Getting Started with SharePoint 2016



Student Introductions

- Basic Info
 - What's your name?
 - Where do you work? (optional)
 - How long have you been a developer?
 - Have you used SharePoint? Which versions?
- List the skills with which you already feel comfortable
 - .NET programming in Visual Studio with C# or VB.NET
 - Development with ASP.NET and ASP.NET MVC
 - SharePoint solution development
 - JavaScript and jQuery
 - REST and OData



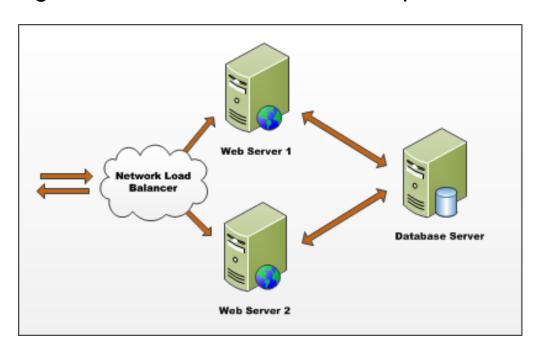
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SharePoint Farms

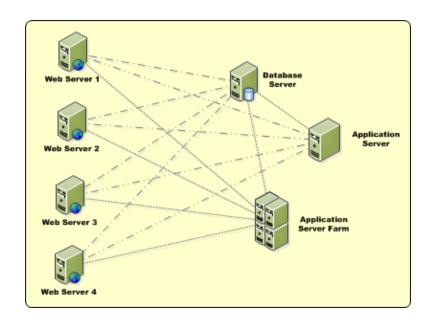
- SharePoint farms created for on-premises deployments
 - Farm requires Web server(s) and database server
 - Farm can be single server or multi-server
 - Each farm has exactly one configuration database
 - Single-server farm used for development environments

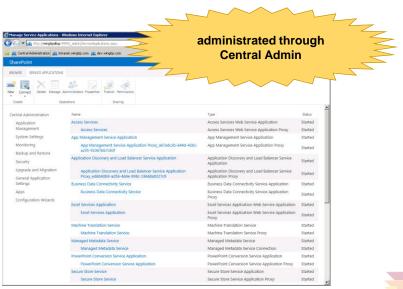




Service Applications

- Services applications facilitate resource sharing
- Service apps can run on WFE or Application Servers
- Service apps can be used across farms

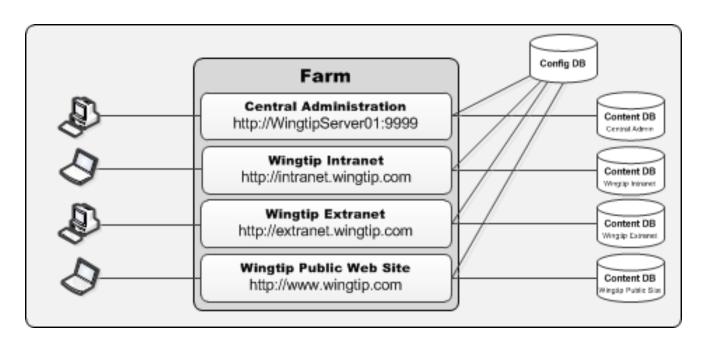






Web Applications

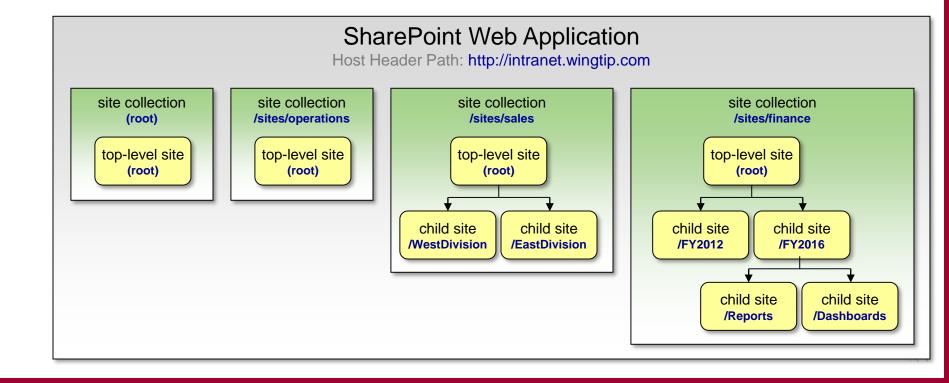
- Web Applications provide HTTP entry points
 - Web Applications based on IIS Web sites
 - Web Application defines one or more URL spaces
 - Web Application security configured independently





