Veritas Enterprise Vault™ for Microsoft® SharePoint® Server

Aligning archiving with Microsoft SharePoint® priorities

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Overview

As Microsoft SharePoint® evolves from a "document sharing" platform to a growing enterprise social and collaboration solution, SharePoint storage management and optimization becomes top of mind for IT teams. SharePoint administrators want to expand user adoption of the various SharePoint components such as document, slide, and picture libraries in addition to the social elements such as wikis and blogs. Proactive management is essential as this increase in usage can strain SharePoint indexes and storage resources and cause SharePoint environments to quickly become cluttered and bloated. SharePoint archiving not only provides short-term, immediate storage optimization benefits but also becomes a core component of a customer's long-term information governance strategy.

Eliminate SharePoint clutter and optimize storage

As IT rolls out new SharePoint functionality and adoption increases, SharePoint teams will be challenged to manage not only growing document libraries, but an expansion of other SharePoint content including wikis, blogs, discussions, and custom lists. As a result, IT must grapple with growing indexes, aging data repositories, site proliferation, and the need to actively manage SharePoint environments.

Veritas Enterprise Vault™ optimizes SharePoint environments by archiving data from SharePoint onto lower tiered storage. Redundant data is deduplicated and compressed in Enterprise Vault to further reduce storage. Libraries with SharePoint versioning enabled can be controlled by storing only the latest version within SharePoint and all other versions in the archive for long term retention.

Key benefits:

Reduce SharePoint clutter and optimize storage

- Archive libraries, custom lists, wikis, blogs, discussion boards, and more
- Replace document versions with shortcuts to reduce the size of the SharePoint content database
- Reduce database size for faster backup and recovery
- Accelerate migrations to newer SharePoint versions

Enable SharePoint governance

- Apply retention and deletion policies to archived SharePoint content
- Expire sites when projects are completed but archive site content for governance and compliance
- Enable rapid search and eDiscovery for internal audits and legal purposes

Preserve the SharePoint user experience

- Seamless shortcuts maintain end-user access/editing/restore of content in the archive
- Archived content that is replaced with a shortcut is fully indexed and available via SharePoint Search

Figure 1. Archive SharePoint content for storage optimization and governance.

Customers can further optimize environments with site expiration. By archiving seldom accessed or inactive site content, customers can retain and maintain content accessibility. Once archived, SharePoint administrators can confidently expire or remove these sites from the active SharePoint environment.

With inactive SharePoint content residing in Enterprise Vault, SharePoint indexes are "lean." With less data residing in the SharePoint environment itself, customers experience faster backup and recovery and are better prepared for migrations and upgrades.
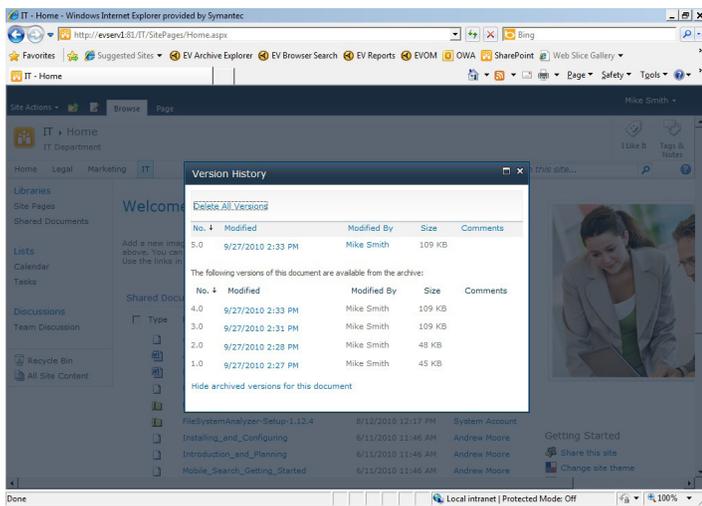

Figure 2. Archive drafts and versions to further optimize SharePoint indexes and storage.

Enable SharePoint governance

SharePoint is a business critical repository for intellectual property. So why is it not governed as one? As SharePoint adoption expands, fast-growing volumes of intellectual property content need to be managed consistently with other electronic data within the organization. For example, what should be kept, for how long, and what can be defensibly deleted? This information can be effectively managed by Enterprise Vault via flexible archive and retention policies.

Both IT and legal teams are empowered to manage the SharePoint discovery needs of an organization with the Veritas Enterprise Vault™ Discovery Accelerator add-on or the Veritas™ eDiscovery Platfom. Administrators can enable or disable legal holds to enforce or extend retention policies as needed for litigation.

Unified search and discovery of SharePoint content

When content is moved to the archive it is critical that it remains available to end-users via search. Enterprise Vault helps ease this complexity through integration with SharePoint search. SharePoint search indexes both 'live' and archived content that has been replaced with a shortcut allow all content to appear in search results in relevant order. In addition, Enterprise Vault provides tools to exclusively search the archive. Regardless of whether the site is active or expired, Enterprise Vault can search and access content.

With the Archive Explorer Web part, data is presented in the structure of the original site, making it easier to find what you are looking for. The Enterprise Vault for SharePoint Search Web Part, allows archived content to be searched based on key words or metadata and provides the option to restore an item to its original location or simply open it directly from Enterprise Vault.
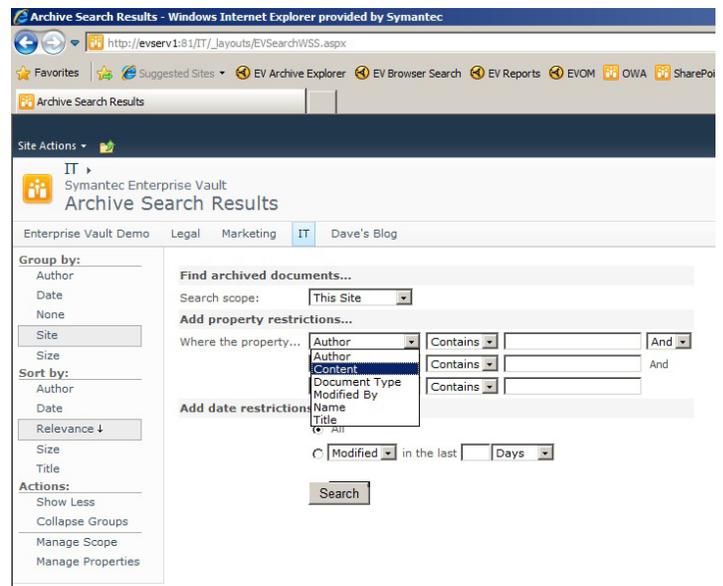

Figure 3. Find content easily via Archive Search web part (shown) or SharePoint Search.

Single-point centralized archive

Companies deploying multiple SharePoint environments can secure and centralize long-term archives with Enterprise Vault. Information is protected and organized in a single repository for better management. Archived files from SharePoint can be managed through the main Enterprise Vault management console and searched alongside other sources—for example, Microsoft® Exchange or File System data, using Enterprise Vault Discovery Accelerator or the Veritas eDiscovery Platfom.

Preserving the SharePoint user experience

SharePoint presents data to its users uniquely. Preserving the end user experience is critical as SharePoint customers increase features, content types and strive to increase user adoption. Archived items in Enterprise Vault are replaced with a shortcut and are fully indexed and searchable directly from SharePoint. End users can view, edit and restore archived content within SharePoint itself. When shortcuts are eventually expired, end users can still access archived content by searching the archive with Enterprise Vault for SharePoint Search Web Part.

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