

Sentara Healthcare Simplifies the Integration of Multiple SharePoint Sites and Files to a Common SharePoint System with Metalogix

Advanced integrated healthcare system preserves valuable permissions and metadata while migrating heavily encoded files and multiple SharePoint sites with Migration Manager for SharePoint.



THE COMPANY

Sentara Healthcare operates more than 100 care giving sites, including 10 acute care hospitals with a total of 2,349 beds, six outpatient care campuses, seven nursing centers, three assisted living centers, eight advanced imaging centers and about 380 primary care and multi-specialty physicians. Sentara also offers a full range of award-winning health coverage plans, home health and hospice services, physical therapy and rehabilitation services. In addition, Nightingale - the region's first air ambulance service - has reached out to more than 16,000 patients since its inception in 1982. Striving to improve the wellness of the community, Sentara continues to participate in national and international research trials as a means to increase the medical options available to patients well into the future.

THE CHALLENGE

Sentara is among the elite when it comes to technology infrastructure advances. As proof, Modern Healthcare magazine and SDI have ranked Sentara as the top most integrated healthcare system for the last two years. As a technology-savvy organization, Sentara was becoming concerned about the increasing volumes of files it was managing in separate silos — over 50,000 files. Sentara needed a way to painlessly integrate all of these files into a common SharePoint deployment.

“We were using eShare, which is a highly locked system,” said Karen Danielsen, senior business analyst, Sentara. “All of the folders are encoded which makes any manual migration very difficult. We needed a solution that could allow us to work with our eShare folders and migrate them more easily to SharePoint.”

But further hindering the process was the fact that Sentara also had over 900 different SharePoint sites that also needed to be migrated into a common structure to simplify management and optimize resources.

THE SOLUTION

Sentara began to seek solutions, but only found options that couldn't fully support their need to integrate their SharePoint sites. Their search for a file share migration solution was turning up empty. Until, that is, they discovered Metalogix.

Metalogix's award-winning solutions made it easy to integrate Sentara's multiple SharePoint servers



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Hesham Dabbas, Senior Business Analyst, Sentara

HEADQUARTERS

Norfolk, Virginia

ENVIRONMENT

- SharePoint 2007
- 180GB of SharePoint content under management
- Metalogix Migration Manager for SharePoint
- Metalogix Migration Manager for SharePoint — File Share Edition

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Joel Hall, Software Engineer, Sentara

ABOUT METALOGIX

Metalogix, a leading provider of content lifecycle management solutions for Microsoft SharePoint 2010, Microsoft Exchange, and legacy enterprise content environments. We enable organizations to scale and costeffectively manage, migrate, store, archive and protect enterprise content whether on-premises or in the cloud. The company is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, privately held, and backed by Insight Venture Partners and Bessemer Venture Partners.

into one common system, without losing critical metadata or permissions. Compared to other solutions they looked at, *Metalogix Migration Manager for SharePoint* offered the fine-grained permissions they needed while also automating the process.

“Once we began using the Metalogix tool, we just made a few clicks and it worked,” said Joel Hall, software engineer, Sentara. “Metalogix also allowed us to go much deeper than other tools we looked at. Rather than moving the whole site, you can move just individual pieces. Now any time we need to move sites or content around, we use the Metalogix tool, making it quick and easy.”

For its file share data integration, Metalogix offered an equally powerful solution for Sentara when no other vendor could. Using *Metalogix Migration Manager for SharePoint – File Share Edition*, Sentara was able to execute the customizations necessary to pull its thousands of encoded eShare folders into SharePoint.

“The only way we were able to make the necessary changes we needed for our eShare content was with the Metalogix Migration Manager for SharePoint – File Share Edition,” said Karen Danielsen. “We needed to spend a little time customizing the file share, but ultimately it worked out great.”

THE RESULTS

After integrating their multiple SharePoint sites and file shares into a common SharePoint structure, Sentara has seen dramatic performance and productivity enhancements. They are pleased with the increased flexibility and additional control of their SharePoint environment along with the ability to navigate it with ease.

“The features available from the Metalogix solutions allowed us to maintain the integrity of our data, including the metadata associated with each document, as we migrated it,” said Hesham Dabbas, senior business analyst, Sentara. “We needed a solution to bring in the document and anything associated with it. Metalogix was able to do that through the special permissions and the web services that were in place to communicate with SharePoint. Ultimately the products and support from Metalogix have been exceptional. It is above average from other vendors we deal with.”

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