Site Collections and Sites

- Sites always created in scope of a site collection
 - Site collections created at web application scope in on-prem farm
 - Site collections created at tenancy scope in SharePoint on-line
 - User can be configured to be site collection administrator



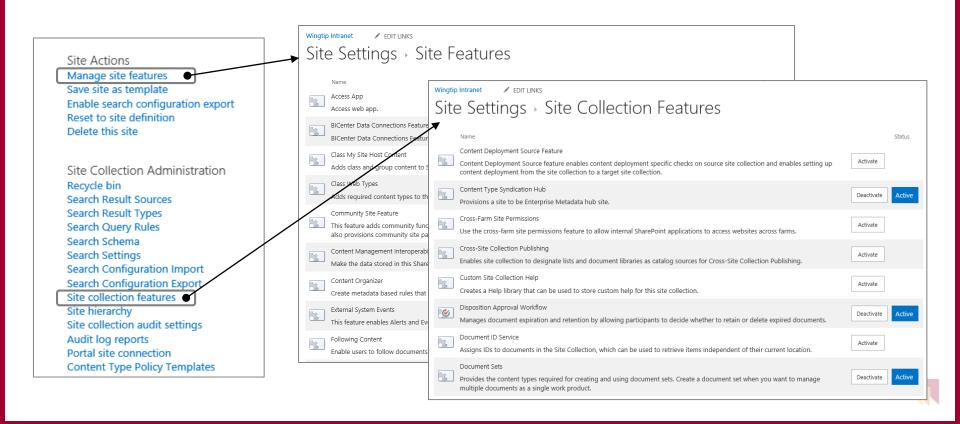
Managing SharePoint

- Central Administration
 - Available in On-Premises deployments
 - Manage servers, services, jobs, etc.
 - Create Web Applications, site collections
- Site Settings
 - Available in On-Premises & Hosted deployments
 - Manage site features, lists, users, permissions, etc.
 - Dual-purpose management site for sites & site collections
 - Manage site collection from top-level site's site settings page
 - When in a non-top-level site, only managing current site



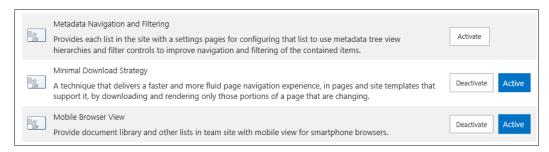
Managing Features

- Site collection administrator can activate features
 - Some features activate at site (aka web) level
 - Other features activate at site collection level



Minimal Download Strategy (MDS) Feature

- MDS features used to smooth page transitions
 - Implemented with site-scoped feature
 - MDS features is activated in Team Site by default
 - MDS feature is disabled (and not supported) in Publishing Sites











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SharePoint Environments

- SharePoint On-Premises Farms
 - SharePoint installed and managed by company
 - Access to 100% of SharePoint's features & capabilities
- Office 365 and SharePoint Online
 - SharePoint installed and managed by Microsoft in cloud
 - Some on-premises features not available in the cloud
- Hybrid Environments
 - Mix of the two other environments
 - Very scenario driven on customer-by-customer basis



SharePoint Development Strategies

- Farm Solutions (aka Full Trust Solutions)
 - Packaged and deployed using farm solution packages
 - Deployment requires farm administrator
 - Works in on-premises farms but not Office 365
 - Heavily used since SharePoint 2007
- Sandboxed Solutions
 - Introduced in SharePoint 2010 with very limited adoption
 - Deprecated by Microsoft in SharePoint 2013
- SharePoint Apps Add-ins
 - Introduced with SharePoint 2013
 - Designed for Office 365 and on-premises farms
 - Does not allow server-side code to run in SharePoint
 - Requires breadth of client-side development skills



