

Selecting and Protecting the Right SharePoint Backup Targets



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What we'll cover

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- Define a backup target
- Identify the SharePoint targets
- Examine related backup targets
- Discuss a few esoteric targets and edge case scenarios
- Wrap it all up

CHECKLIST



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- I'm fascinated by the sight of people yawning.





I'll do my best to
keep it interesting ...



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... without getting
too crazy.



Let's talk about

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t backup targets



- They can be protected
- Tangible – typically file(s)
- Can be described and referenced in a plan
- Prioritized for protection and recovery

Different target types

- Some are common in all SharePoint environments
- Others vary by farm purpose or by platform technologies in-use



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The technical (DR plan) targets

- What are they?
- Where do they reside?
- When are they important?
- Protection approaches*
- Special considerations and watch-outs



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DR
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Business needs



DR Horizon

what we'll cover in this session ...



Core SharePoint targets

aka, "the meat and potatoes"

- Content databases
- Central Admin content DB
- Farm Configuration database
- Service Applications / SSPs
- Search



Related targets

"important to remember"

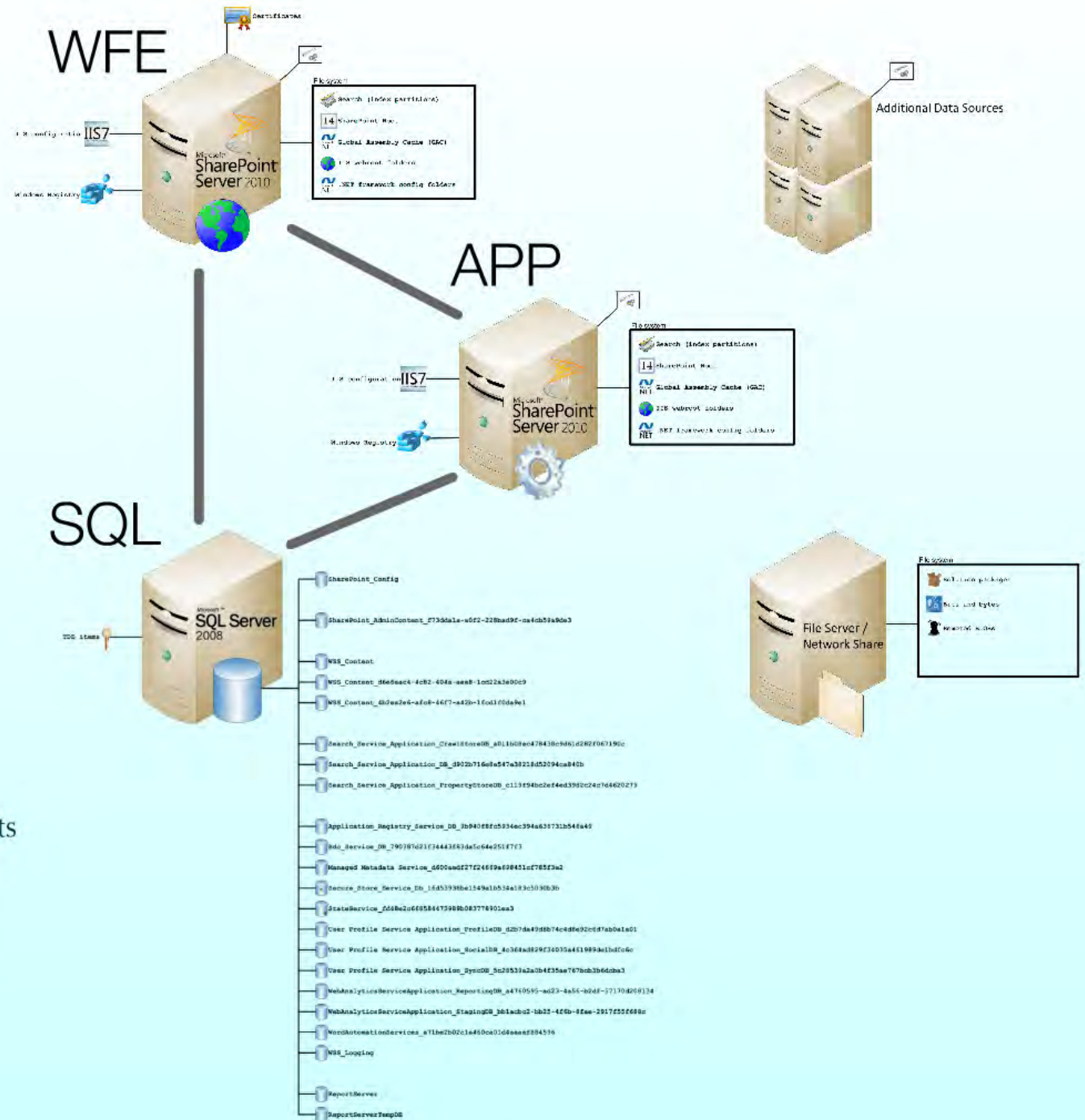
- Solution packages
- SharePoint Root
- IIS Configuration
- Certificates
- IIS web root
- GAC
- Registry
- Bits and bytes



Edge cases and esoteric targets

sometimes confused with the dark arts ...

- .NET framework config folders
- Remote BLOB storage (RBS)
- SQL Server TDE
- External data sources
- Single server farm ...







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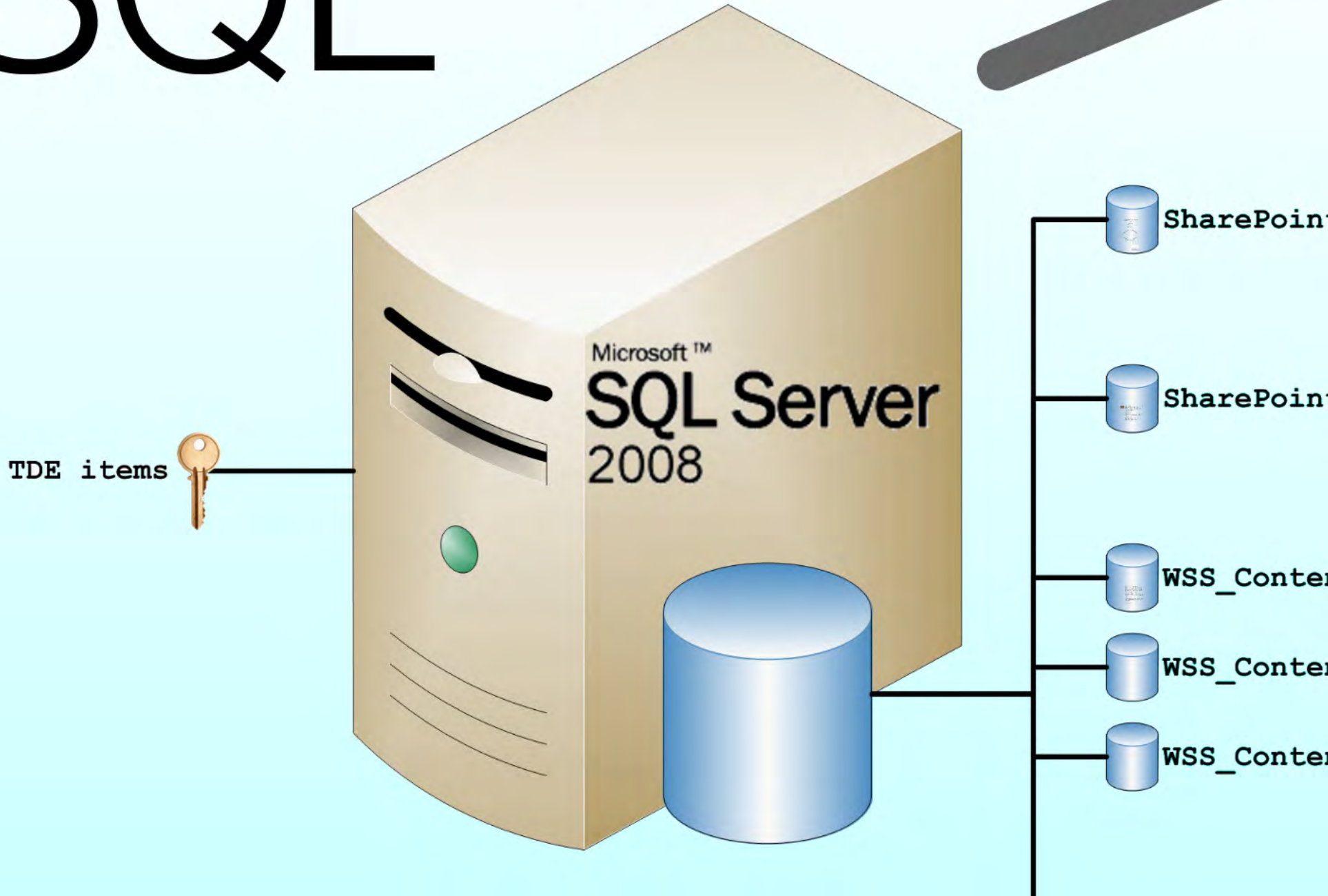
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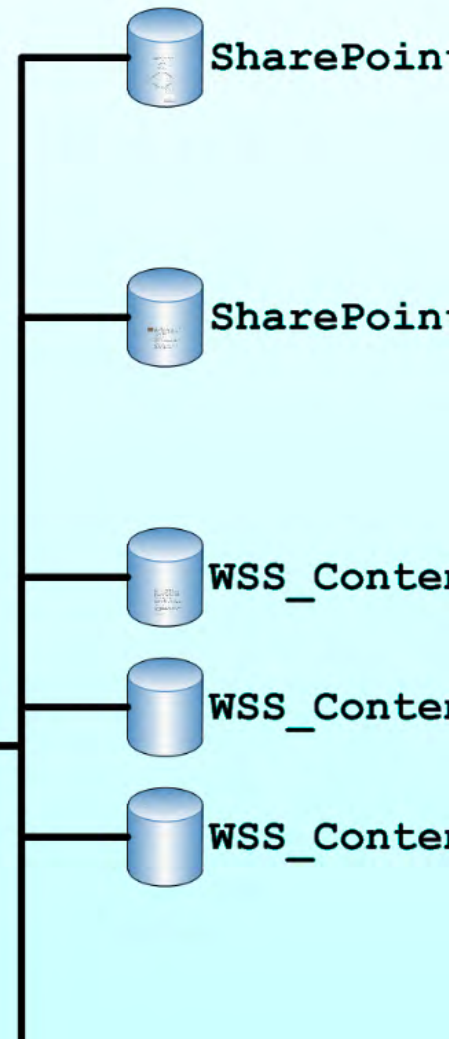
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- Farm provisioning creates a new one
- Not usually worth protecting*



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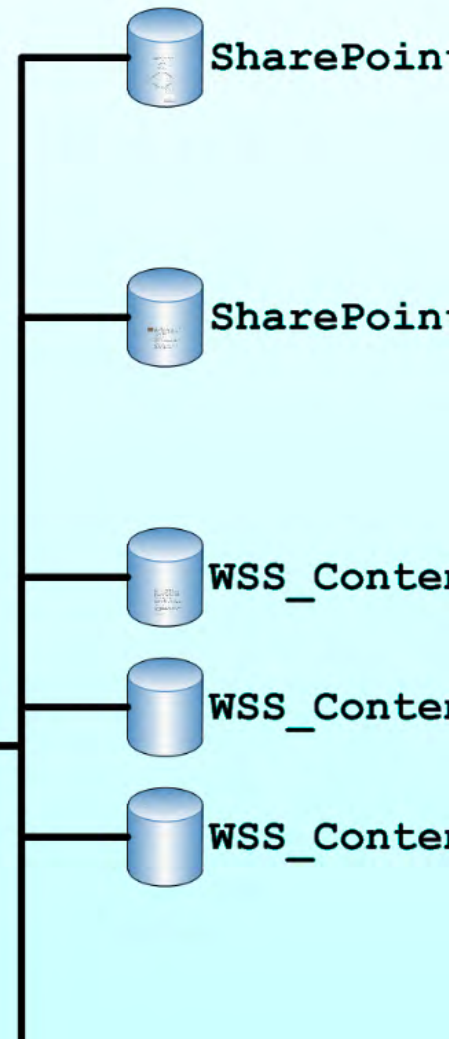
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Options

- SharePoint backups
- SQL Server backups
- HA mechanisms
- Documentation
- 3rd party tools

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A word about
consistency,
"restorability", and the
SharePoint VSS Writer ...



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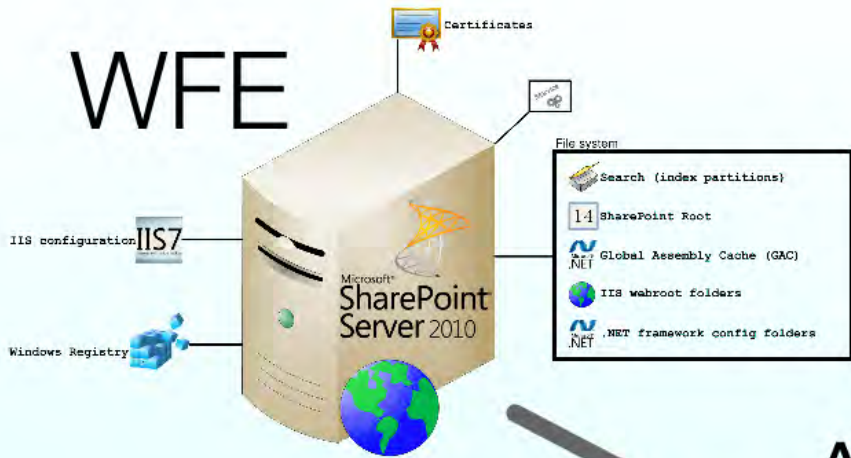
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- Simple answer: all over the place ...

