

# Portal Creation with Scholantis and MS SharePoint®



*Tapping the power of Web portals to efficiently deliver improved district services*

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## Highlights

- District and school websites are up and running more quickly and affordably
  - User friendly editing tools allow teachers and administrators to efficiently manage and update their own content
  - Consistent look and feel across district and school websites while allowing schools the flexibility to have their own unique logos, design and colours
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School districts are constantly searching for ways to better serve the needs of students, teachers, parents, and staff more effectively and responsively. Users are now getting their information and completing transactions online. They expect this level of service from their district and school and they want it on-demand, 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week.

In the connected world, websites rely on personalized, secure, relevant, engaging and easy to navigate environments. Providing a single point of access to multiple resources in a consistent, integrated manner offers the potential for an exceptional user experience. However, building custom portals can be costly and can consume time that could be better spent supporting your district.

## Give people what they want – information and services on demand

Designed to get portals up and running more quickly and affordably, IBM's K-12 Portal Creation with Scholantis and SharePoint® provides both a district enterprise portal and school based websites for collaboration and information. Scholantis, a Vancouver based company that creates educational portal solutions, provides a district site for staff to share information, store documents and collaborate across teams and schools.

Each school will have their own individual portal where staff, teachers and students can collaborate, share homework, create wikis and blogs, and hold discussions. Also included is the robust enterprise platform to enhance your school district's web presence and give IT staff, administrators, and teachers a rich set of features to easily communicate and share information online. School districts with existing SharePoint infrastructure can quickly extend their capability with minimal effort and licensing costs.

This service will help you create and deploy a district-wide portal infrastructure based on established templates which will allow for a speedy implementation versus custom development.

Our services may consist of:

- **Install and configure SharePoint 2016 software**

This involves installing pre-requisite software, deploying the SharePoint 2016 software, setting up service accounts, applying applicable software updates, and confirming the SharePoint components are installed. We will also provide guidance to your IT team on the implementation of infrastructure, network, and firewall changes required by the SharePoint deployment.

- **Install and configure Scholantis intranet portal**

This involves the creation of internal facing district and school portals for staff and students to collaborate and enhance communication between the district and the schools. It also includes the ability for the district to tightly integrate the portal with their active directory service which allows educators to self-provision a secure, virtual classroom environment for their students.

- **Create district and school public websites using templates**

This will provide the public with a read only view of approved content. Scholantis' web parts for contact information, office hours, school motto and logos, special announcements (such as snow day closures), a newsletter web part and a custom feedback form may be installed.

- **Public Website and Branding Services**

The design process begins by sending a design questionnaire to defined team stakeholders for the creation of site mock-ups. This is followed by a design and requirements session to confirm the data in the questionnaires and to layout the new design of the site. Once mock-ups have been created, a second meeting to review the designs with the stakeholders will be held to make any changes and present them in a final sign-off meeting.

- **Training delivered on site**

- 2 – ½ days for school and district department contributors
- 2 – ½ days for the Intranet portal
- 1 day for SharePoint technical training and hand-off

- **Project Management**

## Why IBM?

IBM can help your organization to better understand, take action and achieve your unique business goals with a customized enterprise portal solution built on Microsoft's SharePoint software. IBM K-12 and Scholantis can assist you in creating portal-based solutions that deliver on the promise of more compelling customer experiences.

## For more information

To learn more about the IBM K-12 **Portal Creation with Scholantis and SharePoint**, please contact your IBM Marketing Representative. For more information on all our IBM K-12 Consulting and Professional Services, visit: [www.ibm.com/industries/education/canada-k-12-service-briefs](http://www.ibm.com/industries/education/canada-k-12-service-briefs)

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