

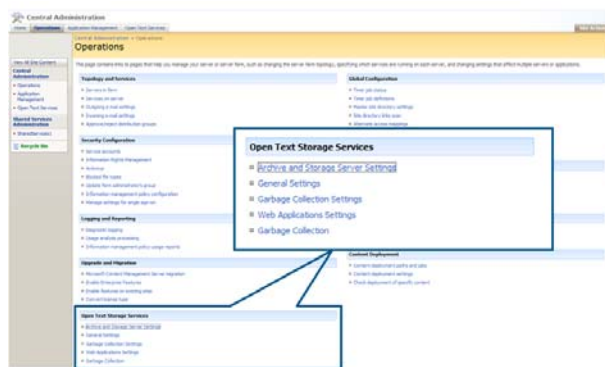
■ **Product Overview**

Open Text Storage Services for Microsoft SharePoint

Improve the scalability and performance of SharePoint while meeting compliance requirements for information retention

Open Text Storage Services for Microsoft® SharePoint® helps customers increase the scalability of their Microsoft® Office SharePoint® Server 2007 deployments and reduce storage costs. Over time, as content accumulates in SharePoint, the underlying Microsoft SQL Server databases often become significantly overburdened. This solution enables Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 content to be offloaded from SQL databases to external storage devices. Additionally, unnecessary space consumption is significantly minimized by automatically detecting multiple instances of the same content, and storing content only once.

“Microsoft developed the API to meet the needs of customers who prefer not to store document content BLOB’s inside the database. We are working with partners such as Open Text to ensure a future roadmap for their storage providers. We expect that their current implementation will work consistently with the current and planned versions of WSS with minimal changes, and we will continue to work closely with them around any future enhancements or changes to the API.”



Open Text Storage Services for Microsoft SharePoint is integrated directly into Central SharePoint Administration

Within SharePoint servers, document content is stored inside dedicated SharePoint SQL databases, including what is known as binary large objects or BLOB content. BLOB access is typically not necessary for queries to the database. Therefore, BLOB content can be stored outside of the SharePoint SQL database to save space.

Improve Performance & Scalability

Storing BLOB content outside of the Microsoft SQL Server databases assigned to SharePoint improves the scalability and performance of SharePoint. With the Service Pack 1 of Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services 3.0, Microsoft introduced an External BLOB Storage API (EBS) to address this issue. Open Text Storage Services for Microsoft SharePoint uses EBS to seamlessly store SharePoint content in the Open Text Archive & Storage Services infrastructure - a secure, scalable, and proven, integrated archiving solution already in use by numerous companies for file system archiving, email archiving, SAP content archiving, and more. For these companies, this existing and proven infrastructure can be used to store SharePoint BLOB content.

Rob Lefferts,
Group Program Manager for
Windows SharePoint Services,
Microsoft.

Reduce Costs and Drive Efficiencies

Storing BLOB content outside of SharePoint databases reduces costs and increases efficiency, enabling the storage and management of an increased number of documents, simplifying backup and restore processes, and allowing customers to house SharePoint content on less expensive storage devices.



Storage Provider Agnostic

Open Text Storage Services for Microsoft SharePoint gives organizations the freedom to exchange and simultaneously use different storage mediums as required. The solution supports IT processes by utilizing hardware capabilities, ensuring that content is being directed and managed by its committed storage. This eases the workload of IT staff by providing them with greater control and support of compliance processes. The solution is compatible with devices from all major storage providers—including Hitachi Data Systems, StorageTek, Network Appliance, EMC Centera, HP, IBM, and Sun Microsystems.

Single Instance File Storage

Multiple document copies emerge as a problem anytime SharePoint is used for team collaboration or when independent teams collaborate in a decentralized, loosely affiliated manner. Open Text Storage Services for Microsoft SharePoint, which uses the Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services 3.0 External BLOB Storage API, provides the capability to seamlessly store identical copies of documents in SharePoint only once. It accomplishes this single-instance archiving feat by keeping track of whether a document has already been stored.

Meet Regulations for Information Retention

While Open Text Storage Services for Microsoft SharePoint lowers overall storage costs and improves performance, it also helps enterprises meet regulatory and business requirements for information retention such as disaster recovery. For example, Open Text Storage Services for Microsoft SharePoint can be used to ensure that business critical content is secured in multiple physical locations and SharePoint content can be stored on different storage devices, depending on the business and compliance needs of the content.

Amplify Your Storage Capacity

A typical SharePoint deployment may consist of several content databases. However, there is a recommended size limitation of only 100 GB for each. By leveraging Open Text Storage Services for Microsoft SharePoint, administrators can dramatically increase the overall storage capacity of their SharePoint solution. Since 80 percent of the storage volume in these databases is binary large object (BLOB) content which is not necessary for queries to the database, offloading this BLOB content to an external storage device can effectively increase the content database and site collection limit to 500 GB.

Features

Unified Administration	Storage Services for SharePoint is administered and configured directly from the SharePoint administration user interface.
Simplified Storage Specification	Ability to specify a BLOB storage location on both the Web Application and Site Collection level.
Configurable Deletion Delays	Configurable deletion delay intervals, enabling administrators to specify how much time must pass before an unused BLOB is deleted.
Single-instance support	Multiple file detection ensures that only a single instance of every file is stored.
File Compression	The option to compress content before storage, configurable for each individual logical archive.
Monitoring	Archive server monitoring through events and notifications.
Encryption	Storage Services for SharePoint uses secure encryption to ensure your content is always protected.

Benefits:

- Reduce storage volume
- Increase performance and scalability of SharePoint deployments
- Lower storage costs
- Increase efficiencies
- Meet compliance requirements for information retention
- Disaster recovery



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