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SharePoint, .Net (C#) and Content Management Experience

2000 - 2001

In 2000 Microsoft purchased Content Management Server from the Canadian company NCompass. Microsoft needed a few showcases before they could launch the product.

They chose an intranet website within Akzo Nobel as one of their showcase-websites. I was one of the developers on this project.

This gave me the opportunity to work with Microsoft CMS 2001 before it was even launched, and this gave me a lot of in-depth knowledge about this product.

In 2001 Akzo Nobel wanted to integrate Microsoft SharePoint 2001 with Microsoft CMS 2001. Microsoft was again involved to help develop this connection, which later resulted in a public released connector.



2002

Microsoft released a new version of Microsoft CMS, the 2002 version. Completely based on Microsoft .Net (1.0) framework. I was still working at Akzo Nobel at that time. Business Unit Polymer Chemicals needed a new internet website and Microsoft CMS 2002 was chosen as its platform.

This website was developed by me, I've created the technical design, custom placeholders and templates. I've also created a special back-end application which linked to their FoxPro product database, it showed (only if selected) the products on the internet website.

2003

At that time Microsoft released the SharePoint 2003 suite, which was a completely new product and difficult to compare too the 2001 version. I was part of a development team, at Akzo Nobel, which had the task of creating a collaboration website based on Microsoft CMS 2002 and Microsoft SharePoint 2003. At that time the CMS/SharePoint connector wasn't available, because it wasn't released yet.

2004

In 2004 I created (or helped with the creation of) multiple SharePoint 2003 (and a few SharePoint 2001) implementations for different Akzo Nobel Business Units (HQ, Coatings, Organon and Chemicals).

2005 - 2006

In 2005 I left Akzo Nobel and worked on different .Net projects. Some based on Microsoft CMS 2002, but most of them were pure ASP.Net websites.

2007

Microsoft released the 2007 version of SharePoint, which integrated the two products into one. I worked on different projects based on Microsoft SharePoint. I created and taught user courses and created multiple manuals. I've also helped on multiple projects based on .Net C# (framework 2.0 and 3.5).

2008 - 2010

In 2008 I started working for the Dutch government on a complex document/workflow project. The Dutch government tries to build based on Open Standards and Open Source, this was a requirement at the department where I worked.

The application that was built had a lot of similarities too Microsoft SharePoint, but was completely built in-house, based on Apache Cocoon. The best-practices concerning Document Management and Workflow Management coming from Microsoft products have helped me in this project.

My role was mostly an managing role, but I've also consulted the architects with the workflow and document management implementations.