

Extranet Collaboration Manager (ExCM) for SharePoint 2007

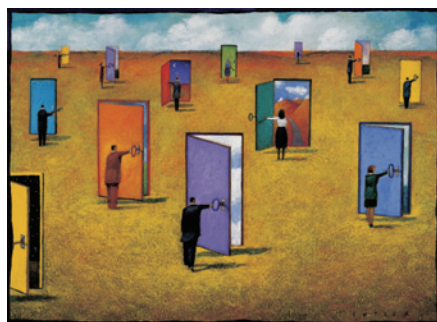
Takes extranet collaboration to the next level

OVERVIEW

Factors such as globalization, specialization and outsourcing are changing the way people work. We are moving from a purely transactional world to one where collaboration is much more important. Law firms need to collaborate with large corporate clients. Manufacturers need to collaborate with suppliers. Government agencies and the military need to collaborate with vendors of goods and services. Academic institutions need to collaborate with each other. Each of these types of organizations and others are executing many of their day-to-day business processes through some form of manual or automated external collaboration.

THE CHALLENGE

IT professionals are being asked to open up SharePoint sites to the extranet and make decisions about what information should be made accessible to outside parties, while still maintaining security, audit ability and accountability.



Extranet collaboration (i.e. collaboration with individuals outside your organization) poses a unique set of challenges and questions for the SharePoint server administrator such as:

- How can I provide SharePoint sites for our employees to use to collaborate with our customers, suppliers, partners, etc., and be assured that proper security is maintained?
- How can I keep user accounts and passwords for non-employees in a separate database from our internal network user accounts and passwords?
- How can I delegate user account creation and maintenance of extranet user accounts to trusted individuals and still maintain proper security and control?

- How can extranet users perform their own password changes?
- How can I define and gather custom user profile data from my extranet site's users?
- How can I automate and manage the process of user site requests and site provisioning?

THE SOLUTION

Extranet Collaboration Manager (ExCM) for SharePoint 2007 is designed specifically to help the SharePoint server administrator overcome these challenges and deploy SharePoint's leading-edge collaboration tools to the extranet in a secure manner.

Extranet Collaboration Manager by SharePoint Solutions is a complete solution that:

- Simplifies the provisioning and maintenance of external resources for use with your business partners.
- Enables you to automate site provisioning requests through workflows
- Allows for delegation of user-management tasks to your business partners.
- Provides you with the capability to audit the provisioning and user-maintenance activities within your collaborative environment.
- Easily track and supervise partner activities by line-of-business staff members without depending upon or waiting for costly IT resources.



"ExCM puts the power into the business and gets it out of IT."

Shawn Snowdy, Sr. Systems Engineer, La-Z-Boy Inc.

KEY CAPABILITIES

ExCM fully leverages the new capabilities in SharePoint 2007 to provide you with options for deciding how users will login to your extranet sites and how their user information is stored.

Forms-based Authentication

ExCM also takes full advantage of SharePoint 2007's form-based authentication option to present Extranet users with a friendlier web form for login.

Log In

User Name:

Password:

Remember me next time.

Not a member? [Register for access.](#)
Forgot your password? [Reset your password.](#)

Management Interfaces

ExCM provides management interfaces that let you control the workflows and changes of your extranet environment as new sites are requested, created and used for collaboration.

Auditing

With ExCM, monitoring and auditing of site-creation workflows and user-management activities is possible through reports and list views.

Process Improvements

The sheer administrative workload of maintaining extranet user accounts, in addition to intranet user accounts, prohibits many organizations from establishing these types of collaborative workspaces.

Also, since by definition extranet collaboration sites include members who are non-employees, issues such as security, audit ability and accountability take on increasing importance and can present significant roadblocks to organizations wishing to extend collaboration to the extranet.

Typical Applications

ExCM is ideal for companies that have already implemented or are planning to implement SharePoint 2007 for their extranet.

This award-winning software is recognized as the best solution for managing a SharePoint extranet.



"An exceptional product with outstanding performance."

Windows IT Pro magazine

Companies in a wide range of industries are accelerating their businesses with the help of effective external collaboration. ExCM opens new doors with your business partners and reduces the cost of managing your SharePoint 2007 extranet

EXCM OPTIONS

ExCM is customizable to meet your needs.

ExCM-Standard Edition

ExCM-Standard Edition provides a comprehensive set of features that enable a wide variety of organizations to take extranet collaboration to the next level.

ExCM-SE provides enhancements to user-management functions such as the ability to:

- Delegate user management to partners.
- Allow users to reset their own passwords.
- Designate an administrator that can invite, add and delete users.
- Allow users to self register for access to site.

ExCM-Enterprise Bundle

ExCM-Enterprise Bundle includes all the functionality of ExCM-Standard Edition, plus our Site Provisioning Assistant (SPA) product, which improves the process for handling new SharePoint 2007 site requests and eliminates bottlenecks.

These two products work extremely well together.

SPA provides site provisioning and configuration tools that:

- Automate an organization's approval process for requesting new SharePoint sites – giving users access to the sites they need in a timely manner.
- Maintain the integrity of an organization's taxonomy.
- Give users a simple, consistent interface for requesting new SharePoint sites.
- Allow users to submit a request when they would like to have a new SharePoint 2007 site provisioned.
- Include custom workflows with the new site requests, asking for approval prior to site creation.
- Create new provisioning profiles that allow an administrator to create common scenarios and gather custom data from their users when they request new sites.
- Capture all site activity in a detailed, simple-to-read audit log, allowing administrators to track service level and maintain compliance.

ExCM-Plus

Complete your solution with ExCM-Plus implementation service. Our team of experts, including Microsoft certified professionals and SharePoint MVPs, have been working with SharePoint since it was introduced.

This turn-key service provides the peace of mind of having one point of accountability for your extranet implementation and it includes:

- Configuration of as many web front-end servers (WFEs) as needed.
- Creation of a new SharePoint web application or the use of your existing application.
- Configuration of a dual authentication zone website with one windows token zone and one forms-based authentication zone.
- Creation of the ASPNETDB to store SQL membership information.
- Addition of a "reset my password" link on your SharePoint FBA login page.
- Optional: Addition of a "request access link" on your SharePoint FBA login page.
- Configuration of up to two delegated administrators.
- A one-time administrator walk-through of each feature by a SharePoint Solutions technician.

"We chose SharePoint Solutions' ExCM because we needed a way to manage external users accessing our SharePoint sites. There are several ways to manage those users out-of-the-box... but those options wouldn't have solved the system administrators' major problem of user management."

Dave Chan, Senior Systems Administrator, Draftfcb

Ordering Information

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System Requirements

Windows SharePoint Services version 3.0 or MOSS 2007 compatible

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