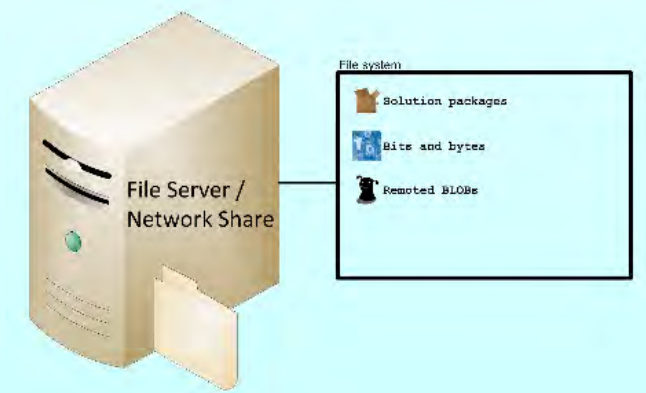
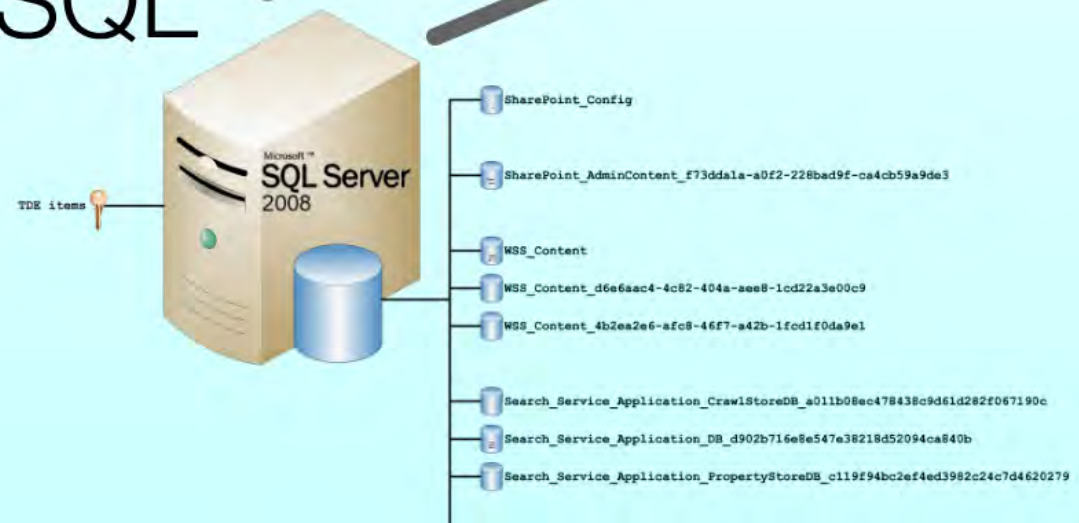
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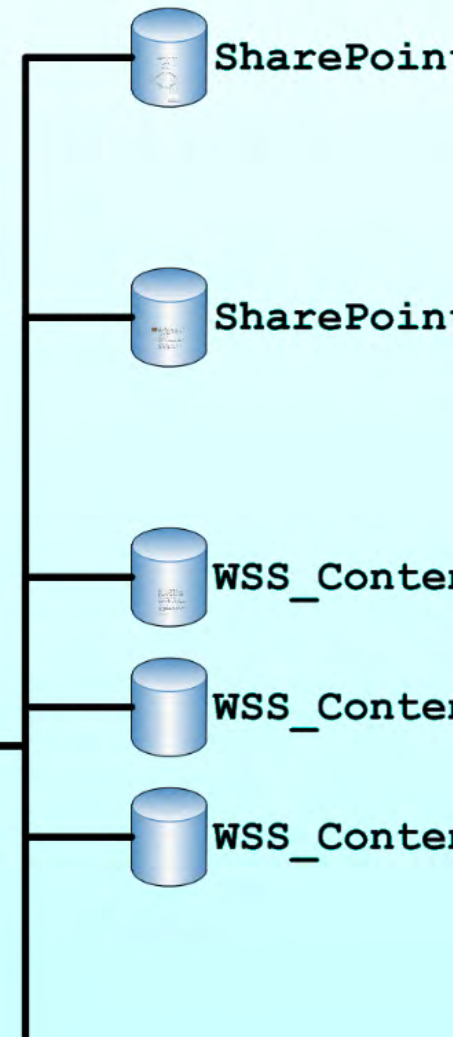














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-  Bdc_Service_DB_790387d21f34443f83da5c64e251f7f3
-  Managed Metadata Service_d600aedf27f24669a698451cf785f3e2
-  Secure_Store_Service_Db_16d53938be1549a1b534a183c5030b3b
-  StateService_fd48e2c668584473989b083778901ea3
-  User Profile Service Application_ProfileDB_d2b7da49d8b74c4d8e92c6d7ab0a1a01
-  User Profile Service Application_SocialDB_4c364ad829f34035a461989de1bdfc6c
-  User Profile Service Application_SyncDB_5c28539a2a0b4f35ae767bcb3b6dcba3
-  WebAnalyticsServiceApplication_ReportingDB_a4760595-ad23-4a56-b2df-57170d208134
-  WebAnalyticsServiceApplication_StagingDB_bblacbc2-bb25-4f6b-8fae-2917f55f688c
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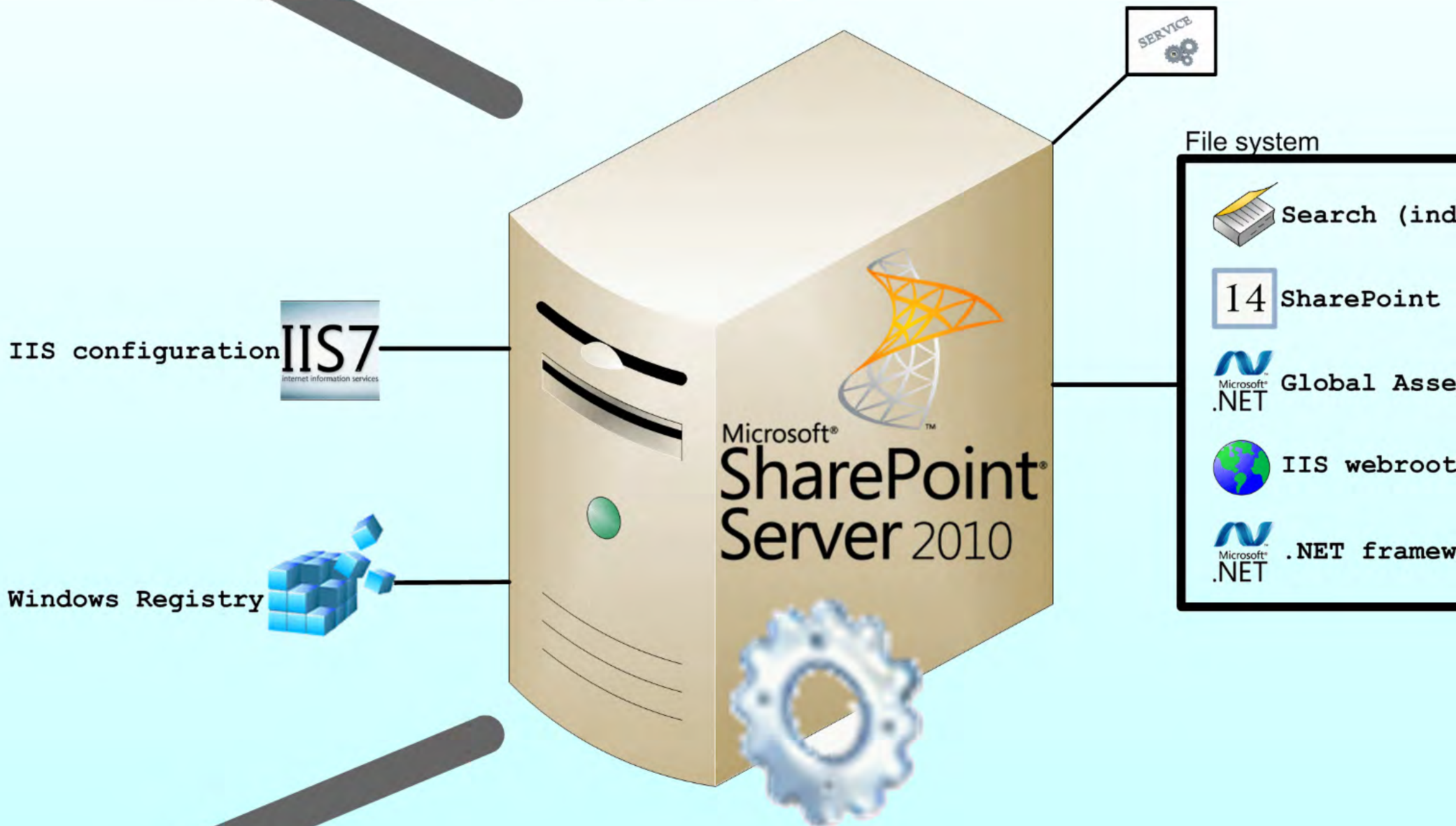


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SERVICE



File system

Services (Local)

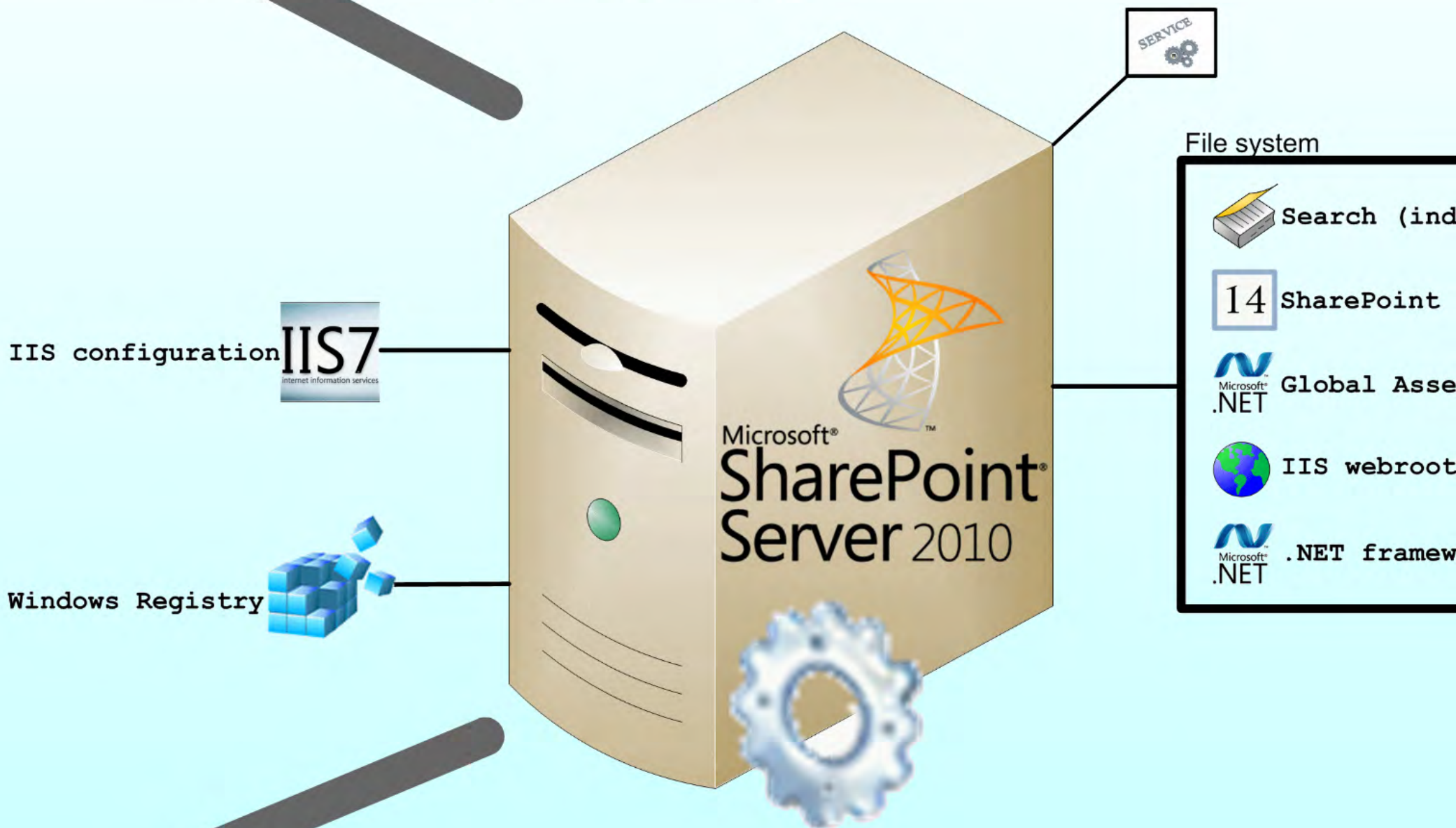
Select an item to view its description.

