

AvePoint[®] Introduces Free Tool for Item-Level SharePoint Restores from SQL Server and DPM Backups

Free module delivers full fidelity, item-level restore capability from SQL Server and DPM backups, providing customers with granular SharePoint content recovery

Jersey City, N.J. – July 1, 2009 — AvePoint, the leading provider of infrastructure management software solutions for Microsoft[®] SharePoint[®], today announced the free release of the DocAve SQL Restore Controller. This tool enables the full fidelity, item-level restoration of SharePoint content from native SQL database backups, as well as databases restored by any third-party SQL backup tool, including Microsoft's Data Protection Manager (DPM). An independently-deployable module within the DocAve Software Platform, the SQL Restore Controller is being provided for download free in an effort to assist organizations that rely upon SQL Server or DPM backups to protect SharePoint data, while DocAve's more robust Backup and Recovery module delivers comprehensive item-through-platform level backup and restoration functionality for those organizations seeking to fully protect their SharePoint platform, optimize system resources, and improve service level agreements.

"We are proud to be able to offer this tool free of charge", said Dr. Tianyi (TJ) Jiang, AvePoint's Chief Operating Officer. "In 2001, AvePoint was the first solution provider to offer full fidelity, item-level restores of SharePoint content. Because we now provide a broad spectrum of SharePoint backend management solutions, including administration, data protection, replication, archiving, compliance, reporting and migration, providing this tool for free is a great way to expose those new SharePoint adopters to DocAve's powerful capabilities and ease of use. Though administrators of more mature SharePoint deployments recognize the need for comprehensive platform protection and item-level precision on both the backup and the restore side, this tool is primarily for those who do not yet require these expanded capabilities. Releasing it free of charge is a small way for us to say 'thank you' to the SharePoint community."

AvePoint's SQL Restore Controller is available for free download from the AvePoint website. (www.avepoint.com/download). The SQL Restore Controller is one tool within the DocAve Software Platform, a unified SharePoint infrastructure management solution offering 16 independently deployable modules. A fully enabled 30-day trial of the entire DocAve Software Platform is available for download. After 30-days, the DocAve SQL Restore Controller will remain active in perpetuity.

"Microsoft is very excited about AvePoint's free release of the SQL Restore Controller", said Kathleen Winder, Microsoft's Director of SharePoint and FAST Partners. "By enabling item-level restores of SharePoint content from Microsoft Data Protection Manager and SQL database backups, this tool complements DPM's functionality, and will extend DPM's position as the premier multi-platform data protection solution on the market. I'm excited about the new offerings. AvePoint has been delivering ground-breaking solutions for SharePoint infrastructure management since the platform's debut in 2001, and its free offering of the SQL Restore Controller will help the SharePoint community continue to leverage SharePoint and DPM for success."

AvePoint is offering its SQL Restore Controller free of charge in part due to the changing landscape of the SharePoint backup and recovery space. As SharePoint adoption accelerates, and the platform is leveraged for increasingly mission-critical tasks, including enterprise content management and knowledge worker collaboration, administrators are recognizing the critical need for comprehensive data protection beyond what SQL backups can provide. One component of such protection is the ability to protect the entire SharePoint farm, including all server configurations, settings, and files that reside outside of the SQL database. The second component of comprehensive protection is the ability to perform granular backups, which empowers organizations to prioritize their various SharePoint datasets and apply discrete backup routines to each in order to optimize storage resources. These two key capabilities are critical in ensuring appropriately fast recovery should SharePoint content – or the entire SharePoint farm – become accidentally deleted or corrupted.

When organizations first deploy SharePoint, however, such functionality is usually not yet a chief concern. As a result, the ability to restore at the item-level from SQL Server backups is usually both sufficient and highly useful. By providing such a tool free, AvePoint wants to provide these organizations with the opportunity to utilize the industry's most award-winning and reliable SharePoint solution to meet its immediate needs. As the SharePoint deployments at these organizations expand and evolve into a more business-critical application, administrators will then be able to seamlessly upgrade their data protection solution without having to change platforms, since DocAve's full-featured Backup and Recovery module provides all the capabilities they'll require.

"AvePoint's new release is great news for the SharePoint community", commented Shane Young, SharePoint MVP and founder of the consulting firm SharePoint911. "This tool will allow administrators of SharePoint environments that are not necessarily 'business-critical' recover content with dexterity and speed. Though reliance upon SQL backups for data protection is not adequate for larger or more critical deployments – where granularity of backup and protection of critical elements residing outside the Content DB is vital - AvePoint's free SQL Restore Controller will certainly empower the SharePoint community and shake-up the market."

To learn more about the DocAve SQL Restore Controller and the entire DocAve Software Platform, and to download your free SQL Restore Controller today, please visit AvePoint at www.avepoint.com.

About AvePoint

AvePoint is proud to be a U.S. based technology company and software innovator. Since 2001, AvePoint has been a global leader in enterprise-strength infrastructure management solutions for all Microsoft SharePoint Products and Technologies. Propelled by one of the world's largest SharePoint-exclusive development teams outside of Microsoft, AvePoint's award-winning DocAve Software Platform delivers comprehensive and flexible infrastructure support for backup and recovery, replication, migration, administration, archiving, deployment management, and compliance.

AvePoint's pioneering technology pilots the products of OEM partners such as NetApp and IBM. With headquarters, research facilities, and engineering centers in Jersey City, NJ, and wholly owned engineering centers and sales offices in San Jose, Atlanta, Chicago, Washington D.C., and Houston, USA; London, UK; Melbourne, Australia; Tokyo, Japan; Singapore; and Changchun, Dalian, China, AvePoint serves over 4000 enterprise customers, including many Fortune-500 companies. Winner of the Best of Tech Ed award for "Best SharePoint Product" in 2008, AvePoint is a Managed Gold Certified Microsoft Partner and GSA Certified Provider.

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