SharePoint Server-Side Object Model

- Accessible through Microsoft.SharePoint.dll
 - In-process Assembly DLL for ..NET clients
 - Oldest & most mature API for SharePoint
 - Available in solution packages but not SharePoint apps
 - Farm solutions have full access to server-side API
 - Sandbox solutions can access only a subset



Client-Side Object Model (CSOM)

- CSOM provides client-side API for SharePoint
 - Introduced in SharePoint 2010
 - Accessible using .NET, Silverlight and JavaScript
- CSOM expanded in SharePoint 2013
 - Search
 - Managed Metadata
 - User Profiles and Social Feeds
 - Business Connectivity Service (BCS)
 - Workflow
 - Publishing



SharePoint REST API

- SharePoint 2016 provides REST API
 - Great alternative to CSOM when coding in JavaScript
 - Can also be called from server-side .NET code
 - Accessible from non-Windows platforms as well
 - Unlike CSOM, SharePoint REST API accessible to all
- Creating URIs for the SharePoint REST API
 - URIs created based on principles of REST and ODATA
 - [Target Site URL] + _api + [Target SharePoint object]

http://intranet.wingtip.com/_api/web/lists/getByTitle('Customers')



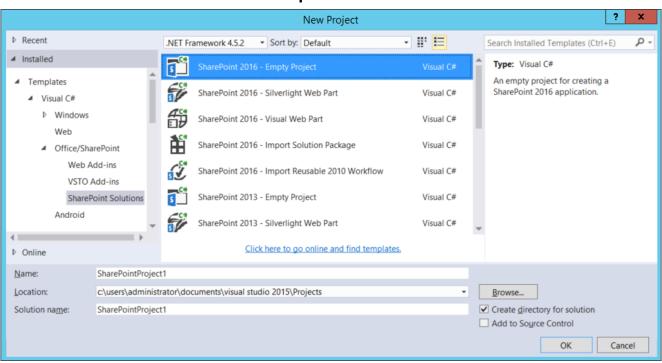
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Visual Studio 2015

- Visual Studio supports SharePoint development
 - Project templates for SharePoint solutions and apps
 - Use Visual Studio 2015 with Update 2 or later
 - Install latest Visual Studio updates for SharePoint 2016





Web Essentials

- Web Essentials 2015
 - Visual Studio 2015 Extension in Online Gallery
 - Additional IntelliSense for CSS3
 - Warnings & helpers for browser compatibility issues
 - Selector IntelliSense for HTML elements, classes, IDs
 - Web Essentials includes JSHint
 - Includes JSHint which detects problems in JavaScript



Developer Tools provided by the Browser

- Browser-based development tools
 - View HTML
 - View & modify CSS
 - View & debug JavaScript

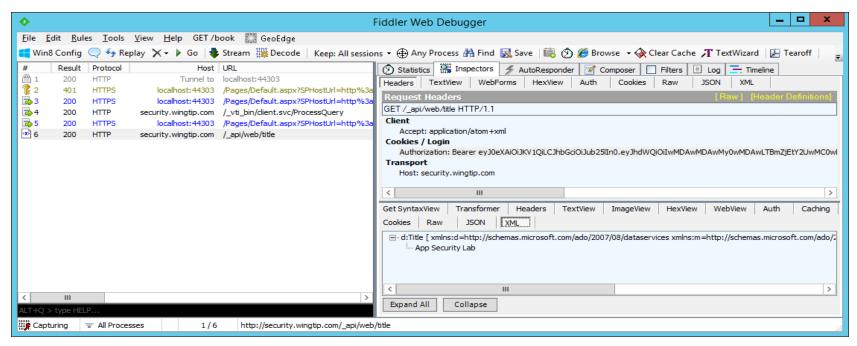
Internet Explorer

- Developer Tools: included
- FireFox
 - FireBug: extra download
- Google Chrome
 - Developer Tools: included



