



Securely Extending Information Access

With the Epok Edition for Microsoft SharePoint in place, SharePoint 2007 administrators can securely manage extranet use of SharePoint across internal and external organization boundaries. For the first time, security and compliance officers have the control, visibility and reporting needed to bring SharePoint into the enterprise security and compliance system. Business users can govern the access management process by leveraging Epok's authorization features that seamlessly integrate with standard SharePoint administration tools in a product solution that can scale to multi-enterprise networks.

The Epok Difference

Traditional web access management uses rule-based policies to control access to web applications and content for users defined in a local directory. The extension of these resources to extranet users or business partners requires heavy IT involvement. Dynamic business environments demand that resources be quickly extended across organizations or enterprises.

Epok Edition for Microsoft SharePoint provides a new approach to authorization and access management. It supports a wide range of extranet user management scenarios. These range from interfacing with corporate user accounts to manage access across an enterprise, to managing external user accounts within Epok's data store, to linking with partner's identity systems using a light-weight federation approach.

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Increase business agility and extranet management efficiency

Integrates business users and business constructs, such as contracts, agreements and regulations, into the authorization process. This allows IT staff to empower business users to manage access in large-scale extranets.

Leverage business users. Business users managing extranet SharePoint sites can manage their population of extranet users with minimal burden on IT. Their familiarity with external users and their status can minimize unauthorized access in accordance with sound security principles.

Delegate extranet user administration. Leverage trusted managers in partner organizations to create the delegation structure necessary for secure and efficient deployment of large-scale extranets, such as dealer networks or supply chain systems.

Isolate extranet user accounts. Manage and maintain separate external user identities from the corporate Active Directory to improve the security and integrity of both internal and extranet directories.

Reduce rogue user risk. Rogue users (partner employees whose role has changed so that they should no longer have access to your information) represent a persistent risk because IT has little visibility into extranet users' status. This risk is reduced by having business users—who are more familiar with a partner's personnel changes—manage extranet user access.

Link access rights to business relationships. External user access rights reflect the business agreements, contracts and regulations that govern user privileges and obligations, and automatically enforce the time limits these structures dictate.

Click-through reporting. Dashboard style reports and charts visualize extranet use to support analysis of SharePoint extranet success in meeting business objectives and to track user activity for compliance and security needs.

Foster business networking. End-user productivity is enhanced through extranet user access to MySites (via Forms Based Authentication) and cross-user profile search.

Epok Federated Access Management Advantages

Empowerment of Business Users. Epok's system puts business users back in control and allows organizations to more efficiently manage access to sensitive business information.

Information Owners Maintain Control. Retains local information resources under full control of their owners, and improves business agility through a virtual workspace where users can discover all of the distributed resources that they are entitled to access.

Integrated Compliance Framework. Mitigates risk and limits liability by communicating content policies and recording all access and authorization events.

Streamlined User Provisioning. Links existing user identity systems across organizations to keep access rights accurate and limit account creation for external users to reduce the provisioning burden on IT staff.



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Improve SharePoint security and information compliance

Provides the controls, visibility and reporting needed to bring SharePoint deployments into enterprise security and compliance systems.

Proactively communicate user policy. End-users accept terms for access to extranet sites on entry and/or on a defined schedule. Documents can be watermarked with personalized text reflecting terms of use and retention policies.

Record authorized purpose. Extranet users can be required to enter data justifying their need for site access. This is ideal for compliance reporting because it documents why a user obtained access to information contained within a SharePoint site.

Track user activity. Extensive audit records track user activity from provisioning to document access in support of both compliance and business utilization reporting.

Drill down quickly. Reports and graphs based on audit records display authorization activity from access events to underlying security certificates.

Integrate with SharePoint security. Standard and custom SharePoint security levels are applied to external organizations and their users.

Interface to SEM systems. Audit data can be exported to security event management systems to integrate SharePoint sites into compliance and security systems.

Scale extranets from a single farm to multiple enterprises

Delivers the scalability, extensibility and upgradeability needed by enterprise customers, while offering packages that are ideal for medium sized businesses.

Manage multiple SharePoint collections and farms. Provide extranet authorization services for multiple SharePoint deployments from a single Epok deployment.

Ensure high availability. Operates in a dual-server cluster with load balancing to provide highly reliable extranet access for multiple SharePoint farms.

Integrate with other systems. APIs allow for customized workflow and other programmatic extensions for integration with enterprise systems and processes.

Improve user efficiency with site discovery. As extranets expand it becomes harder for end-users to track the sites they have access to. Epok's discovery service presents users with an up-to-date list of all the sites they are authorized to access.

Connect partners with just-in-time federation. Optional module allows users in other divisions or strategic partners to authenticate in their local domains and single-sign on (SSO) into Epok protected SharePoint sites.

Reduce development risk and maintenance costs with COTS. Benefit from the broad functionality, ongoing upgrades and support of a commercial off-the-shelf product solution.

Extend beyond SharePoint. Update to the Epok Federated Access Manager and use the Epok server to manage access to other web applications.