

Valo and Valo 365 Best Practices Social Intranet

A SharePoint project easily, cost-efficiently and with no hassle? All social features integrated? Too good to be true? Not anymore! We have designed a ready-to-use intranet solution based on Microsoft's SharePoint 2013 product. You don't need to re-invent the wheel when it comes to building an intranet that is really used.



Valo/Valo 365

Valo is the intranet for an effective organization. It is an easy, fast and cost-effective way to build a SharePoint intranet, from the cloud or installed on your own servers.

Microsoft SharePoint is a global leader in content management and collaboration solutions. SharePoint 2013 is a versatile platform that can be used for social intranet solutions, modern web services as well as business applications and extranets.

Fujitsu and Blue Meteorite

The company behind Fujitsus Valo offer is Blue Meteorite. Blue Meteorite (Sininen Meteoriitti) is one of the worlds leading SharePoint and Yammer vendors. They are rated by Microsoft as top 50 in the world at Business Critical SharePoint and are one of very few that has really understood Yammer och the business around Enterprise Social. Blue Meteorite is owned at 45% by Fujitsu in Finland.

Fujitsu Sweden is a leading vendor of services, solutions and products within IT. Fujitsu offers outsourcing, consultancy services and a wide range of IT solutions, in Sweden, the Nordics and globally. Our customers are in both private and public sector and in most industries, such as bank and finance, retail, manufacturing, and telecom.

See the Light!

Our product is named Valo (that's light in Finnish) because we want all companies to see the light when it comes to intranets. Valo is a perfect solution for taking SharePoint into use easily. It has over 30 enhancements to standard SharePoint, such as responsive user interface, global navigation, comprehensive functionality for publishing internal news, lifecycle management for workspaces, tools-menu, gallup and much more.

Valo is in use with positive outcomes in over 30 companies in Scandinavia.



It's all about social

As the world around us becomes more and more social, it's of utmost importance to take advantage of the networked world also inside the company. We strongly believe in networked ways of working and therefore full social features are one cornerstone of Valo. We have integrated Yammer to Valo and it is also possible to use the standard SharePoint Newsfeed. However we strongly recommend getting to know Yammer with all its benefits.

Valo in a nutshell

- Valo is a ready-to-use solution for SharePoint-based intranets & extranets
- Yammer included
- Over 30 Valo-customers in Finland and the rest of Scandinavia.
- An easy, fast and cost-efficient way to take SharePoint into use from office 365 or on premise
- Includes prepared concept designs, UIs and technological componentsver 30 usability enhancements for SharePoint including a responsive UI and pleasant custom look-and-feel fitted
- Rapid delivery (2-3 months)
- Comprehensive documentation and a contract model that enables further development independently if necessary

Quick but not simple

With our experience we can guarantee a rapid delivery for Valo: it can be taken into use within two to three months from the first workshop. Valo includes a comprehensive documentation and our contract model enables further development independently or with other partners if necessary.

Cloud, on-premise or hybrid

Valo can be purchased from the Office 365 cloud as Valo 365 version, as an on-premises version or as a hybrid solution from Fujitsu's Cloud OS (partner hosted Azure environment). Whether you want to take advantage of all 0365 features or prefer full customizability and local hosting, Valo has a suitable solution.



If your company has more needs that Valo can offer, Valo can also be seen as a good starting point for the project. Trust us, certain needs are just the same for almost all companies!

The differences between Valo and Valo 365 are presentated in the table below:

	Valo	Valo 365 (cloud)
Platform	■ SharePoint 2013 (and SP 2010)	■ SharePoint Online
Social Intranet	 Newsfeed User profiles Blogs Communitites 	 Newsfeed User profiles Blogs and communinites can be implemented by customer by themselves
Design	Customer specific layout/design	Customer specific theme
User Interface	 Responsive layout Enhanced user interface 	Standard SharePoint user interface
Navigation	 Enables deep content structure Breadcrumb navigation "Return home", direct link to intranet home page (index page) Tools listing Possibility to collect most important links in the footer 	Only two levels of navigation
News Center	 Multilingual news center Possibility to highlight chosen news A specific highlight for critical news, i.e. malfunctions, interruptions 	Possibility to highlight chosen news
Content production	 Narrow and wide page template Responsive design 	 Narrow and wide page template
Workspaces	 Customer-specific template for workspaces Process for handling inactive workspaces Workspaces include an open information section that helps to keep the whole organization up-to-date Possibility to list own favourite workspaces 	 Customer-specific template for workspaces Extranet workspaces Email inbox for all workspaces

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