

Knight Frank LLP Migrates, Manages and Protects its Critical SharePoint Environment with Metalogix Solution Suite

Multinational Real Estate Firm Relies on Metalogix Migration and Blob Offloading Solutions to Accelerate Move from SharePoint 2007 to 2010



THE COMPANY

Knight Frank LLP was founded in London in 1896. Knight Frank together with its New York-based affiliate Newmark Knight Frank is one of the world's leading independent global property consultancies. It has 207 offices in 43 countries, with staff of over 6,000. The group handled over \$886 billion worth of commercial, agricultural and residential real estate in 2008-2009, advising clients ranging from individual owners and buyers to major developers, investors and corporate tenants.

THE CHALLENGE

Knight Frank relies on SharePoint as its company-wide collaboration and communication solution. Recently the organization determined that it was time to migrate from its current SharePoint 2007 platform to SharePoint 2010 so that it could improve user productivity. The project at first seemed very daunting since Knight Frank had more than 700GB on a single content database. Even worse, the bloated database was causing backup problems and single document restores were very difficult to achieve.

"We needed a simplified solution to aid in our migration from SharePoint 2007 to 2010 while also enabling us to restore various items from the backup files," said James White, technical architect, Knight Frank.

Knight Frank turned to ClearPeople, a London-based Metalogix partner and SharePoint business solution specialist, to help them to devise their SharePoint 2007 to 2010 migration strategy. The main challenges that the Knight Frank SharePoint team faced was the method by which best to manage content in a SharePoint 2010 environment and bring across only business relevant documents from existing file shares and content already harnessed in SharePoint 2007.



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HEADQUARTERS

London and New York

ENVIRONMENT

- 700GB SharePoint database reduced to 48GB
- SharePoint 2007 migration to SharePoint 2010
- Metalogix Migration Manager for SharePoint
- Metalogix StoragePoint
- Metalogix Selective Restore Manager

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James White, technical architect, Knight Frank

ABOUT METALOGIX

Metalogix is the trusted provider of innovative content lifecycle management solutions for Microsoft SharePoint, Exchange and Cloud platforms. We deliver high-performance solutions to scale and cost-effectively manage, migrate, store, archive and protect enterprise content. Metalogix provides global support to thousands of customers and strategic partners and is a Microsoft Gold Partner, a managed partner in Microsoft's High Potential ISV Group and GSA provider. Metalogix is a privately held company backed by Insight Venture Partners and Bessemer Venture Partners. For more information, please visit: www.metalogix.com.

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THE SOLUTION

After evaluating point solutions from a few separate vendors, Knight Frank and ClearPeople selected a suite of solutions from Metalogix for its comprehensive feature set, common user interface and strong SharePoint integration.

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Selecting Metalogix Migration Manager for SharePoint, StoragePoint and Selective Restore Manager, Knight Frank was able to accelerate its move from SharePoint 2007 to 2010 non-disruptively while reducing overall storage resource requirements and management overhead. Specifically, Knight Frank found the Metalogix StoragePoint Librarian feature to be the perfect match in their strategy of incrementally moving only up-to-date documents from their file shares to SharePoint over an extended time period.

THE RESULTS

Since the implementation of StoragePoint began Knight Frank’s database has been reduced from 700GB to 48GB. Metalogix StoragePoint externalizes SharePoint content binary large objects (BLOBs), so that they may be stored on less expensive or more appropriate storage systems. This means their SQL clusters can be right-sized for optimal performance and the size of the SharePoint content database can be dramatically reduced while still maintaining critical metadata in the SQL Server SharePoint to ensure content is easily discovered and retrieved for ease of management within SharePoint.

For Knight Frank’s migration from SharePoint 2007 to 2010, Metalogix Migration Manager for SharePoint provided an intuitive copy-and-paste-style user interface which allows the company to quickly and transparently migrate all SharePoint sites, libraries, lists, web parts and permissions between servers. For those individual documents and list items stored in native SharePoint backups, Knight Frank will use Selective Restore Manager for SharePoint to simplify the process of restoring items, all without having to rebuild the entire product database or deploy a temporary SharePoint recovery farm. Now Knight Frank is able to connect directly to its native SQL Server backup files and navigate them as though they were live SharePoint sites.

“Metalogix offered a comprehensive suite of software solutions to help us reduce our database size and migrate our content to the new SharePoint version while also enabling us to restore individual files and documents for seamless data protection,” said White. “Plus, they offered it all with the continuity of a common user interface from a single vendor that is renowned for its superior SharePoint integration capabilities.”