



IBM FileNet Connectors for Microsoft SharePoint

Overview

IBM FileNet Connectors for Microsoft® SharePoint® enable users to stay in the familiar Microsoft Office environment, and leverage IBM FileNet P8's more comprehensive Enterprise Content Management (ECM) capabilities. The connectors extend powerful content, process and compliance infrastructure capabilities to SharePoint users.

Many organizations are seeking an effective way to “roll up” or share content that has been created and stored in disparate repositories across teams, groups, divisions and geographical boundaries. Organizations need to deliver critical business value across complex and heterogeneous infrastructures. At the same time, IT departments need to ensure that high availability/disaster recovery provisions are in place, and proper policies are followed regarding data retention, archiving and long-term storage.

IBM FileNet Connectors for Microsoft SharePoint provide an integrated end-to-end ECM solution for companies needing more robust document management and business process capabilities.

IBM's solution can help address content management requirements essential for IT and compliance policy enforcement. IBM FileNet Content Federation Services (CFS) helps ensure content in Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services (WSS) sites is fully categorized and accessible to the enterprise. The solution can enforce appropriate content, process and compliance management disciplines on WSS content while keeping

business users in the highly familiar and productive SharePoint environment. IBM also enables SharePoint Portal users to search non- SharePoint content, so they have one place to go for their information retrieval needs.

Technical Specifications

The IBM FileNet Connectors for SharePoint are designed to work within existing SharePoint implementations. Customers maintain the ability to patch and upgrade without having to worry about compromising the integration.

Features and Benefits

IBM FileNet Connectors for Microsoft SharePoint include two integration options:

- IBM FileNet Connector for SharePoint Document Libraries
- IBM FileNet Connector for SharePoint Web Parts

The Web Parts and Document Libraries connectors work with Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services 3.0 or Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007, and IBM FileNet P8 4.0. These connectors have specific functions and can be run separately, but are also designed to work in tandem.

IBM FileNet Connector for Document Libraries

Sweeps content into IBM FileNet Content Manager using administrator-configured business rules that can be tailored to the varied lifecycles of diverse content types. This content can subsequently be accessed via the SharePoint Web Parts user interface and/or through IBM's FileNet Content Management user interfaces, e.g. Workplace/Workplace XT. Once content is moved into a FileNet P8 repository, users will have more robust content, process and compliance policy enforcement capabilities, as well as the capability to make content available across the enterprise, regardless of the IT application source or environment. When content is moved, it may optionally be deleted from SharePoint, left in place as a local copy, left in place but made read-only or replaced with a link to the repository for subsequent access from the SharePoint document library.

IBM FileNet Connector for SharePoint Web Parts

Extends SharePoint to allow document management and process management activities to be completed within the Microsoft Office SharePoint Server (MOSS) environment. Users can author, browse and manage content while having access to their workflow inbox for task management activities.

IBM ECM Feature Overview

Full ECM Support: Supports FileNet P8 for comprehensive content management capabilities so SharePoint users can view content across the entire enterprise.

Open and Scalable Architecture: Safeguards infrastructure investments by integrating Microsoft SharePoint products and IBM ECM solutions.

Event-driven platform: Makes SharePoint content an active part of an organization's overall business processes. By linking business processes with the creation, management and delivery of content, IBM facilitates and accelerates information exchange, enabling organizations to quickly respond to business or transaction events even if they are outside of the Microsoft SharePoint environment.

Single enterprise catalog: Content moved/archived into an IBM FileNet P8 repository allows for management of content, processes, records and email throughout the complete lifecycle – from creation through final disposition – regardless of where they are created. IBM connects to existing Microsoft SharePoint repositories to better manage content and mitigate compliance risk across the enterprise.

Single source paradigm: Provides the infrastructure and integration necessary to repurpose content to serve multiple purposes and for consumption by multiple audiences from a single instance of the document.

Advanced content management capabilities: Supports document level security, major/minor versioning, cross-vendor enterprise search capabilities (content federation), as well as the ability to restore a single document and/or folder and make content available via Web 2.0 style clients, e.g. Workplace XT.



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