Debugging HTTP request with Fiddler

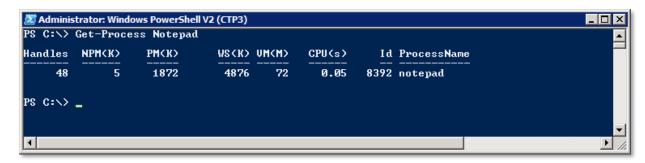
- Fiddler is a HTTP debugging proxy
 - It helps you inspect HTTP request & response
 - Useful in debugging client-side JavaScript code
 - Useful in debugging SharePoint Workflows





Working with Windows PowerShell

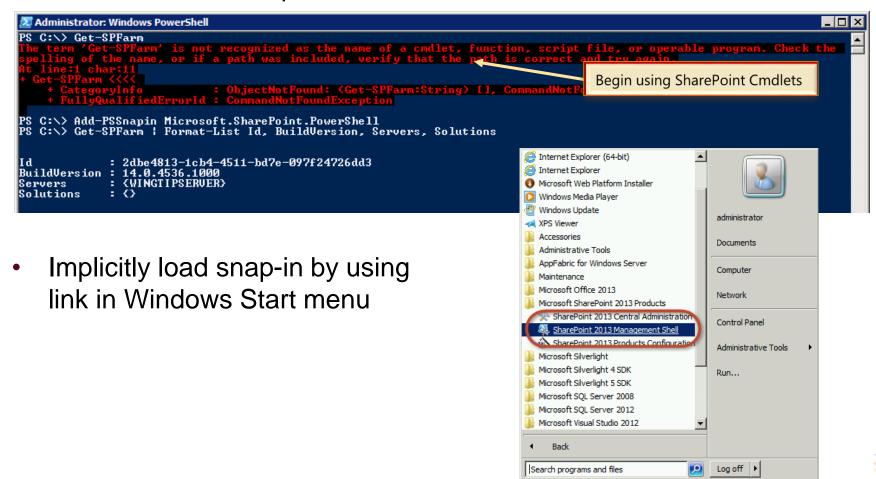
- SharePoint developers should learn PowerShell
 - Scripting environment for SharePoint administration
 - Used to create and manage test sites
 - Used to configure SharePoint environment
- Windows PowerShell fundamentals
 - Cmdlets (e.g. Get-Process and Stop-Process)
 - Pipelining and formatting features
 - Provider-based model for accessing resources





The Microsoft.SharePoint.Powershell Snapin

 Explicitly load SharePoint Windows PowerShell snap-in from console or script



Windows PowerShell ISE

Supports color-coding, IntelliSense and debugging

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Administrator: Windows PowerShell ISE
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                           CreateTestSite.ps1 X
     Add-PSSnapin Microsoft.SharePoint.PowerShell
    Swebapp = Get-SPWebApplication -Identity "http://WingtipServer"
   $siteDomain = "testsite.wingtip.com"
   $siteUrl = "https://testsite.wingtip.com"
   $siteTitle = "My Other Test Site"
$siteAdmin = "Wingtip\Administrator"
    $siteTemplate = "STS#0"
 # delete current site if it already exists
11  $site = Get-SPSite | Where-Object {$_.Url -eq $siteUrl}
Write-Host "Deleting existing site collection at Surl..." -ForegroundColor Red
       Remove-SPSite -Identity $site -Confirm: $false
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     # create new site at target URL
     $site = New-SPSite -HostHeaderWebApplication $webapp `
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                       -Url $siteUrl
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                       -Name $siteTitle
 21
                       -OwnerAlias $siteAdmin
 22
                       -Template $siteTemplate
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     Write-Host "Site collection created at $site.Url" -ForegroundColor Green
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    # configure contributor site permissions for all domain users
     $account = $site.RootWeb.EnsureUser(" WINGTIP\domain users")
     $role = $site.RootWeb.RoleDefinitions["Contribute"]
     $assignment = New-Object Microsoft.SharePoint.SPRoleAssignment($account)
    $assignment.RoleDefinitionBindings.Add($role)
     $site.RootWeb.RoleAssignments.Add($assignment)
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Troubleshooting Errors with ULS

