Ashridge Business School

- Independent Non-Profit Organisation
- Specialises in Executive Education
- Based in Ashridge House
Requirements

• Virtual Learning Environment
• Rapidly scalable (250k+ new users/year)
• Highly stable (SLA offers six 9s)
• Low administrative overhead
• Allow rapid development of functionality
Hardware

- Physical hypervisor hosts
- Located in separate buildings
- Dual-pipe internet connection
- Separate UPS systems
- Separate Air-Con systems
Virtualisation

• All networking virtualised
• All storage on replicated SANs
• Allows for rapid server deployment
• Allows full isolation of development servers
• Failure of two or less hosts does not cause the environment to fail
Application

- Clustered DB instances
- Multi-homed SharePoint farm
- Redundant gateways
- Multiple, distributed ID providers
- IGOR Admin Tool under development
Platform

• End-user sees integrated, stable site
• Features rolled out to platform, not servers
• Shared material resources between sites
• Management tools allow use/configuration of the system without distribution causing overhead
• SharePoint allows easy addition of more resources to the platform