Name	Description	Status	Startup Type	Log On As
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Windows Driver Foundation - User-mode Driver Framework	Manages u...		Manual	Local System
Windows Error Reporting Service	Allows erro...		Manual	Local System
Windows Installer	Adds, modi...		Manual	Local System
Windows Management Instrumentation	Provides a ...	Started	Automatic	Local System
Windows Modules Installer	Enables ins...	Started	Manual	Local System
Windows Process Activation Service	The Windo...	Started	Manual	Local System
Windows Update	Enables th...	Started	Automatic (D...	Local System
Wired AutoConfig	The Wired ...		Manual	Local System
WMI Performance Adapter	Provides p...		Manual	Local System
World Wide Web Publishing Service	Provides W...	Started	Automatic	Local System
ASP.NET State Service	Provides s...		Manual	Network Service
Cryptographic Services	Provides fo...	Started	Automatic	Network Service
Distributed Transaction Coordinator	Coordinate...	Started	Automatic (D...	Network Service
DNS Client	The DNS Cl...	Started	Automatic	Network Service
IPsec Policy Agent	Internet Pr...	Started	Manual	Network Service
KtmRm for Distributed Transaction Coordinator	Coordinate...		Manual	Network Service
Message Queuing	Provides a ...	Started	Automatic	Network Service
Net.Msmq Listener Adapter	Receives a...	Started	Automatic	Network Service
Network Access Protection Agent	The Netwo...		Manual	Network Service
Network Location Awareness	Collects an...	Started	Automatic	Network Service
Office Software Protection Platform	Office Soft...	Started	Manual	Network Service
Remote Desktop Services	Allows user...	Started	Manual	Network Service
Remote Procedure Call (RPC)	The RPCSS...	Started	Automatic	Network Service
Remote Procedure Call (RPC) Locator	In Window...		Manual	Network Service
RPC Endpoint Mapper	Resolves R...	Started	Automatic	Network Service
Software Protection	Enables th...		Automatic (D...	Network Service
Telephony	Provides T...	Started	Manual	Network Service
Windows Event Collector	This servic...		Manual	Network Service
Windows Remote Management (WS-Management)	Windows R...	Started	Automatic (D...	Network Service
Workstation	Creates an	Started	Automatic	Network Service
Forefront Identity Manager Service	Forefront I...		Disabled	SPDC\svcSPFarm
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SharePoint 2010 Timer	Sends notif...	Started	Automatic	SPDC\svcSPFarm
SharePoint 2010 User Code Host	Executes u...	Started	Automatic	SPDC\svcSPFarm
SharePoint Server Search 14	Provides e...	Started	Manual	SPDC\svcSPFarm
Web Analytics Service	Service for...	Started	Automatic	SPDC\svcSPFarm
SQL Server Agent (MSSQLSERVER)	Executes j...		Manual	SPDC\svcSQLAgent
SQL Server Analysis Services (default)	Supplies on...	Started	Automatic	SPDC\svcSQLAnalysis
SQL Server Integration Services 10.0	Provides m...	Started	Automatic	SPDC\svcSQLIntegration
SQL Server Reporting Services (MSSQLSERVER)	Manages, ...	Started	Automatic	SPDC\svcSQLReporting
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Extended Standard

- ⚙️ Telephony
- ⚙️ Windows Event Collector
- ⚙️ Windows Remote Management (WS-Management)
- ⚙️ Workstation
- ⚙️ Forefront Identity Manager Service
- ⚙️ Forefront Identity Manager Synchronization Service
- ⚙️ SharePoint 2010 Timer
- ⚙️ SharePoint 2010 User Code Host
- ⚙️ SharePoint Server Search 14
- ⚙️ Web Analytics Service
- ⚙️ SQL Server Agent (MSSQLSERVER)
- ⚙️ SQL Server Analysis Services (default)
- ⚙️ SQL Server Integration Services 10.0

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IIS configuration



Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager

SPDEV > Sites > SharePoint Web Services

File View Help

Connections

- Start Page
- SPDEV (SPDC\sqladmin)
- Application Pools
- Sites
 - Default Web Site
 - Enterprise Wiki Site
 - My Sites Host
 - SculptedSystemWebs (18380)
 - SculptedSystemWebs (80)
 - SharePoint Central Administration v4
 - SharePoint Web Services**
 - SITE_2
 - SPMcDonough.com Web

SharePoint Web Services Content

Filter: [Go] Show All | Group by: No Grouping

Name	Type
362117149a89431a843fbde049e7c85d	Application
3c5b31928c8b48868fc5a4e23cf0cc40	Application
4e1d83b1e3934923bfa058153b56fcf	Application
57f71af18474478e98837752e20d7de1	Application
aspnet_client	File Folder
db0fd7202e0447dba868a80bcb13ae0d	Application
ed0e10aab1424719abbb532b52d5a907	Application
SecurityTokenServiceApplication	Application
Topology	Application
web.config	XML Configuration File

secure store

search admin

Features View Content View

Ready

Actions

'SharePoint Web Services' Tasks

Site

- Switch to Features View
- Explore
- Edit Permissions...
- Add Application...
- Add Virtual Directory...
- Edit Bindings...

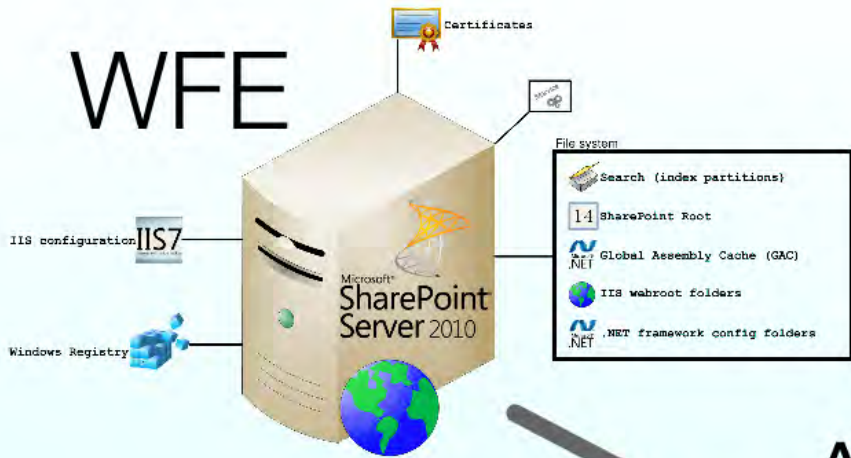
Manage Web Site

- Restart
- Start
- Stop
- Browse
- Advanced Settings...
- Refresh
- Remove

Deploy

- Export Application...
- Import Application...
- Delete Web Site and Content
- Recycle...
- Help
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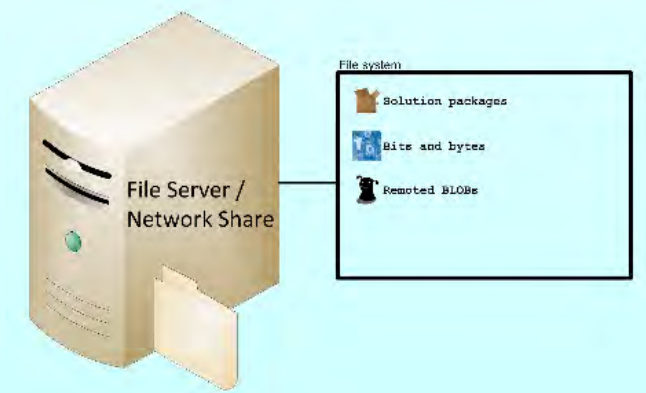
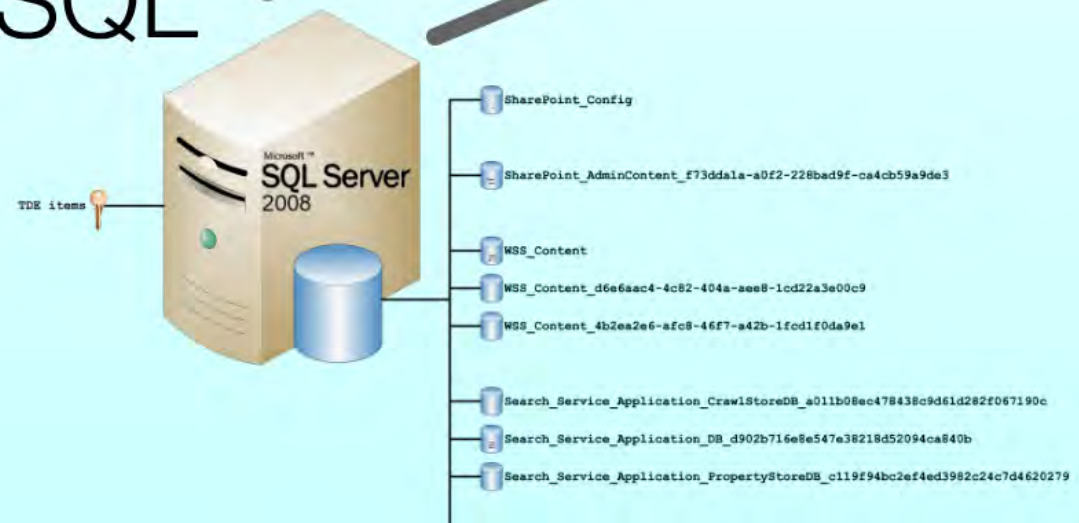
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- 3rd party tools

or

- Protect databases and augment with documentation of config/settings

Test, test,
TEST!!!



Central Administration ▸ Perform a Backup - Step 1 of 2: Select Component to Back Up

Select the items you want to back up. Click **Next** to continue the backup process.



Central Administration

Application Management

System Settings

Monitoring

Backup and Restore

Security

Upgrade and Migration

General Application Settings

Configuration Wizards

Readiness

- No backup or restore in progress. [Backup and Restore Job Status](#)
- Timer service is running.
- Administration service is running.

Select component to back up

Select the top-level component to back up. You can also click the name of a Web application to browse its contents.

Select	Component	Type	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm SP2010_ConfigDB 	Farm Configuration Database	Content and configuration data for the entire server farm. Configuration data for the entire server farm.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> InfoPath Forms Services Settings Data Connections Form Templates Exempt User Agents 	Server Settings and Content Settings Data Connections Form Templates Exempt User Agents	Administrator-approved content and settings for the server farm. Settings Administrator-approved data connection files. Administrator-approved form templates. The collection of user agents that receive InfoPath forms instead of Web pages.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SharePoint Server State Service State Service Application 	State Service State Service Application	Service for storage of temporary state information used by various SharePoint Server features.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft SharePoint Foundation Web Application Enterprise Wiki Site My Sites Host SculptedSystemWebs (18380) SPMcDonough.com Web 	Microsoft SharePoint Foundation Web Application Web Application Web Application Web Application Web Application	Collection of Web Applications Content and configuration data for this Web application. Content and configuration data for this Web application. Content and configuration data for this Web application. Content and configuration data for this Web application.
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- Application Registry Service
 - Microsoft Office Web Apps Diagnostics
 - Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Service
 - Microsoft SharePoint Foundation Diagnostics
 - Shared Services**
 - Shared Services Applications**
 - Shared Services Proxies**
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Microsoft SharePoint Serv



Global Search Settings



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Watch out for omitted config items and required external data. For example ...










Managed Metadata




Secure_Store_Ser



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 New	 Delete	 Edit	 Generate New Key	 Refresh Key	 Set	 Set
Manage Target Applications			Key Management		Credentials	Permissions

- Central Administration
- Application Management
- System Settings
- Monitoring
- Backup and Restore
- Security
- Upgrade and Migration
- General Application Settings
- Configuration Wizards

 Before creating a new Secure Store Target Application, you must first generate a new key for this Secure Store Service Application from the ribbon.

Generate New Key

The credential database is encrypted by using a key. The key is generated based on the pass phrase. Please specify the pass phrase. [Help](#)

Warning: this page is not encrypted for secure communication. User names, passwords, and any other information will be sent in clear text. For more information, contact your administrator.

Generating new key requires encrypting the database by using a new key. This process may take several minutes.

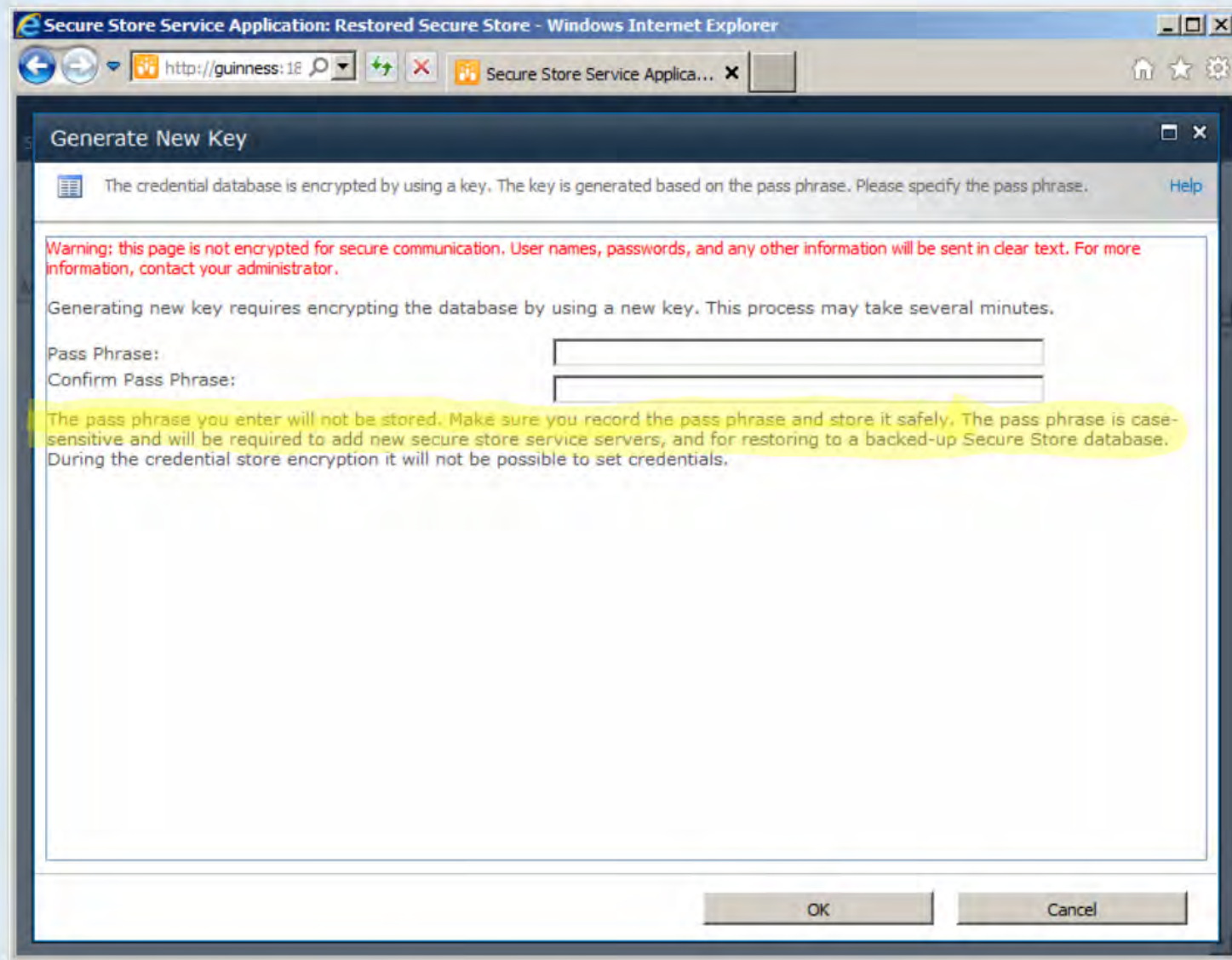
Pass Phrase:

Confirm Pass Phrase:

The pass phrase you enter will not be stored. Make sure you record the pass phrase and store it safely. The pass phrase is case-sensitive and will be required to add new secure store service servers, and for restoring to a backed-up Secure Store database. During the credential store encryption it will not be possible to set credentials.

