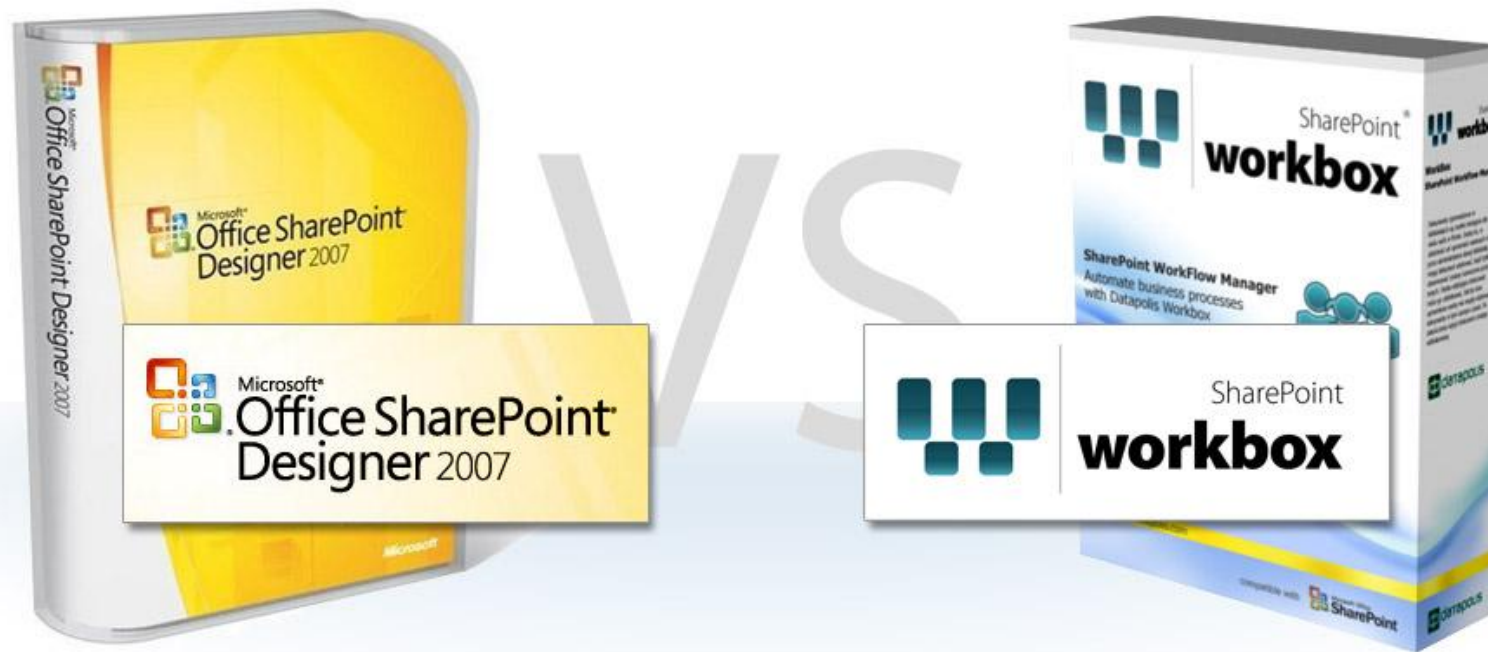


SHAREPOINT DESIGNER VS WORKBOX



This document highlights the main differences between Workbox and SharePoint designer.
Most common and obvious features available in both solutions were omitted.
The chart was created by Datapolis.

Feature	SharePoint Designer 2007	Datapolis Workbox
Designing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Client application – requires setup ✗ Table form with some graphical details ✓ Workflow divided into steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Web application – no client setup required ✓ Graphical presentation of the process, building workflow from blocks ✓ 2 layer process definition – general and detailed
Workflow type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Sequential workflows – simple processes ✗ Non looping processes ✗ No sub processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ State workflows – both simple and complex processes ✓ Looping processes ✓ Sub processes
Operation scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Only site where the list is located ✗ Operations on one list element 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Entire web application ✓ Operation on multiple elements at the same time
Data sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Only site where the list is located ✗ Only item metadata ✗ Only two levels of lookup recurrence (lookup in lookup) ✗ No possibility to define multiple lookup filtering criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Data from entire web application ✓ Entire site information – item metadata, list, site properties, user information ✓ SQL querying ✓ Additional external sources can be added ✓ Unlimited number of lookup recurrence ✓ Functions as lookups ✓ Multiple lookup filtering options
Data modifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Only simple math operations and concatenation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Advanced data operations: text and math functions, logical operations ✓ New data modification methods can be added ✓ Possibility to do “system updates” (w/o version change) and modifications as current user ✓ Possibility to impersonate for current user without need to assign permissions

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Workflow migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Workflows cannot be saved and moved to another list ✓ Workflow definition can be exported in the site definition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Workflows can be saved to file and migrated ✓ Advanced matching capability ✓ Workflow definitions can be exported in the site definition
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ New activities can be added ✓ Can assign special tasks ✓ Can modify many item fields at a time ✗ No ability to copy defined activities ✗ Complicated concatenation of text and lookups ✗ No new activities from Microsoft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ New activities can be added ✓ Can create list and site ✓ Can modify permissions ✓ E-mails with attachments ✓ Ability to use multiple users in e-mails recipients ✓ Ability to copy defined activities and activity sets ✓ Intuitive concatenation of text and lookup data
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Must be defined manually ✗ Simple list of events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Automatic history logging and event logging ✓ Graphical history for better user experience ✓ Detailed workflow history information
Automatic actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can define automatic process push ✓ Can have multiple timers ✗ Only simple timer definition ✗ Cannot start or terminate another workflows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can define automatic process push ✓ Can have multiple, advanced timers ✓ Can have sub workflows and launch and terminate another workflows
Workflow interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Only through tasks or item change ✗ Only basic workflow form management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Through item context menu and item view form ✓ Advanced form management, with default values from lookups, people picker and file uploading ✓ Through Web Service ✓ Through another workflow

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Users and permissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Cannot assign permissions ✘ Cannot use user information and organization structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Roles functionality for easier and clearer user permission management ✓ Can assign permissions ✓ Can use user information and organization structure ✓ Can delegate permissions
Price	✓ Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3 different license types – prices start from \$950 ✓ 30 day trial version

More details on www.datapolis.com/workbox