

AvePoint[®] Announces DocAve Connector

Latest DocAve module lets organizations present and manage network and cloud file shares within SharePoint without the need for migration

Jersey City, N.J. – October 20, 2009 — AvePoint, the leading provider of infrastructure management software solutions for Microsoft[®] SharePoint[®], today announced the beta-release of DocAve Connector, a pioneering tool that allows organizations to present, manage, and collaborate upon digital assets residing in networked and cloud-sourced file shares via their SharePoint 2007 environments. One of four new modules introduced in the v5.3 release of AvePoint's flagship DocAve Software Platform, the DocAve Connector is the ideal solution for organizations desiring to keep digital assets on network or cloud file shares, but take advantage of SharePoint's management and collaboration capabilities. With DocAve Connector, all of SharePoint's powerful management and collaboration functionality, including document versioning, alerts, workflows, metadata customization, and permissioning, can be performed on the "attached" content, delivering precisely the same end-user experience as available to content residing directly within SharePoint.

"We are very excited to introduce the DocAve Connector to the SharePoint community, as it provides a powerful new way for companies to leverage SharePoint as their unified information management system," said Dr. Tianyi (TJ) Jiang, AvePoint's chief operating officer. "Many organizations want to utilize SharePoint as their enterprise-wide collaboration platform and knowledge repository, but for any variety of reasons - whether they be financial, logistical, or compliance-related – these companies cannot perform a migration of their file share data. Now, with DocAve Connector, they don't have to. Organizations can use all of SharePoint's powerful collaboration and presentation tools to manage and deliver their file share content, be they documents or audio/video media."

Migration-Free Interaction with File Share Documents and Streaming of Audio/Video Media

With DocAve Connector, SharePoint users will access content residing in file shares through two new Library-types: The DocAve Content Library and the DocAve Media Library. The DocAve Content Library presents all of the files residing in an attached file share. DocAve Connector ensures that users can interact with this data as seamlessly as if it were residing in SharePoint's Content Database, delivering:

- Full support of SharePoint's native full text search, including for other search providers who also leverage the standard SharePoint API

- Full support for unique and inherited permissions
- Full fidelity, including support for custom metadata and column types
- Full support for content types
- Full support for alerts and workflows, including those created by third party providers
- Full support for interacting with the content directly through Office clients (when opened through SharePoint)
- Full synchronization of source and presentation layers, ensuring changes made in either location are always presented as the latest
- Minimal impact on SQL, and improved performance of SharePoint
- The ability to download content from SharePoint directly from the file-system source without burdening SharePoint's front-end servers

The DocAve Media Library enables the streaming of audio and video media directly to SharePoint from networked and cloud file shares. This Silverlight-enhanced SharePoint Library provides users with direct access to wmv, wma, mp3, flv, aac, vp6, mp4, mpeg, mpg, avi, and wav files residing in files shares or streaming media servers, without the need for import. These capabilities relieve a long-suffered painpoint for organizations that use SharePoint and must collaborate upon video and audio during the course of business.

"AvePoint's DocAve Connector will expand how people can take advantage of SharePoint's powerful collaboration and management tools across the enterprise," said Shane Young, SharePoint MVP and founder of SharePoint 911. "DocAve Connector enables organizations to utilize all of the features and functionality in SharePoint, even when handling digital assets that do not reside in SharePoint storage."

The beta-release of DocAve v5.3, which introduces the DocAve Connector module and several other new tools for SharePoint 2007 infrastructure management, is being made available to organizations across all verticals and geographic regions, and will be followed by a GA release in November 2009. The DocAve Connector for SharePoint 2010 will be available as part of the DocAve Software Platform v6, scheduled to release on the same day as SharePoint 2010. To request a free, fully-enabled 30-day trial of the DocAve Software Platform, including the beta-release of DocAve Connector, please visit www.avepoint.com/download.

To learn more about DocAve v5.3, please visit the AvePoint website 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 5000 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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