

Archiving and Content Integration

„Active Repository™ offers smart archiving and content integration functionality. The technology integrates seamlessly with all Microsoft products and third party back-end and LOB systems. Active Repository™ provides both archiving capabilities for long term storage, and content integration. Thus, it gives users the ability to search third-party content repositories and move items to/from Office System 2007 and third-party repositories. The sophistication of the tecmasters.net technology and continued commitment to innovation has made their offering very compelling. “

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Linking Content and People

In many companies the archiving and document management infrastructure is complex. Though there might be official standards for these technologies, companies struggle with uncontrolled growth of many different kinds of applications — often for individual departments or processes — that churn out large volumes of data and documents that are saved on various filesystems, repositories or archiving systems. It's not just expensive to maintain a heterogeneous storage and repository infrastructure. The real trouble is that systems and workgroups often cannot find or access content that has been created elsewhere. According to leading analysts information workers spend more than 3 hours daily rummaging through disparate data and document stores. There are two main reasons why the discovery of information is so time consuming and frustrating for users. Firstly, content is dispersed in various applications that are not integrated. Secondly, many document management, records management and archiving systems are not well integrated into the Microsoft world, especially with Microsoft SharePoint, Office and Exchange. Thus, users are forced to leave their familiar Microsoft environment if they want to manage, archive or search for information.

Unified View

Active Repository™ Manager is an intelligent middleware that connects different repositories, archiving systems and mass storage systems. With Active Repository™ Manager you can extract more value from the investments your company has made in content management technologies, as it creates a real-time, virtual, federated view of company data. Active Repository™ Manager addresses these systems as one single repository. After typing in a query, all content sources will be analysed. All results will be



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Long-Term Storage

Active Repository™ Manager is not only an intelligent Content Integration technology. Active Repository™ can be enhanced with powerful long-term archiving functionalities, so that companies can securely and permanently store immense volumes of fixed information in a robust and highly available environment. It ensures ensure information accuracy, consistency, and timeliness. Its extended storage support leverage existing corporate data storage devices such as magnetic, magnetic worm, CAS, and tape. It is possible to manage various unstructured content types such as HTML, XML, PDF, documents, SAP data, Cold, eMail, images, video and audio streams, and it supports complex document management application requirements.

Standard Interface

Not only does Active Repository™ Manager integrate different back-end systems with each other, it also provides seamless integration. It is the standard interface for connecting back-end and storage systems with Microsoft Office, SharePoint and Exchange. It can be compared to archive link, the SAP interface that connects archiving and storage systems with SAP. Built on .net technology Active Repository™ allows companies to connect Office, SharePoint and Exchange with Document Management and Archiving Systems, and it allows direct connection to data storage devices such as magnetic, magnetic worm, CAS, and tape. Several vendors rely on Active Repository™ Manager for their Microsoft integration.

in a concise and structured manner. If users want to see a particular piece of information, a click on the mouse opens the document. For the user it does not matter where the information resides. He gets it immediately. Active Repository™ Manager speeds up search processes by addressing different content sources as one system and by ensuring that users are not forced to leave their familiar Microsoft environment.

Access Rights

Of course, not all users have access to all pieces of company information. Active Repository™ Manager inherits the user rights defined in Microsoft's Active Directory making sure that confidential information is not even displayed in the hit list.

Migration

Active Repository™ Manager is ideal for companies that plan to consolidate their ECM and storage infrastructure. It allows a smooth migration, as it is not necessary to migrate any storage media. End users will not realise any changes in their daily work.

User Acceptance

Enterprise Content Management solutions tend to be complex and complicated. As a consequence users avoid using the solution, and the project is doomed to failure. With tecmasters and Microsoft complicated ECM clients and silo tools are a pain of the past. The solution is deeply integrated with the familiar Microsoft Office environment to enable broad user adoption across the entire organization, and allow users to continue working with the Microsoft tools and desktop environment they already know.

ECM as Part of the Infrastructure

With Microsoft ECM becomes a part of the infrastructure of an organisation, available to every information worker in the organization. Microsoft combines different process and content technologies. It is providing a broad set of ECM capabilities such as web content management, records management, and document management/collaboration, forms management, search and workflow on a unified platform based on the widely adopted Office / SharePoint foundation.

Microsoft supports the content life cycle from creation through collaboration, management, publication, re-use, and expiration. However, both archiving for long term storage and Content integration are not covered by Microsoft. tecmasters fills this gap and provides a solution that is seamlessly integrated into all Microsoft products and fits tightly with the Microsoft ECM framework. It guarantees investment protection and long-term planning.

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