OK

Cancel



Documentation in some form will be required for any protection strategy selected.



Search

- Service application special case (2010)
- Part of an SSP instance (2007)



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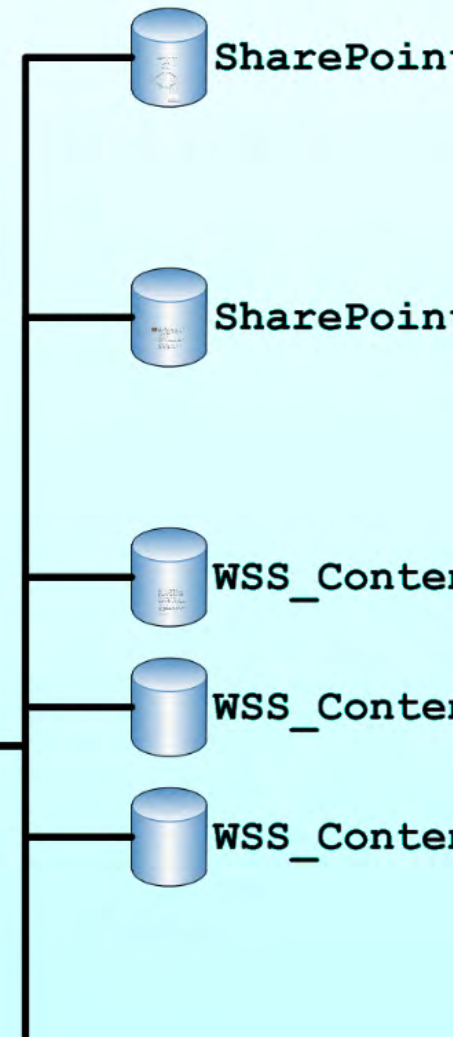
Where is it?

- SQL Server houses admin, crawl and property store databases (for 2010)
- File system houses index partition(s)

*MOSTS 2007 only has
a single search
database per SSP*

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TDE items





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WSS_Content_4b2ea2e6-afc8-46f7-a42b-1fcd1f0da



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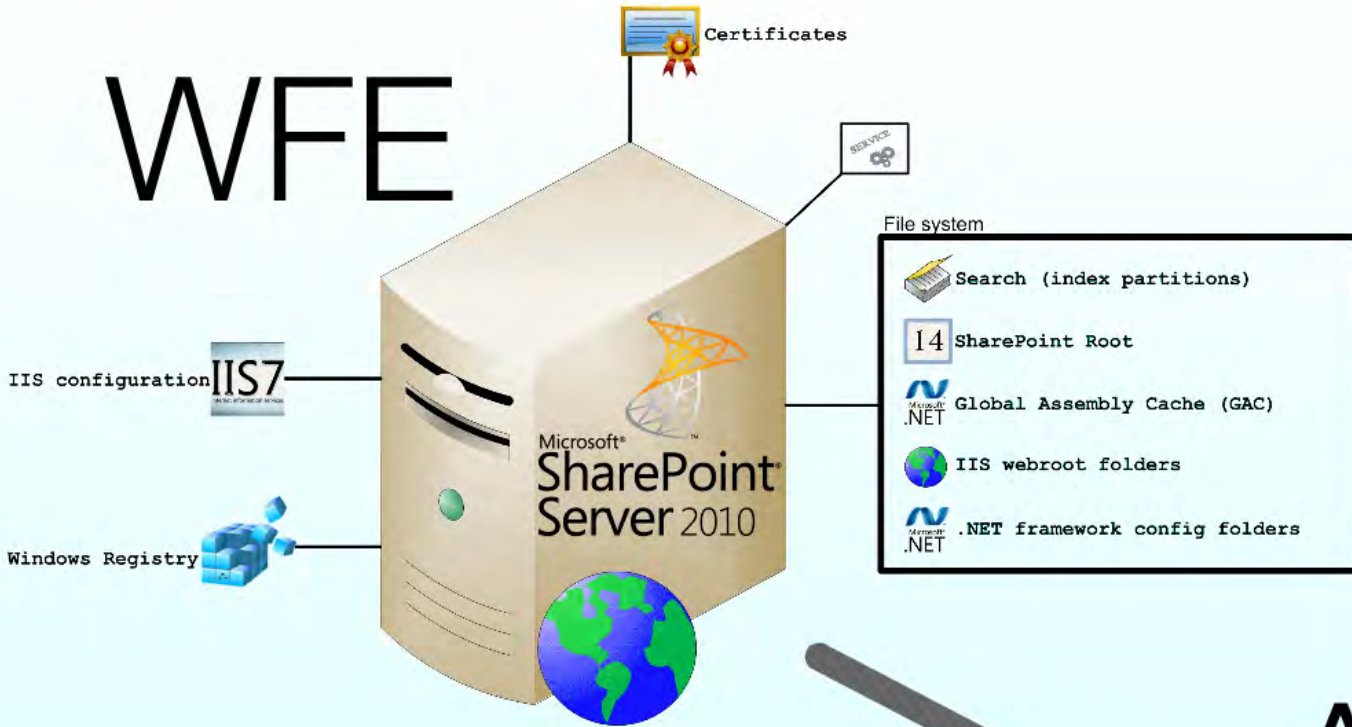
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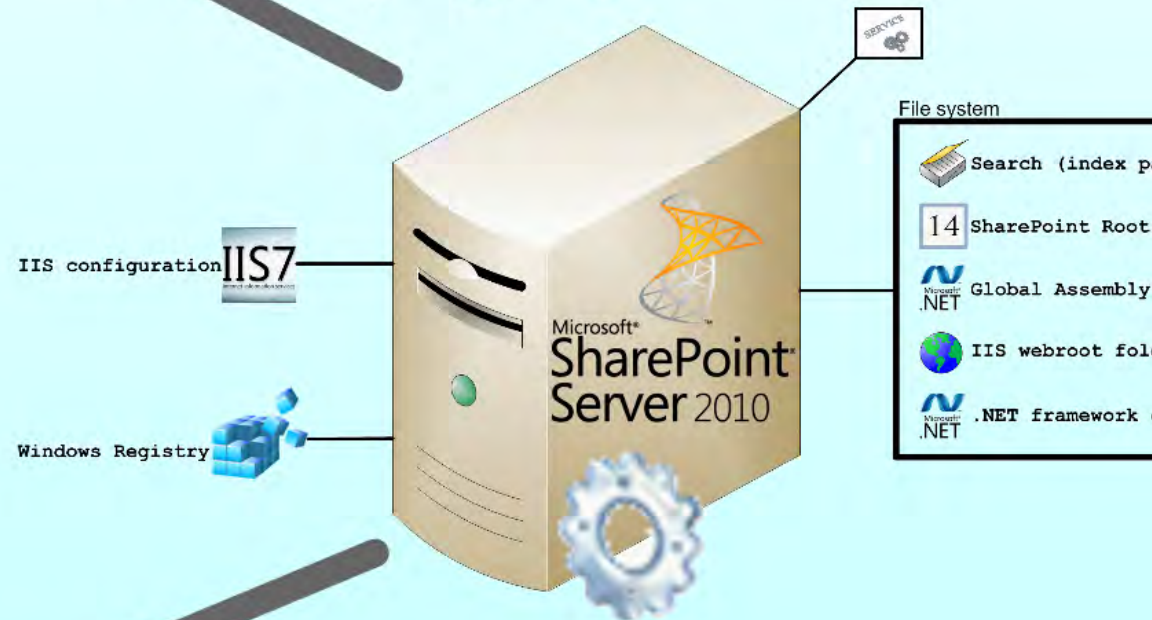
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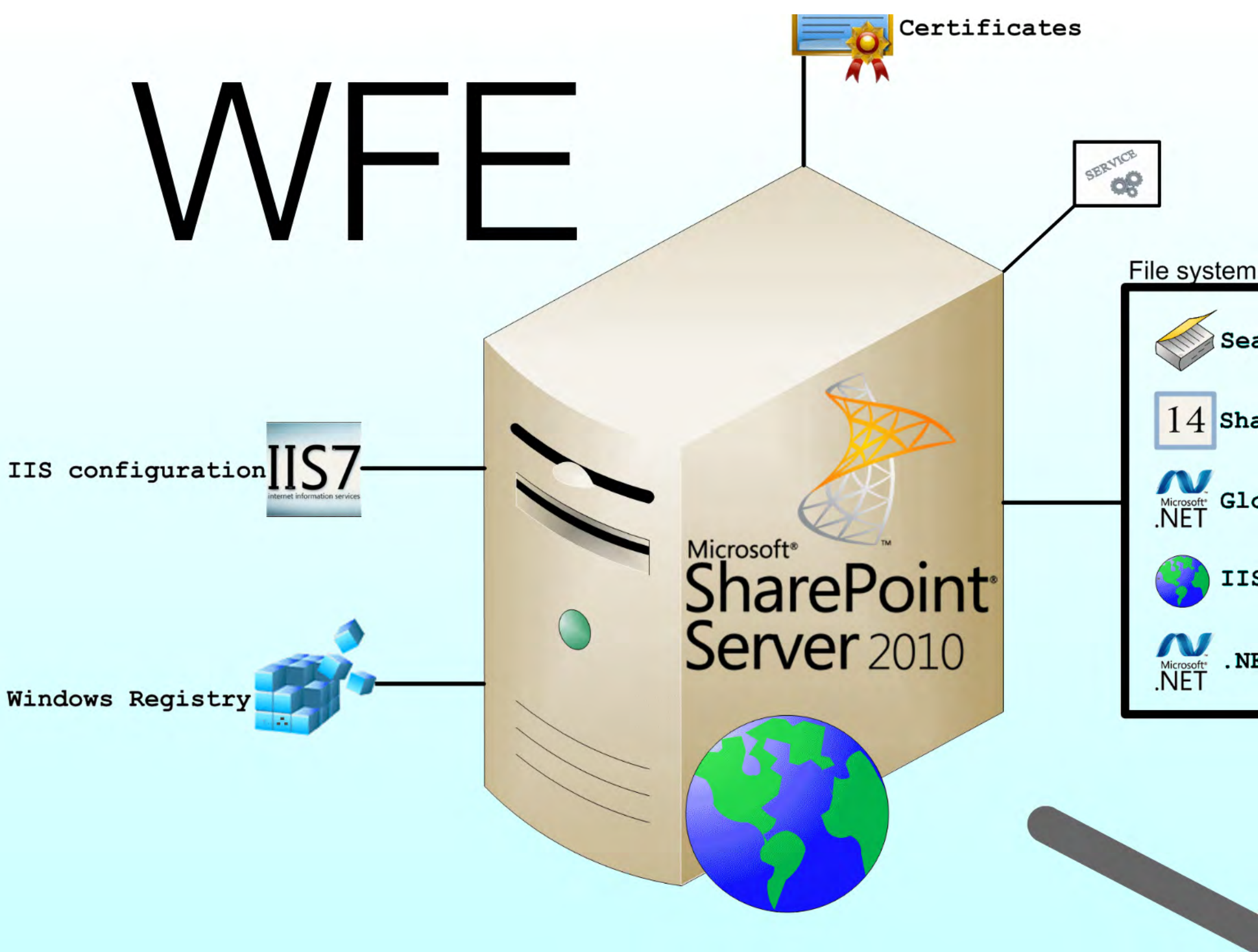


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Search (index partitions)



14 SharePoint Root



Global Assembly Cache (GAC)



IIS webroot folders



.NET framework config folders

Applications

SharePoint > Search Index > Office Server > Applications

Search Applications

Organize Open Include in library Share with New folder

- Search Index
- Office Server
 - Applications**
 - 8953cc31-ccad-437a-802f-38e6629d76
 - 8953cc31-ccad-437a-802f-38e6629d76
 - Config
 - GatherLogs
 - Projects
 - AnchorProject
 - Portal_Content
 - 8953cc31-ccad-437a-802f-38e6629d76
 - 22659ada-6a7d-4d53-9d75-87ceff4762
 - 22659ada-6a7d-4d53-9d75-87ceff4762
 - 22659ada-6a7d-4d53-9d75-87ceff4762
- SP2010
 - ULS Logs
 - Usage Logs
- SPObjecIterator
- SQL Replic...