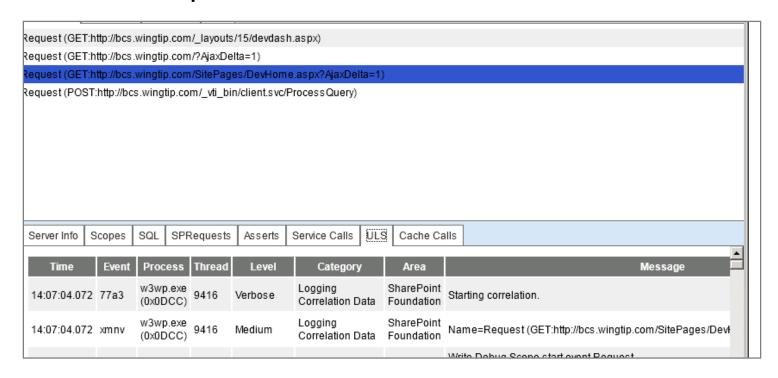
- ULS is Unified Logging Service
 - SharePoint's log files located at ..\15\Logs
 - Configure level of logging for different categories:
 - Central Administration → Monitoring → Configure Diagnostic Logging

- Developer Tools for inspecting ULS logs
 - Merge-SPLogFile cmdlet in PowerShell
 - ULS Log Reader Utility (ULSViewer.exe)
 - Developer Dashboard



Developer Dashboard

- A utility for inspecting per-request diagnostics
 - Introduced in SharePoint 2010
 - Much improved in SharePoint 2013
 - Shows requests from start of dashboard session





Enabling & Using Developer Dashboard

- Developer Dashboard must be enabled
 - Typically enabled using PowerShell script



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The SharePoint 2016 VM Setup Guide

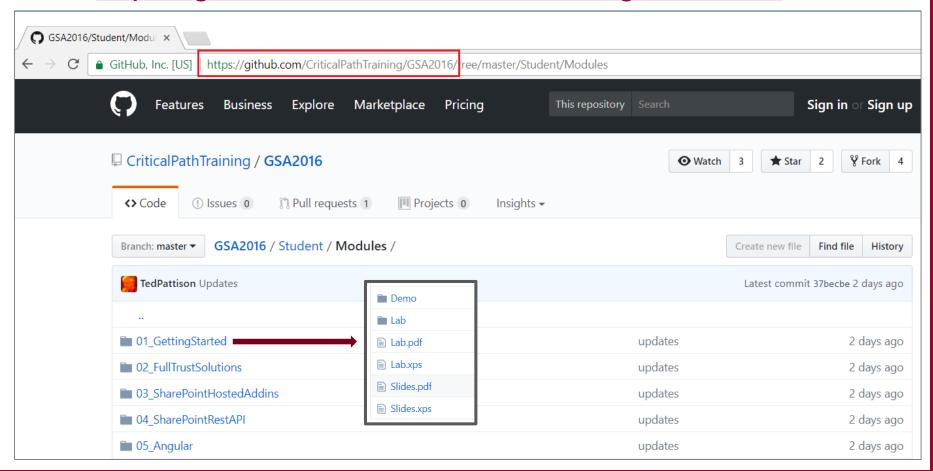
- Use the SharePoint 2016 VM Setup Guide
 - https://github.com/CriticalPathTraining/SharePoint2016VmSetupGuide

- Guide has docs and scripts to build student VM
 - Windows server 2012 R2
 - Active Directory Domain Services
 - SQL Server 2016
 - SharePoint Server 2016
 - Support for SharePoint 2013 Workflows
 - SharePoint Designer 2013
 - Visual Studio 2015 with SharePoint 2016 Support



Student files for GSA2016

- Student files for GSA2016 are kept in GitHub
 - https://github.com/CriticalPathTraining/GSA2016



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