What is SharePoint 2010?

Note: The SharePoint 2010 website is being transitioned to a new system, Sitefinity. More information is available at www.ucdenver.edu/cms

SharePoint is a web application that is part of the integrated suite of technologies from Microsoft referred to as the "Office System," which includes other common applications such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook, to name a few. If you've spent time in the 2007 or 2010 versions of any of these other Microsoft Applications, you will see a lot of similarities in the layout and design, and hopefully will be a bit more comfortable with the functionality right from the start.

Unlike the other applications in the Office System, SharePoint 2010 is a web-based application, so you don't need any additional software installed on your computer. If you were given permission to update the website, and you have access to the internet, you are ready to go.

SharePoint is typically associated with web content management and document management systems. As a multi-purpose platform, the tool is used for a number of different purposes, like internal collaboration spaces, file management, and websites.
What are the system recommendations for editing sites in SharePoint?

SharePoint Server 2010 supports several commonly used operating systems, web browsers, and internet speeds. However, certain system choices might cause some SharePoint Server 2010 functionality to be downgraded, limited, or available only through alternative steps. In some cases, functionality might be unavailable for noncritical administrative tasks.

For the best experience editing your web pages in SharePoint 2010, note the following system requirements:

- **Operating system:** Windows 7 will provide the best experience.
  - Windows Vista XP can be used, but some functionality may be downgraded, limited, or only available through alternative steps.

- **Web Browser:** Internet Explorer 8 and 9 will provide the best experience.
  - Internet Explorer 6 and earlier versions should not be used, functionality will be seriously downgraded.
  - Firefox and Safari can be used, but some functionality may be downgraded, limited, or only available through alternative steps.

- **Internet Speed:** High-speed internet via LAN will provide the best experience.
  - Web performance and response time will be seriously downgraded if a dial-up service is used.
  - Wireless can be used, but web performance and response time may be downgraded.

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