Name	Date modified	Type
8953cc31-ccad-437a-802f-38e6629d76a4	10/3/2010 3:06 PM	File folder
8953cc31-ccad-437a-802f-38e6629d76a4-crawl-0	10/3/2010 3:08 PM	File folder
8953cc31-ccad-437a-802f-38e6629d76a4-query-0	10/3/2010 3:09 PM	File folder
22659ada-6a7d-4d53-9d75-87ceff4762b5	4/25/2010 5:57 PM	File folder
22659ada-6a7d-4d53-9d75-87ceff4762b5-crawl-0	4/25/2010 5:57 PM	File folder
22659ada-6a7d-4d53-9d75-87ceff4762b5-query-0	4/25/2010 5:58 PM	File folder

8953cc31-ccad-437a-802f-38e6629d76a4-... Date modified: 10/3/2010 3:08 PM
File folder



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Core SharePoint targets

aka, "the meat and potatoes"

- Content databases
- Central Admin content DB
- Farm Configuration database
- Service Applications / SSPs
- Search





Related targets

"important to remember"

- Solution packages
- SharePoint Root
- IIS Configuration
- Certificates
- IIS web root
- GAC
- Registry
- Bits and bytes



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If you answered "no,"
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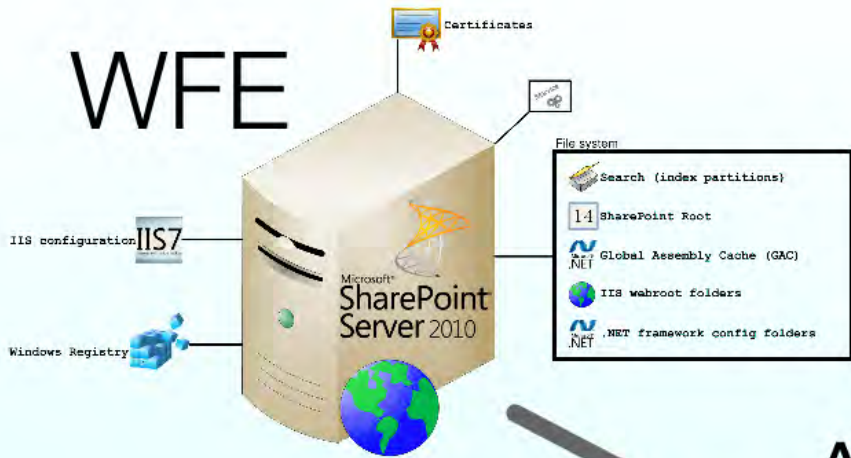
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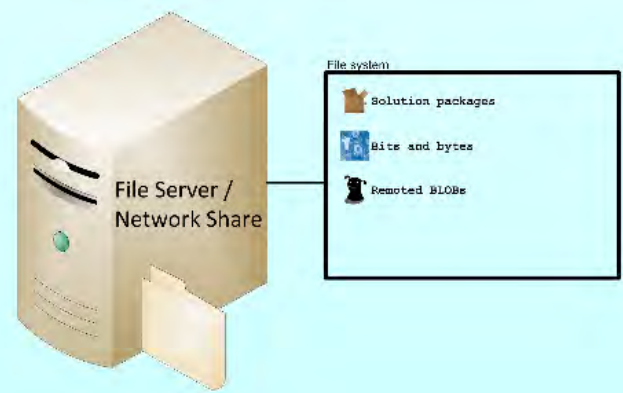
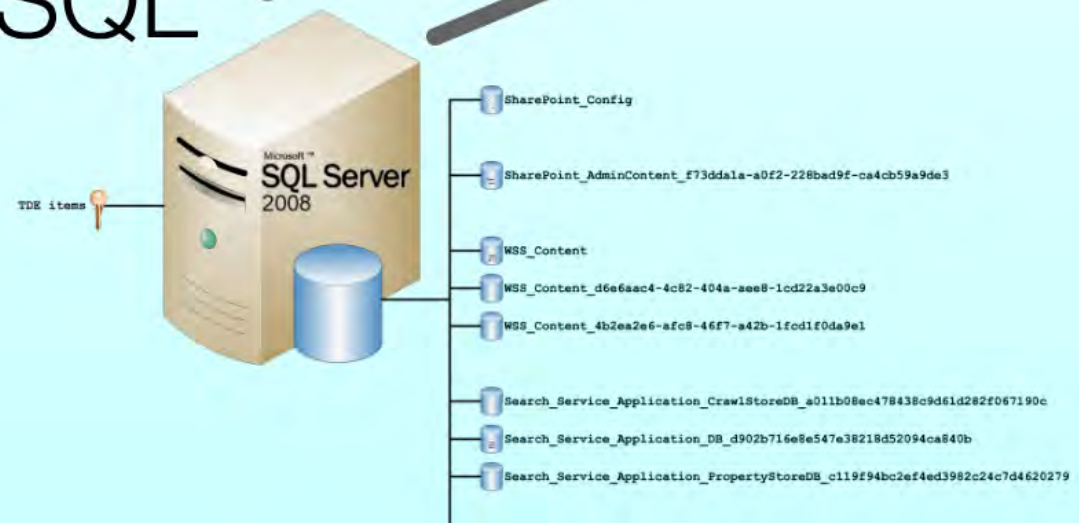
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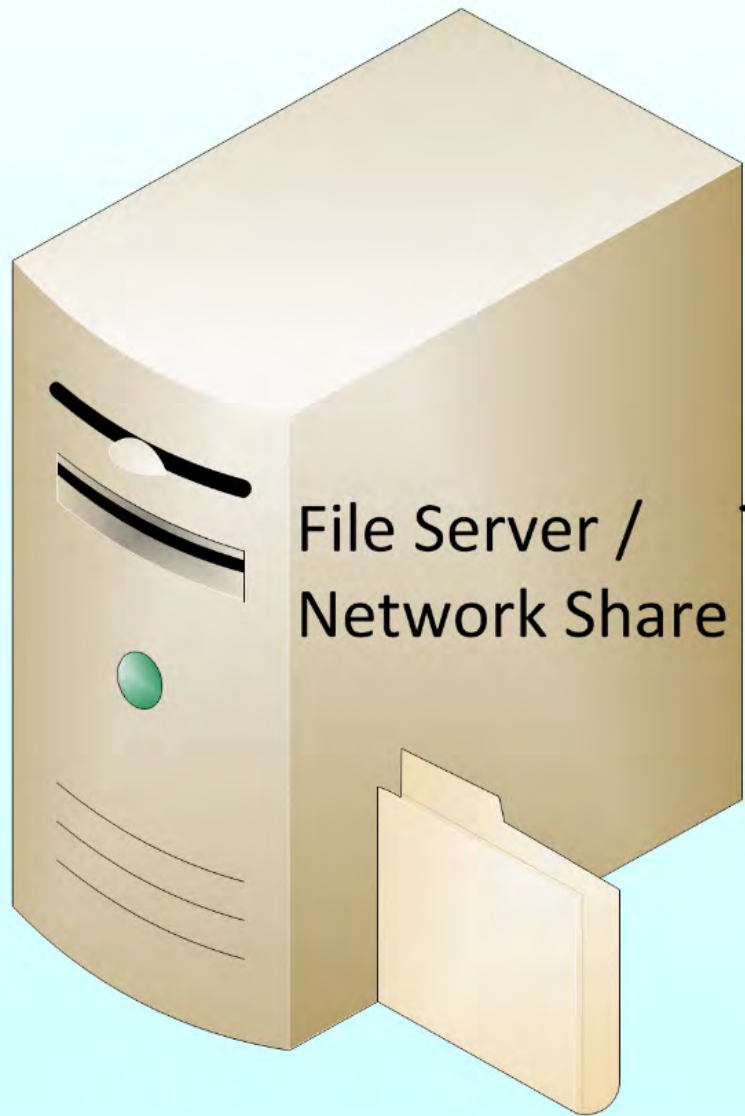


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- Configuration-only backup with SP2010



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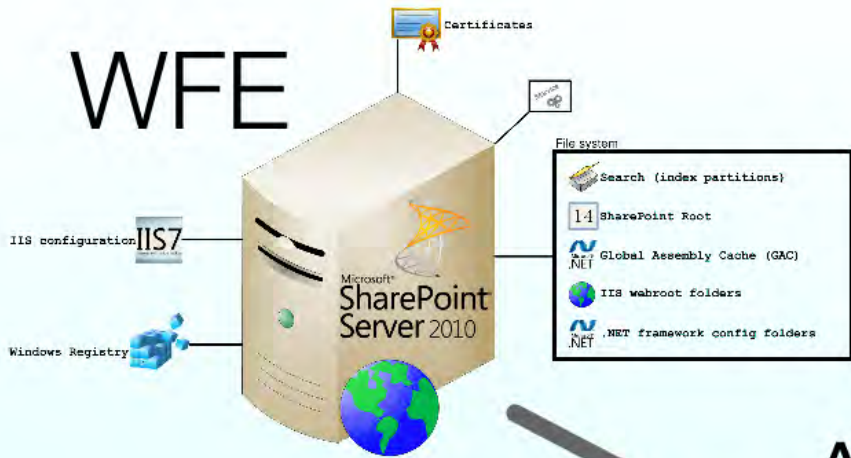
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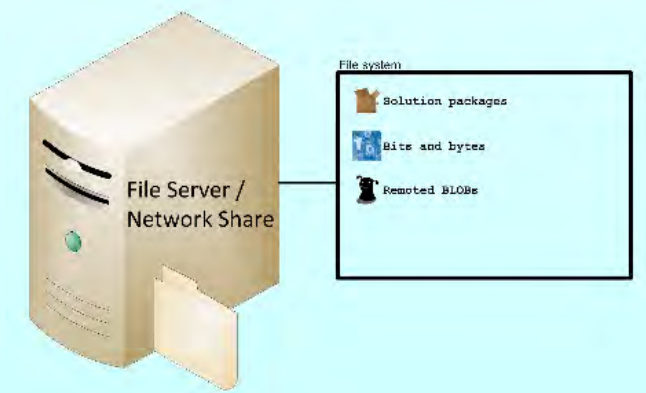
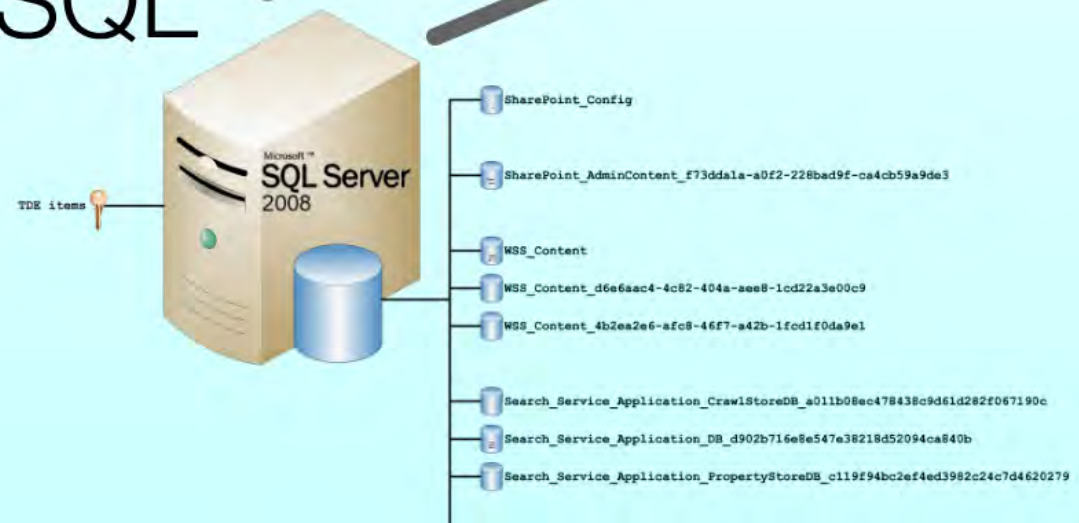
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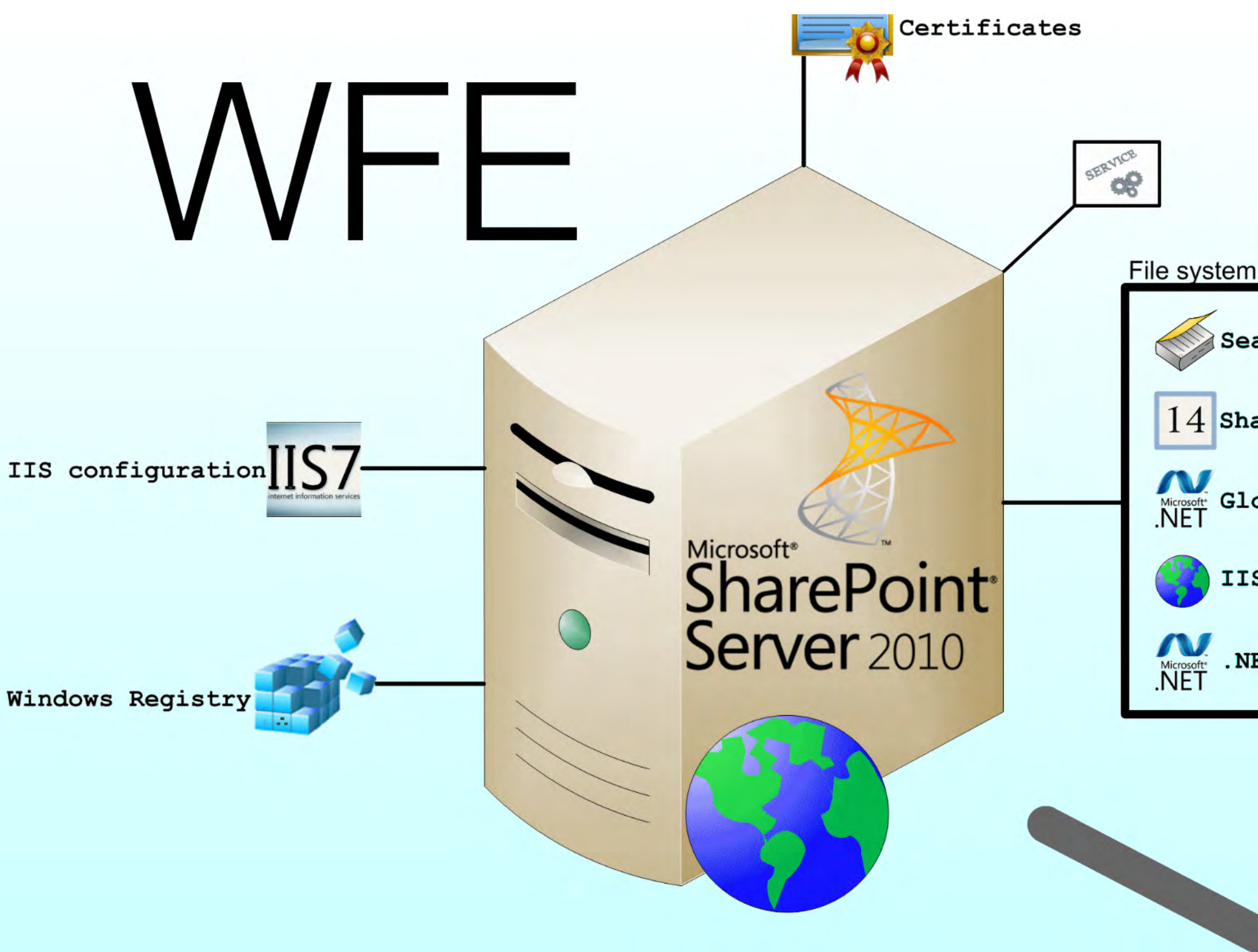
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SharePoint Root



