



*For you youngsters, this is a reference to the 1973 Charlton Heston cult classic movie



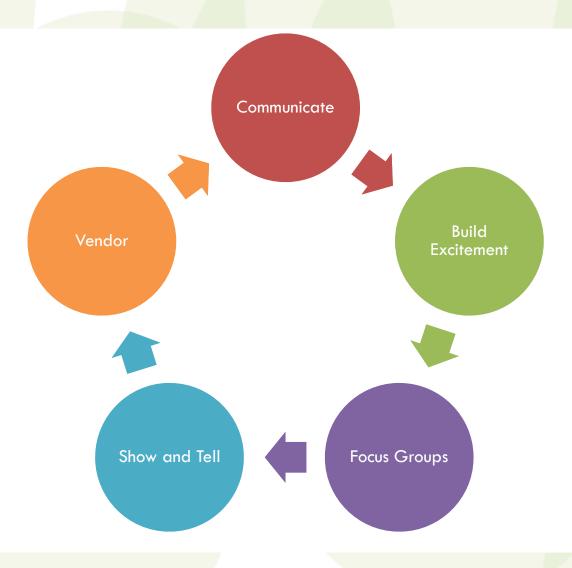
I Say "Potato" and You Say "Knowledge Management"

- Setting & communicating the right expectations
 - Sponsors
 - Customers
 - Internal Team
- Scope
- Flexibility

I Say "Knowledge Management" and You Hear "Potato"

- Use consistent vocabulary
 - "Universal" search
 - Knowledge Management
- Keep people informed of changes along the way, both within the department and the broader user community







Training: Let's Get Personal

- Is it about training, or is it about adoption?
- Can you get the right people into classrooms?
- Get 'em wherever you can
- Walkarounds
- Attorney meetings
- "I like" feature checklists (tip o' the hat to Traveling Coaches)
- Leverage the people who have the most contact with attorneys













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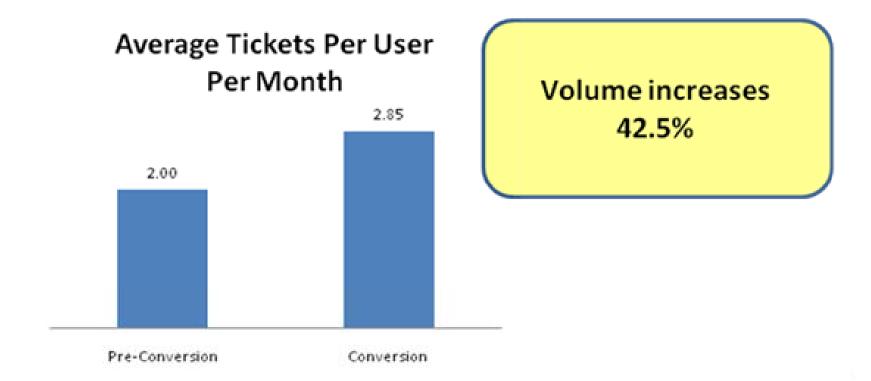








Support Planning: The Sky Might Be Falling



Graphic: "The Guru's Guide for Helpdesk and Deskside Support" from Intelliteach

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It's Like A Marriage?

- Long term relationship
- Provide the Firm's vision and mission for IT
- Sense of Firm culture
- Open to new ideas
- Be available
- Communication
- Reasonable Goals
- Stay Involved



Q&A