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CentricMinds & SharePoint.
A Comparison.

About this guide.

Selecting the right software solution to power your organization can be a daunting task. As a provider of Intranet software and services to small, medium and large organizations, we've assisted many people just like you in steering through the landscape of enterprise software.

This guide was created out of the request from many people who've asked us 'how does CentricMinds compare to Microsoft SharePoint?' It's a valid question, considering that most of you reading this are perhaps using SharePoint, or your IT team is proposing it over a solution like CentricMinds.

This document is not a complete comparison. It's designed to highlight some of the key points that are important to know before you make a decision on what is the best platform for your organization.

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An Intranet Comparison.

SharePoint is a popular choice for corporate Intranets, both large and small. A modern Intranet should provide organizations with key features covering content management (web content and documents) search, forms and workflow. The following highlights how CentricMinds stacks up against some of these key features.

Feature	CentricMinds	SharePoint (Office 365)	SharePoint (On Premise)
Basic Reporting - Includes page views & site visits	✔	✔	✔
Advanced Reporting - Reporting across content, workflows, forms and user activity	✔	✘	✘
- Integration with Google Analytics	✔	✘	✘
Basic Search - Site wide searching	✔	✔	✔
- Searching within web content and documents	✔	✘	✘
Advanced Search - Enterprise search included	✔	✘	✘
- Segmented search (search within search results)	✔	✘	✘
- Highlighting found terms and phrases within web content and documents	✔	✘	✘
- Relevancy and ranking	✔	✘	✘
Basic Metadata - Metadata element creation	✔	✔	✔
- Associate metadata collections to security roles	✔	✘	✘
Advanced Metadata - Ability to apply tags to web pages and documents, enabling more efficient searching and categorization	✔	✘	✘

An Intranet Comparison.

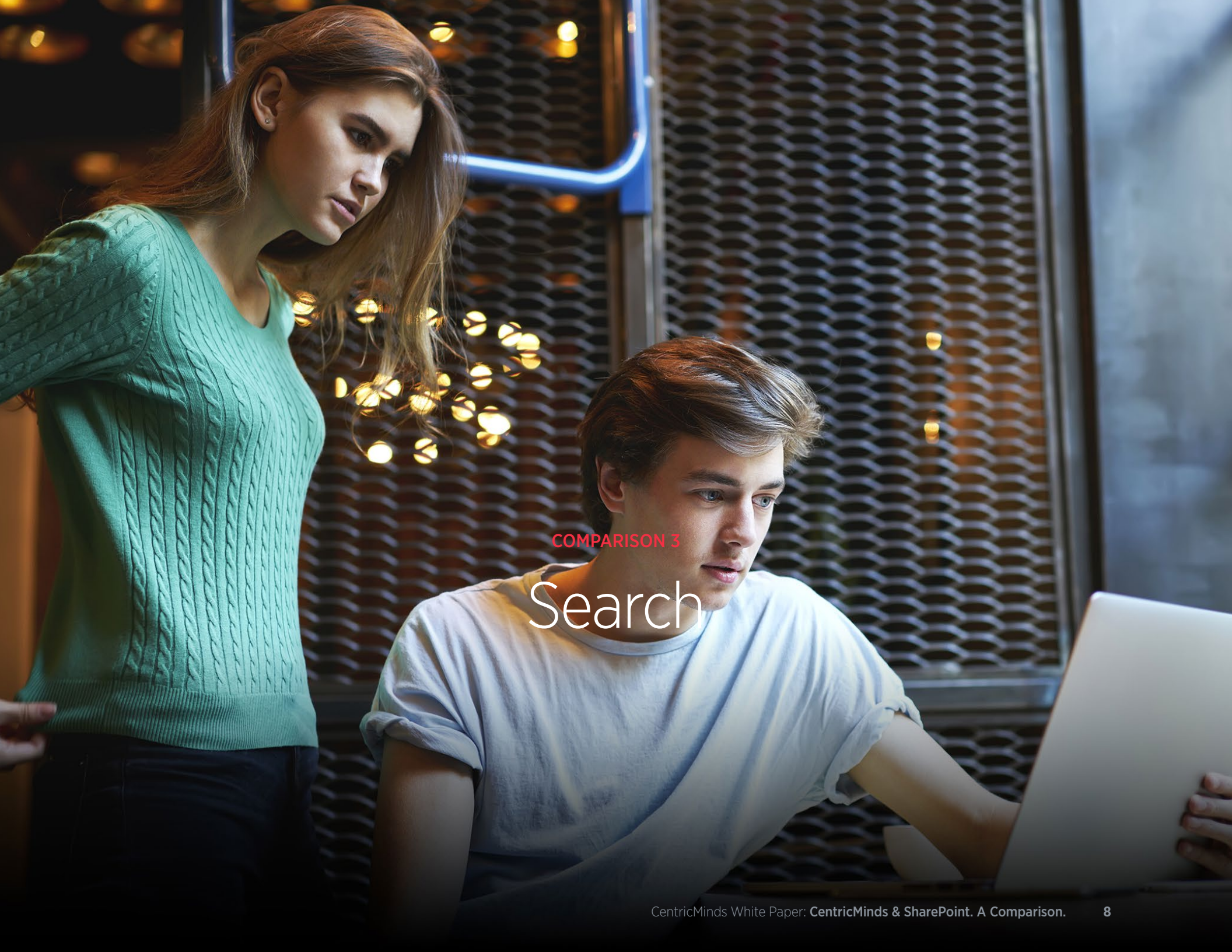| Feature	CentricMinds	SharePoint (Office 365)	SharePoint (On Premise)
Forms			
- Design & create forms	✔	✔	✔
- Publish to web pages	✔	✔	✔
- Link form data to workflows	✔	✔	✔
Polls & Surveys			
- Design & publish polls & surveys	✔	✔	✔
Basic Workflows			
- Design & build workflows	✔	✔	✔
- Link workflows to content tasks, forms and metadata	✔	✖	✖
Advanced Workflows			
- Customize workflows according to discrete specifications	✔	✖	✖
Chat & Discussion Tools			
- Setup public & secure chat environments	✔	✔	✔
- Setup public & secure discussion forums	✔	✔	✔
Staff Directory & Org Chart			
- Point & click to setup interactive staff directory	✔	✖	✖
- Configure interactive organizational chart	✔	✖	✖

