



CorasWorks Design Migrator™ Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the CorasWorks Design Migrator?

The Design Migrator is a simple 32-bit Windows application that allows SharePoint site administrators to make changes to the look and feel, navigation, and web parts located on sites within their SharePoint 2007 environment. Much like the Format Painter icon in Microsoft Office®, you use Design Migrator to pick up a format and drop it on a set of text. With Design Migrator, you simply point to a site that has the desired design and migrate that design, or selected aspects of it, to one or more sites that you would like to change.

Design Migrator also helps resolve some of the issues that can arise when upgrading from SharePoint 2003 to SharePoint 2007, and enables you to take advantage of new SharePoint 2007 features on upgraded sites.

Why do I need Design Migrator?

SharePoint 2007 (WSS v3 and MOSS 2007) does not enable you to make global changes to sites that have been customized using FrontPage. Design Migrator combines the flexibility of SharePoint Designer with the power of SharePoint site definitions, letting you deploy designs, navigation, and web parts to all - or only some - of your sites, and to all - or only some - of the pages on those sites. This saves time and money by reducing the need for IT resources. No XML or other coding is required to use any of the Design Migrator features. Design Migrator supports continuous improvement by exposing SharePoint 2007 functionality while preserving the best features developed in the SharePoint 2003 environment.

What kind of changes can be made using Design Migrator?

You can select site designs that include Master Pages, CSS files, and other resource files, and can deploy web parts to any number of sites or pages. Design Migrator offers a simple, feature-rich interface that lets you make changes ranging from a complete overhaul of site design to something as simple as adding a new corporate logo. It can also be used to deploy pre-configured web parts to one or several pages at one time, reducing maintenance costs and making it easy to update your collaborative workplaces more often.

Does the Design Migrator run on SharePoint 2003?

No. Design Migrator only works on the SharePoint 2007 platform.

Does Design Migrator upgrade SharePoint 2003 sites to SharePoint 2007?

Design Migrator does not migrate data, structure, or security features. These needs are easily addressed by the migration utility that Microsoft ships with SharePoint 2007. Once an administrator has performed the upgrade to SharePoint 2007, Design Migrator exposes powerful new SharePoint 2007 features and capabilities such as master pages, site actions, and the recycle bin, while preserving design, navigation, and web parts created in the SharePoint 2003 environment which would otherwise be lost.

How are data, structure, and security migrated to SharePoint 2007?

Microsoft has developed three options for migrating from SharePoint 2003 to SharePoint 2007:

- In place migration
- Gradual migration
- Content migration

Design Migrator does nothing to modify or support these migration options; it does not touch any aspect of SharePoint 2003, including lists and libraries, or data migration. For information regarding Microsoft's recommended migration options, please see:

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/sharepointtechnology/HA100773421033.aspx>



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How does Design Migrator add value during the migration process?

Sites that have been touched by FrontPage 2003 are “unghosted.” These sites will still look like SharePoint 2003 sites even after they have moved to the SharePoint 2007 environment. Unghosted sites will not be able to take advantage of new SharePoint 2007 features. Microsoft gives administrators the ability to reset to the original site definitions, but this option loses many desirable customizations, necessitating manual changes with SharePoint Designer to restore them. This requires manually editing each site, and sometimes each page, in your site collections. Design Migrator exposes SharePoint 2007 functionality and preserves customizations created using FrontPage – all automatically.

How does Design Migrator migrate a design modified with FrontPage 2003?

Design Migrator needs a template site with web part zone IDs that are consistent with the zones in the sites to be migrated. CorasWorks has defined a standard for zone IDs to ensure that customers can apply CorasWorks templates as a source for designs, share designs with others in the community, and have consistent designs within their companies. Once zone IDs are brought in line with the standard, it is simple to apply any number of designs to your sites from that point on.

Do I have to worry about zone IDs in SharePoint 2007?

If you are not planning to use CorasWorks templates or if you are not interested in sharing templates with others in the community, then you do not need to use the CorasWorks standards. What matters is that the web part zone IDs are the same between the template site and the site to be migrated (the destination site); you can use any standard you like. Say you have 100 project sites all based on the same template. An administrator can open any of them, modify the design using SharePoint Designer, and then use that one modified project site as a template to deploy the changes to the other 99 sites.

How much time will Design Migrator save me?

Assume you support 100 sites. You will modify a single site to use as a template. Then you will spend a few minutes running the Design Migrator to deploy the modified design to the remaining 99 sites. Time saved: ninety-nine percent, minus the few minutes the Design Migrator takes to automatically push out the new design.

If I use SharePoint Designer, do I really need CorasWorks Design Migrator?

If you plan to use SharePoint Designer in SharePoint 2007, you need Design Migrator. If you have used FrontPage to make changes in SharePoint 2003, you need Design Migrator. CorasWorks Design Migrator is the fastest, easiest, most maintainable and least error-prone approach to migrating site designs to and within the SharePoint 2007 platform.

How do I get Design Migrator and how much does it cost?

Design Migrator is licensed on a per server basis. The license cost is \$4,000 per web server, with Annual Support and Maintenance of \$800 per server/year. CorasWorks Workplace Suite customers with Premier Annual Support and Maintenance get Design Migrator free of charge.

How can I learn more about Design Migrator?

To learn more, please visit our Showroom at: <http://solutions.corasworks.net/showroom/atab10.aspx> or email us at addons@corasworks.net to schedule an online demonstration.



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Glossary of Key Terms

- **CSS** – Cascading Style Sheet. Determines how each element (e.g., fonts, headers, links) is displayed in HTML and XML applications. Defining a CSS to work with Design Migrator is not necessary; it probably already exists on the template page. A CSS is simply one of the elements that can be applied to a migrated page, so Design Migrator gives the administrator the option to copy it from the template page.
- **Ghosted** – A page that has been created and maintained using site definitions. When a site is created using a site definition, it contains code that points to a centrally stored site definition. This process is called “ghosting.” Also known as “uncustomized.” See *Unghosted* below.
- **Master Page** – A single page that contains page design and layout elements that can be repeated on multiple pages in a site. This allows your site to have a consistent appearance, and lets you create and update these elements in one place, rather than changing them on each page in the site. You can use master pages to position items that are shared by all pages, such as navigational controls, company logos, and copyright notices. Every SharePoint 2007 site has one master page by default. Master pages can be edited using SharePoint Designer.
- **SharePoint Designer** – The Microsoft tool for creating, customizing, and editing web pages, SharePoint sites, and workflow-enabled applications. The successor to Microsoft FrontPage.
- **Site Definition** – A set of XML files and ASPX page templates that define the characteristics of SharePoint pages. Site definitions are stored in a centrally located directory.
- **Unghosted** – A page that has been modified from the original site definition file, usually using Microsoft FrontPage or SharePoint Designer. Its contents are read from the SharePoint WSS content database, rather than the site definition. Also known as “customized.” The CorasWorks solution set utilizes unghosted pages, so existing CorasWorks customers who have upgraded to SharePoint 2007 can utilize the Design Migrator to migrate their existing sites to take advantage of the powerful new SharePoint 2007 features.
- **Zone ID** – A web part zone is a place on a SharePoint page where a web part can be placed via the web browser. The Zone ID is the unique identifier for the web part zone on the page (e.g., Top, Right, Left, Bottom). When Design Migrator runs, it compares the web part zone IDs on each page to be migrated against the zone IDs on the template page. This is done on a page-by-page basis to determine where each web part should be placed.