Global Assembly

- Web Server Extensions
 - 14
 - ADMISAPI
 - BIN
 - CONFIG
 - HCCab
 - Help
 - ISAPI
 - LOGS
 - Policy
 - Resources
 - TEMPLATE
 - UserCode
 - WebClients
 - WebServices
 - wpresources
 - WF
 - Services
 - SpeechEngines

Name	Date modified	Type
ADMISAPI	10/3/2010 2:48 PM	File folder
BIN	7/5/2011 10:40 AM	File folder
CONFIG	8/6/2011 4:31 AM	File folder
HCCab	4/25/2010 11:40 AM	File folder
Help	10/3/2010 2:43 PM	File folder
ISAPI	7/5/2011 10:57 AM	File folder
LOGS	10/3/2010 4:56 PM	File folder
Policy	7/5/2011 10:50 AM	File folder
Resources	7/5/2011 10:57 AM	File folder
TEMPLATE	10/3/2010 2:44 PM	File folder
UserCode	7/5/2011 10:26 AM	File folder
WebClients	5/17/2011 3:30 PM	File folder
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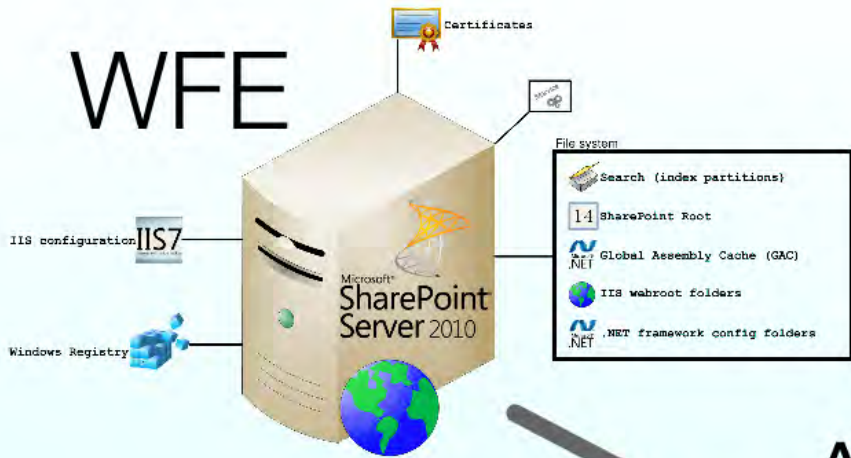
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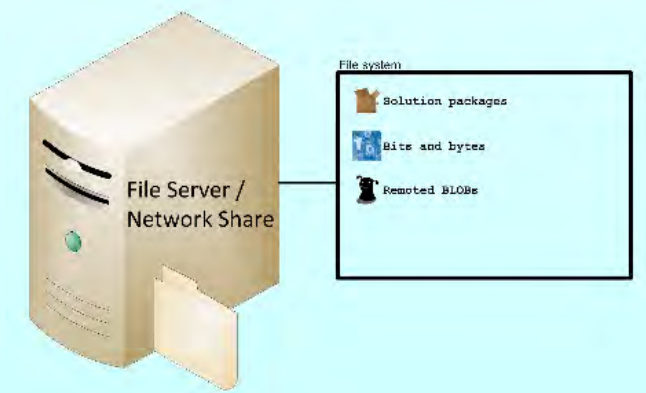
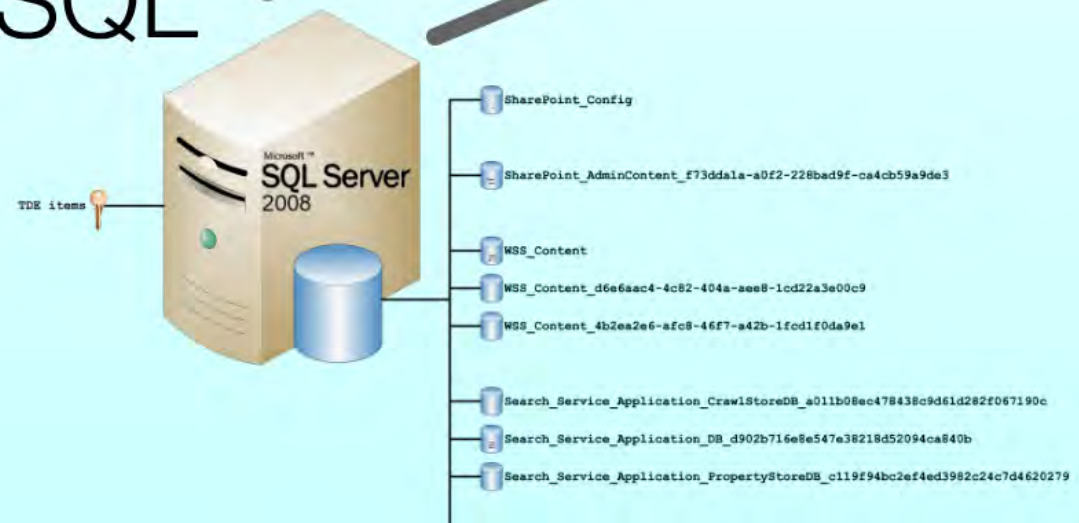
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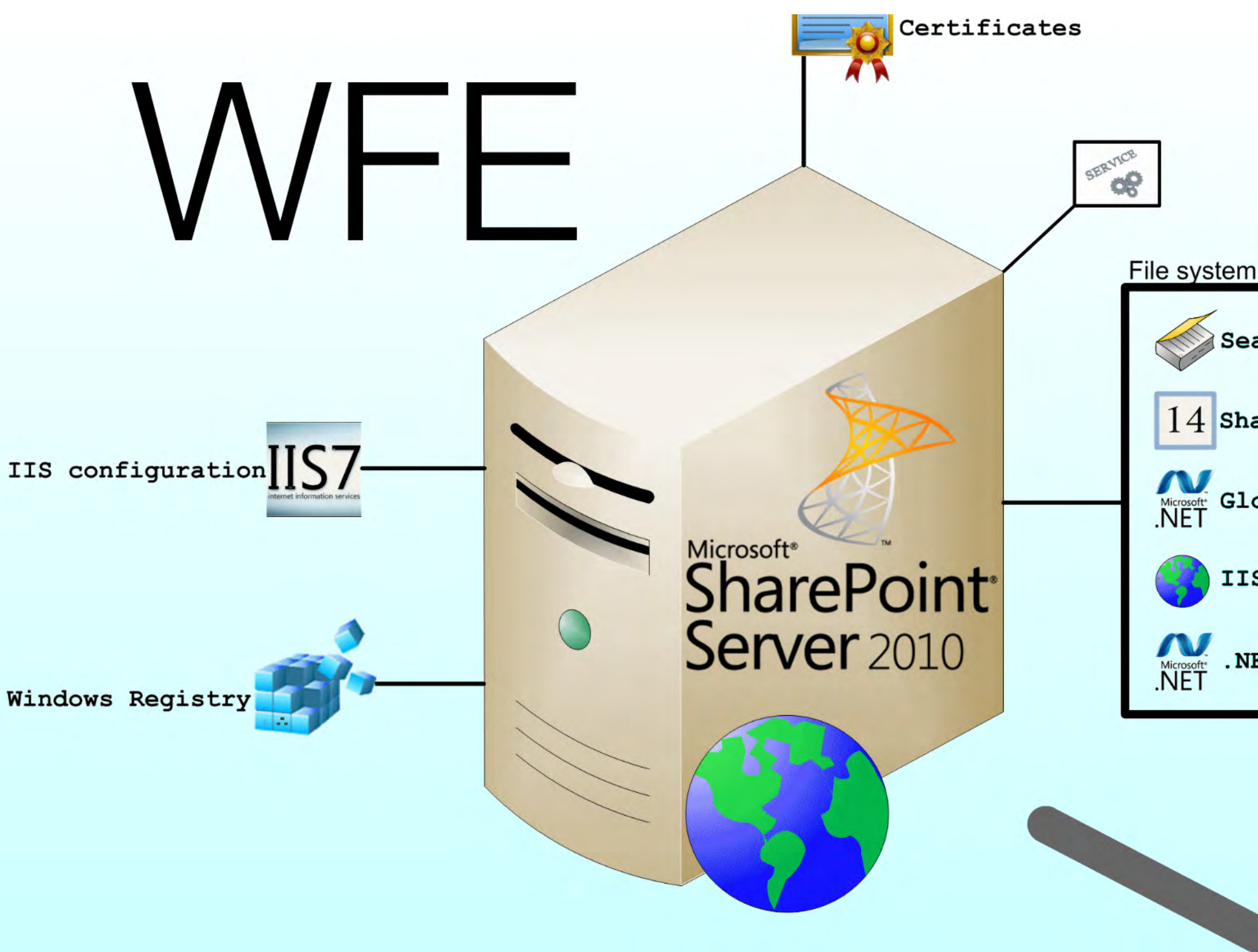
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IIS configuration



config

C:\Windows\System32\inet_srv\config

Search config

Organize Include in library Share with New folder

inet_srv

- 0409
- config
- en-US
- History
- MetaBack
- Ipmi
- it-IT
- ja-JP
- ko-KR
- LogFiles
- lt-LT
- lv-LV
- manifeststore
- Microsoft
- migration
- migwiz
- Msdtc

Name	Date modified	Type
Export	4/25/2010 12:49 AM	File folder
schema	2/22/2011 4:33 PM	File folder
administration.config	2/22/2011 4:37 PM	XML Configuration
applicationHost.config	7/5/2011 11:11 AM	XML Configuration
redirection.config	4/25/2010 12:49 AM	XML Configuration

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backup

SYSTEM (C:) > Windows > System32 > inetsrv > backup

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Name	Date modified	Type	Size
20110809T222735	8/9/2011 10:27 PM	File folder	

et-EE
EventProviders
fi-FI
fr-FR
GroupPolicy
GroupPolicyUsers
he-IL
hr-HR
hu-HU
ias
icsxml
IME
inetsrv
0409
backup
config
Export
schema
1 item

