

What's Happening Now – April 2013

The SharePoint Shared Service is a new business and collaboration platform available to units and departments affiliated with the University of Illinois. The infrastructure is hosted by AITS and offers a shared support model across all three campuses and University Administration.

The implementation of SharePoint as a shared service will eliminate the need for departments to purchase their own SharePoint licensing, servers and software. The goals of this shared service are to improve collaboration between campuses, create better efficiencies for business processes and to save money.

The shared service went live in November 2012 and currently hosts over 110 site collections, including 74 production site collections. Out of the 74 department site collections, 12 are from Chicago, 60 are from Urbana, and one is from Springfield. The shared service also has 37 test site collections, which include 14 departments from Chicago and 23 departments from Urbana.

Additionally, CITES successfully migrated their site collections to the shared service in February 2013. Several other departments will be migrating over the next few months.

Visit the [SharePoint Shared Services website](#) to request a site collection, view the governance document or look up training opportunities. The Urbana campus also has a SharePoint Users' Group that meets on a monthly basis.

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