✔ = requires the support of a 3rd party product

Document Management

A Document Management Comparison.

Many organizations rely on SharePoint for the storage and management of their documents. As the tools of the modern digital worker increasingly move from desktop to mobile, the opportunity to support and access your documents from anywhere will be expected. The following highlights the unique capabilities of the CentricMinds platform.

Feature	CentricMinds	SharePoint (Office 365)	SharePoint (On Premise)
Office Integration - Integration with Office 2010, 2013 and 365	✔	✔	✔
- Native integration with Outlook	✔	✔	✔
Document Comparison - Compare Office and Adobe documents side by side	✔	✘	✘
DocuSign Intergation - Integration with DocuSign for digitial signatures	✔	✘	✘
Dropbox Integration - Integration with Dropbox for sharing public content with 3rd parties	✔	✘	✘
Document Sizing Management - Store more than 500,000 documents	✔	✘	✔
Document Location Management -Define where the location of your documents will be stored	✔	✘	✔
Video Management - Store and playback native video in multiple formats from document repository	✔	✘	✘

Search

A Search Comparison.

As your Intranet and Document Management needs grow, an effective and user friendly search becomes increasingly more important. Being able to locate not only the most relevant information, but have the ability to filter, augment and display search results in different ways significantly increases the value for users.

Feature	CentricMinds	SharePoint (Office 365)	SharePoint (On Premise)
Searching within documents - Automatic indexing	✔	✖	✖
- Highlight matched terms and phrases within the document	✔	✖	✖
Metadata searching - Filter search based on metadata categorization	✔	✖	✖
- Search within search results	✔	✖	✖
Search as an object - Setup discrete searches for different areas of a site	✔	✖	✖
Search within external locations - Configure search to index locations outside of the current site	✔	✖	✖

Mobile

A Mobile Comparison.

More than 80% of the global workforce now has a smart phone, with Android devices representing 75% of global market share. The modern worker is mobile and they increasingly expect the ability to access corporate content and data on their phone and tablet while they are on the go.

Feature	CentricMinds	SharePoint (Office 365)	SharePoint (On Premise)
Native Mobile App Support - iOS App	✔	✔	✔
- Android App	✔	✔	✔
Mobile Intranet Presentation - The Intranet is presented within the mobile app as it appears to desktop users	✔	✘	✘
Browse Document Repository - Tap and browse all document collections from one interface	✔	✘	✘
- Search document collections from the mobile app	✔	✘	✘
- Tap to view different versions of a document from within the mobile app	✔	✘	✘
Push Notifications - Receive notifications when new versions of documents are created	✔	✘	✘
- Comment on documents	✔	✘	✘
Task Management - Receive push notifications when a new Task is assigned to you	✔	✘	✘
Sharing Management - Email a document from within the app to a colleague	✔	✘	✘

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Deployment

A Deployment Comparison.

Deciding where your new solution will be located can fundamentally affect how end users will engage with the platform. The following highlights the unique deployment opportunities that the CentricMinds platform supports.

Feature	CentricMinds	SharePoint (Office 365)	SharePoint (On Premise)
Deployment Model	✔	✖	✖
- Hosted in the Amazon Cloud			
- Hosted in the Azure Cloud	✔	✔	✖
- Hosted within your own dedicated Cloud	✔	✖	✔
- Hosted on premise within your infrastructure	✔	✖	✔
- Hybrid deployment model (mixture of cloud & on premise for the single repository)	✔	✖	✖
Database Layer	✔	✔	✔
- Support for Microsoft SQL			
- Support for MySQL	✔	✖	✖
- Support for Oracle	✔	✖	✖
- Support for Elastic Storage Block	✔	✖	✖
SSO & AD Support	✔	✔	✔
- Support for Single Sign On and federated identity management			
- Support for Active Directory integration	✔	✔	✔

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