Administrator: Windows PowerShell

```
PS C:\windows\system32\inetsrv> .\appcmd.exe backup /?  
Administration of server configuration backups  
  
APPCMD <command> BACKUP <identifier> <-parameter1:value1 ...>  
  
Supported commands:  
  
list      List existing configuration backups  
add       Create a configuration backup  
delete    Delete a configuration backup  
restore   Restore a configuration backup  
  
<To get help for each command use /?, e.g. 'appcmd.exe add site /?'>  
PS C:\windows\system32\inetsrv> .\appcmd.exe add backup  
BACKUP object "20110809T222735" added  
PS C:\windows\system32\inetsrv> _
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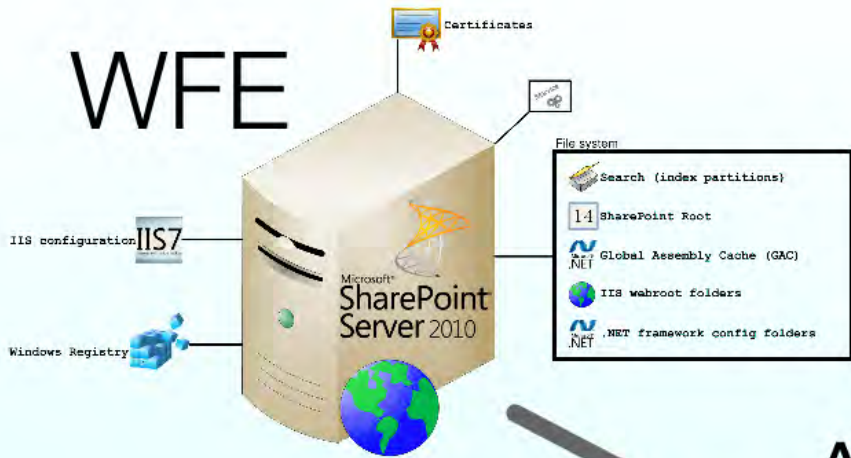


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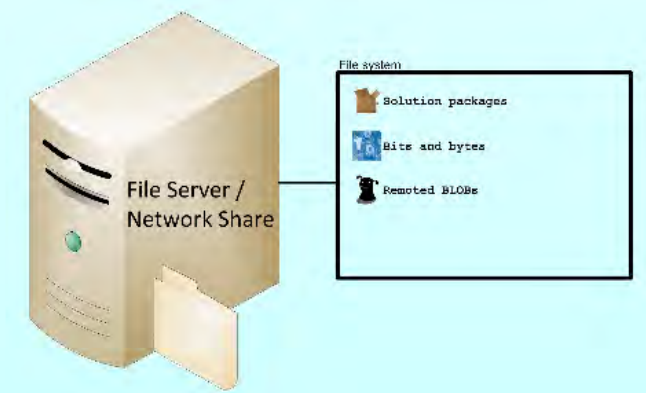
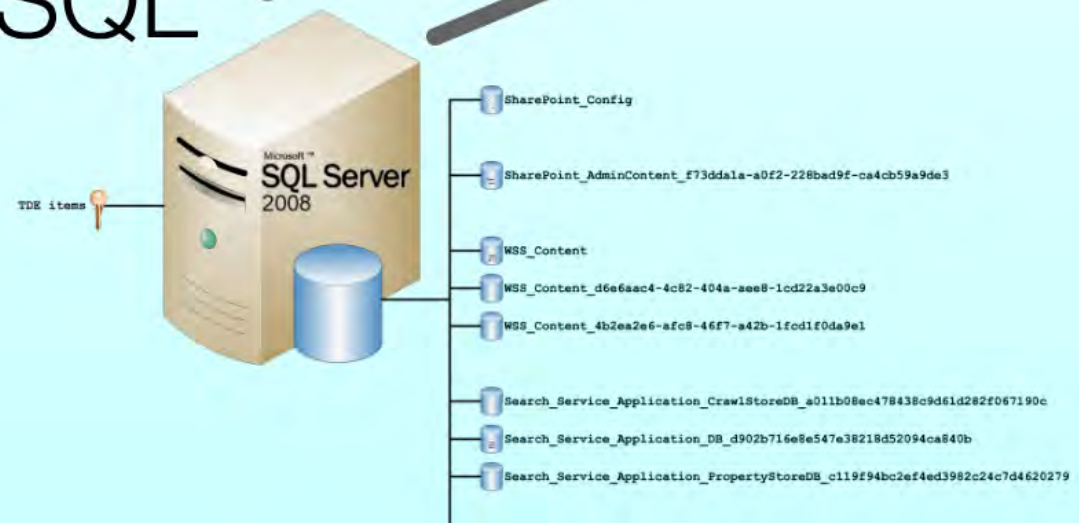
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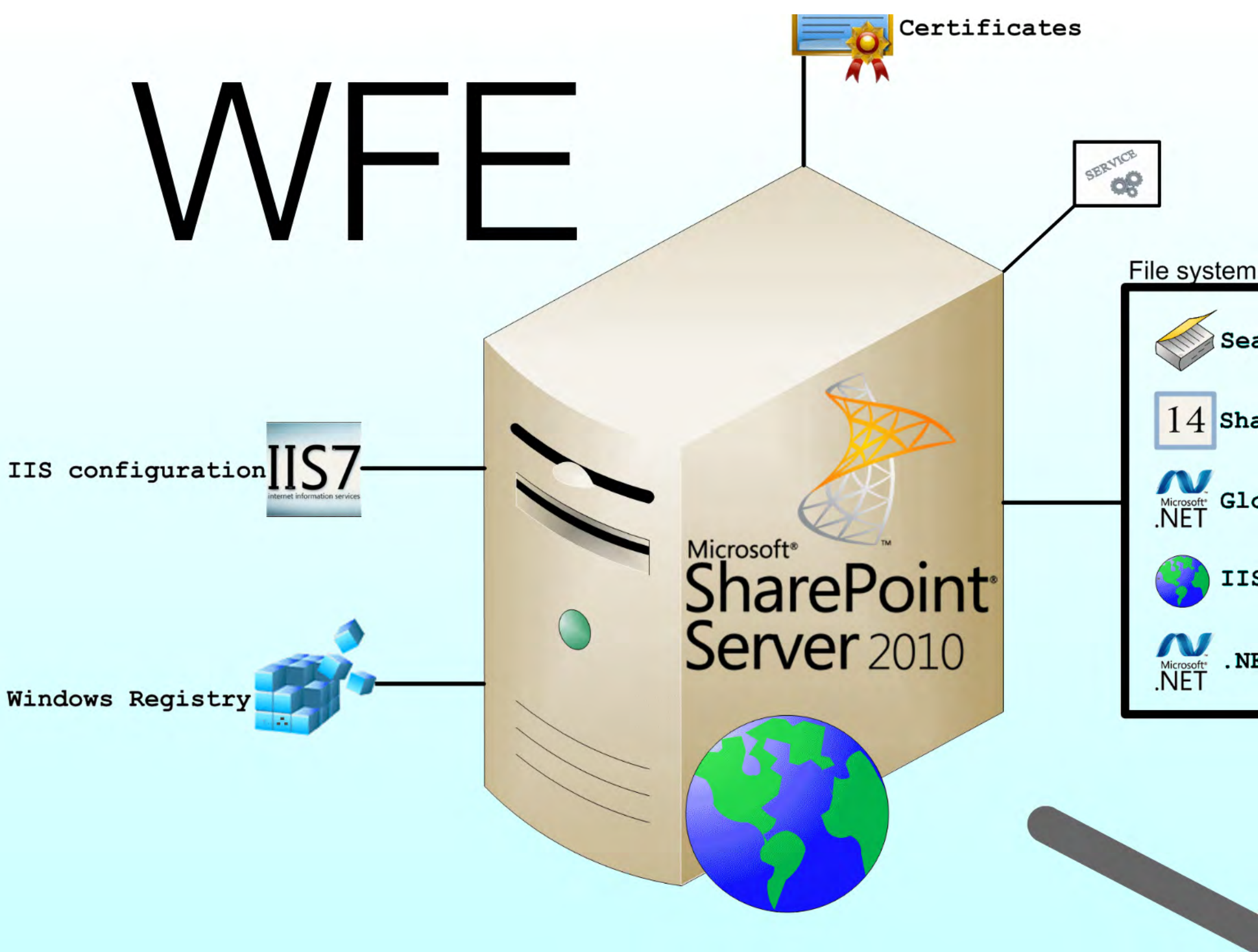
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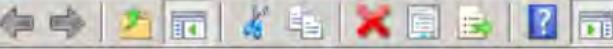
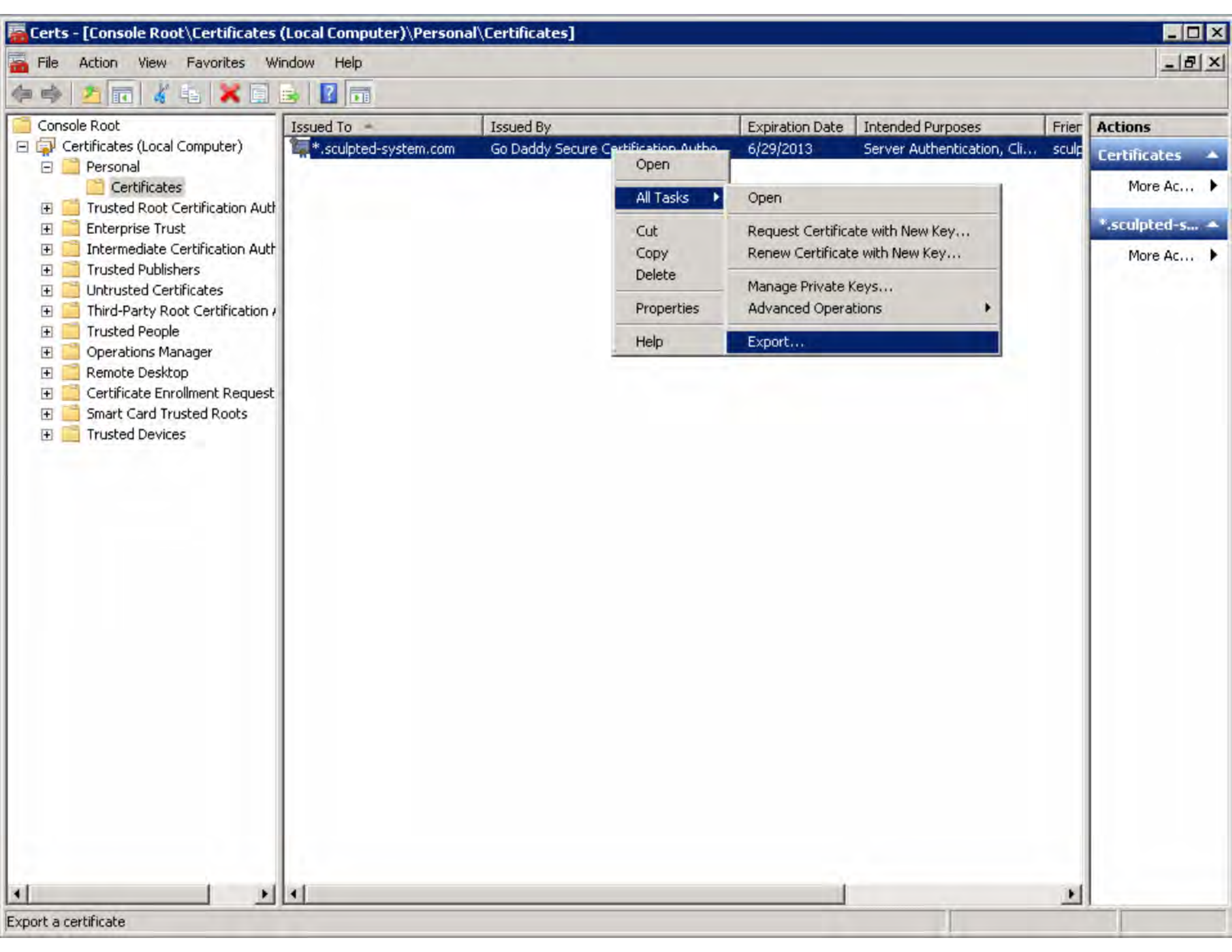
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Certificates





- Console Root
 - Certificates (Local Computer)
 - Personal
 - Certificates
 - Trusted Root Certification Authority
 - Enterprise Trust
 - Intermediate Certification Authorities
 - Trusted Publishers
 - Untrusted Certificates
 - Third-Party Root Certifications
 - Trusted People
 - Operations Manager
 - Remote Desktop
 - Certificate Enrollment Request
 - Smart Card Trusted Roots
 - Trusted Devices

Issued To	Issued By	Expiration Date	Intended Purposes	Friend
*.sculpted-system.com	Go Daddy Secure Certification Authority	6/29/2013	Server Authentication, Client Authentication	sculpted-system.com

- Open
 - All Tasks
 - Open
 - Request Certificate with New Key...
 - Renew Certificate with New Key...
 - Manage Private Keys...
 - Advanced Operations
 - Export...
 - Cut
 - Copy
 - Delete
 - Properties
 - Help

- Actions**
- Certificates
 - More Actions
 - *.sculpted-s...
 - More Actions

Connections

- Start Page
- VMSS-SP2010 (SCULPTEDSYSTEMS)
- Application Pools
- Sites
 - Central Administration (IIS)
 - Central Administration IS
 - Internal Home Web (80)
 - Internal Home Web ISAF
 - My Site Host Web (80)
 - My Site Host Web ISAPU
 - Sculpted System Webs (IIS)
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 - SharePoint Central Admi
 - SharePoint Web Services
 - SPMcDonough Web (80)

Server Certificates

Use this feature to request and manage certificates that the Web server can use with Web sites configured for SSL.

Name	Issued To	Issued By	Expiration Date	Certificate
WMSvc-VMSS-SP2010	ForefrontIdentityManager	ForefrontIdentityManager	5/21/2020 4:23:59 PM	8575526...

- Import...
- Create Certificate Request...
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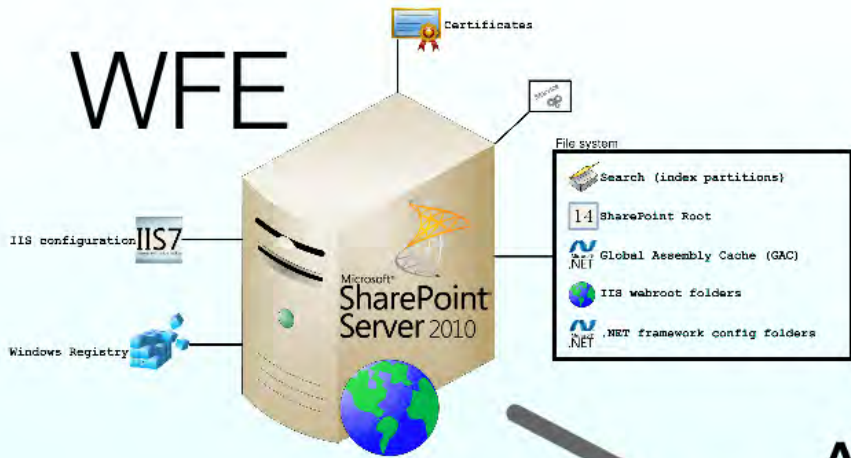
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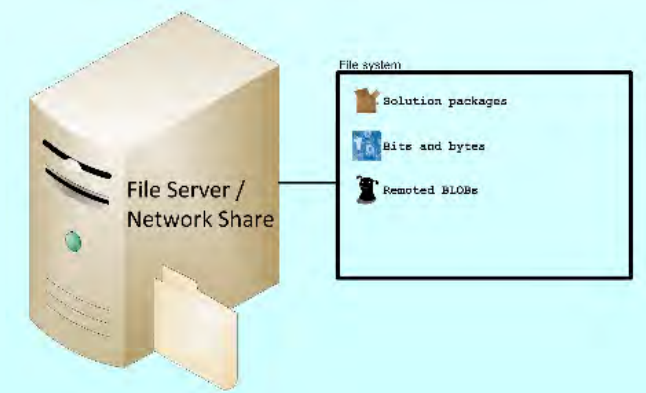
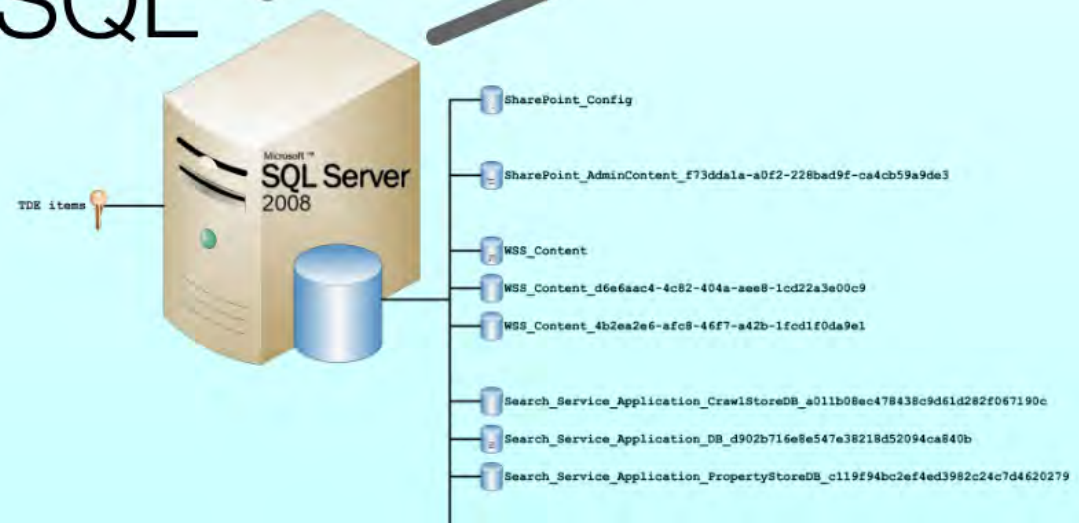
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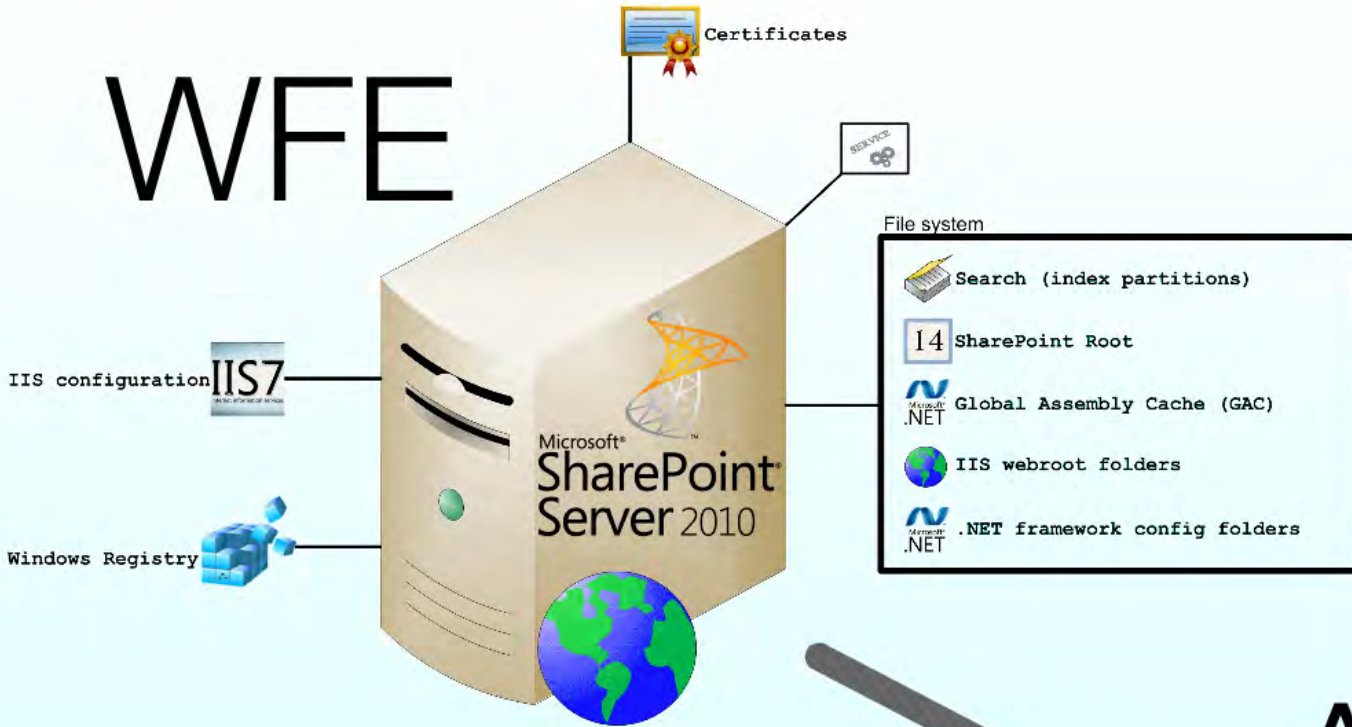
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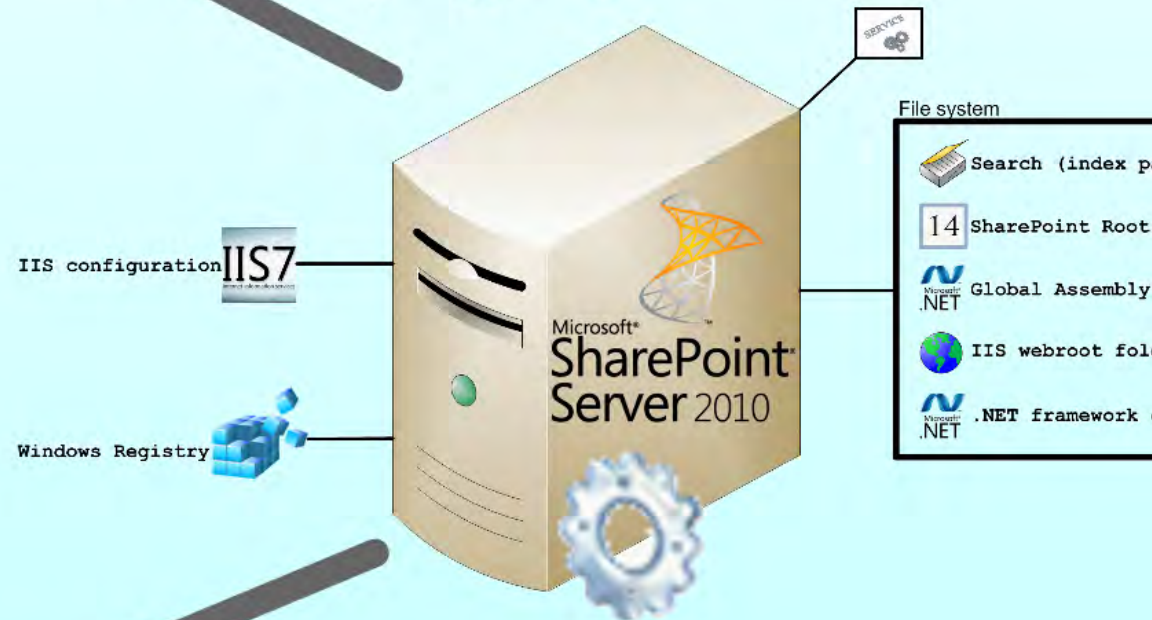
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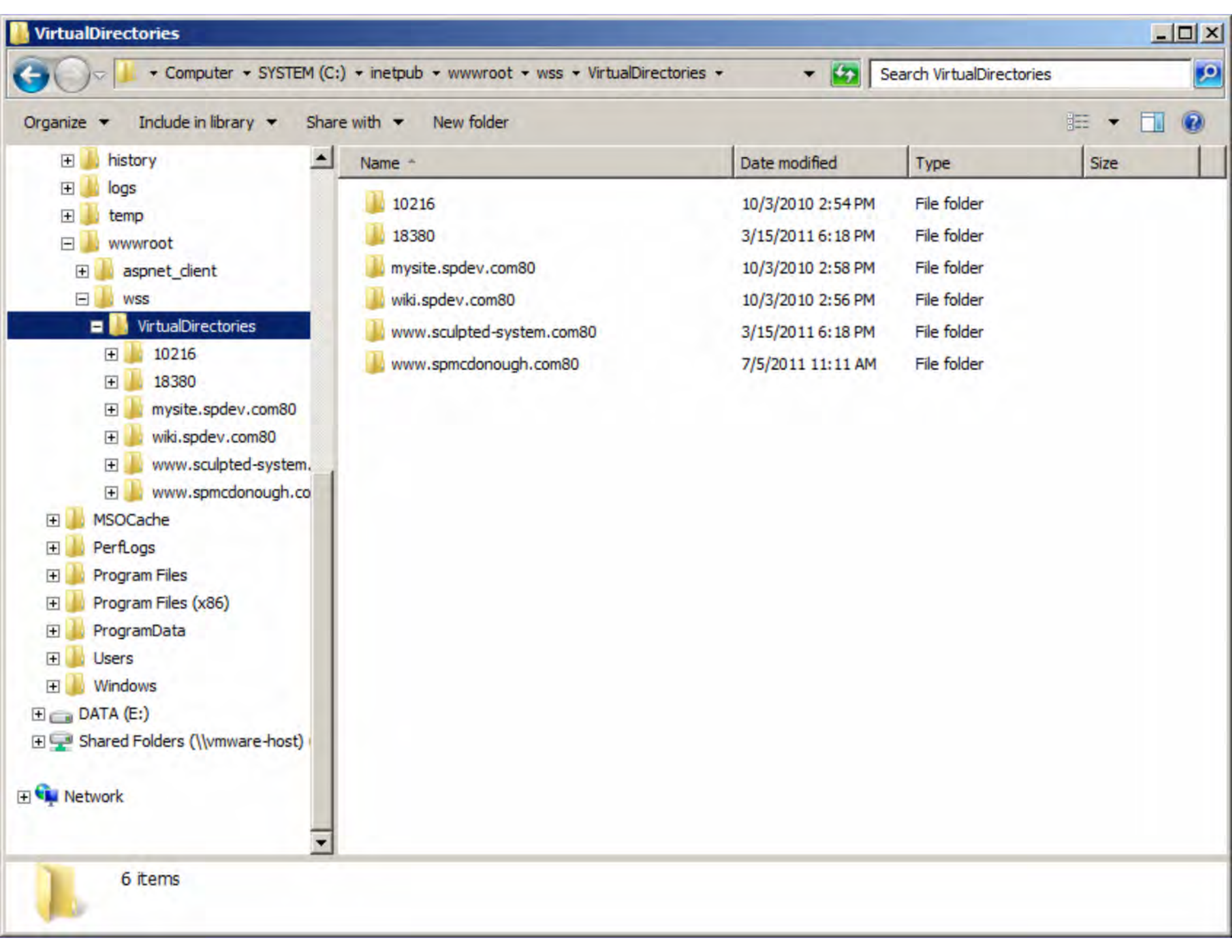
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IIS webroot folders



.NET framework config folders



VirtualDirectories

Computer > SYSTEM (C:) > inetpub > wwwroot > wss > VirtualDirectories

Search VirtualDirectories

Organize Include in library Share with New folder

- history
- logs
- temp
- wwwroot
 - aspnet_client
 - wss
 - VirtualDirectories**
 - 10216
 - 18380
 - mysite.spdev.com80
 - wiki.spdev.com80
 - www.sculpted-system.com80
 - www.spmcdonough.com80
- MSOCache
- PerfLogs
- Program Files
- Program Files (x86)
- ProgramData
- Users
- Windows
- DATA (E:)
- Shared Folders (\\vmware-host)
- Network

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
10216	10/3/2010 2:54 PM	File folder	
18380	3/15/2011 6:18 PM	File folder	
mysite.spdev.com80	10/3/2010 2:58 PM	File folder	
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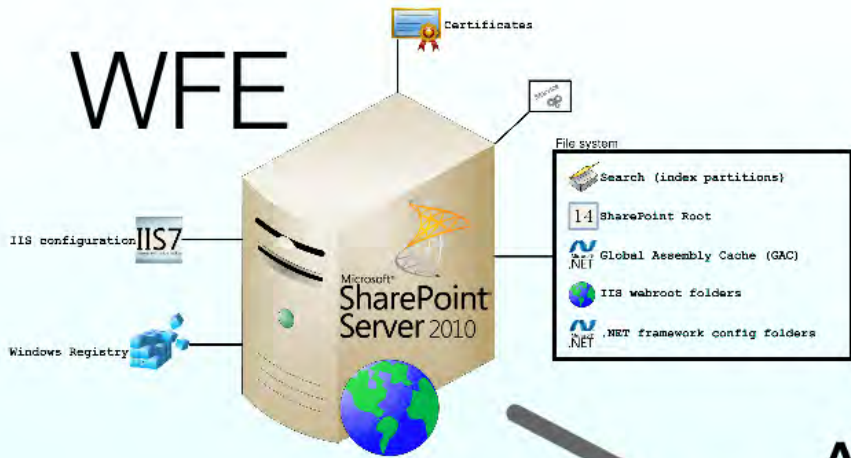
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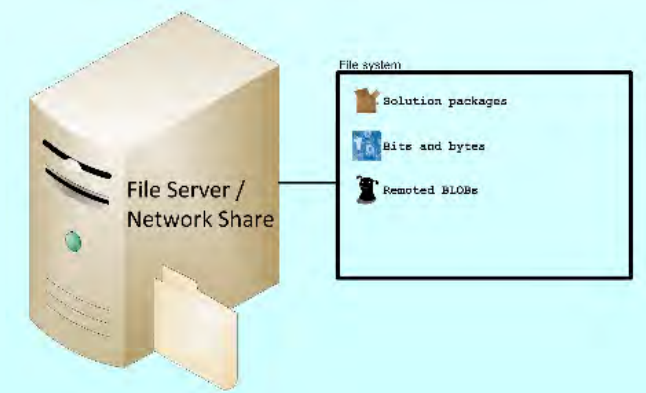
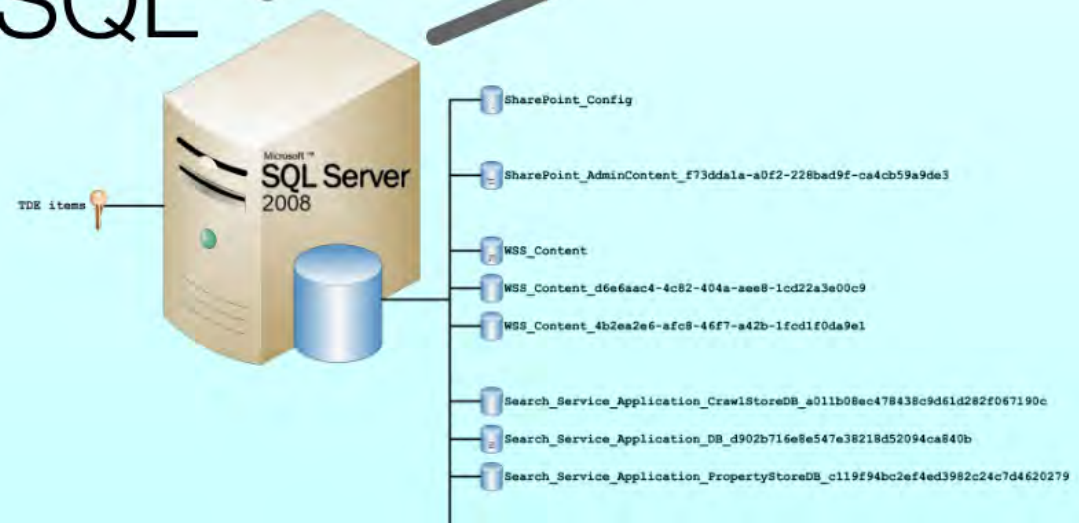
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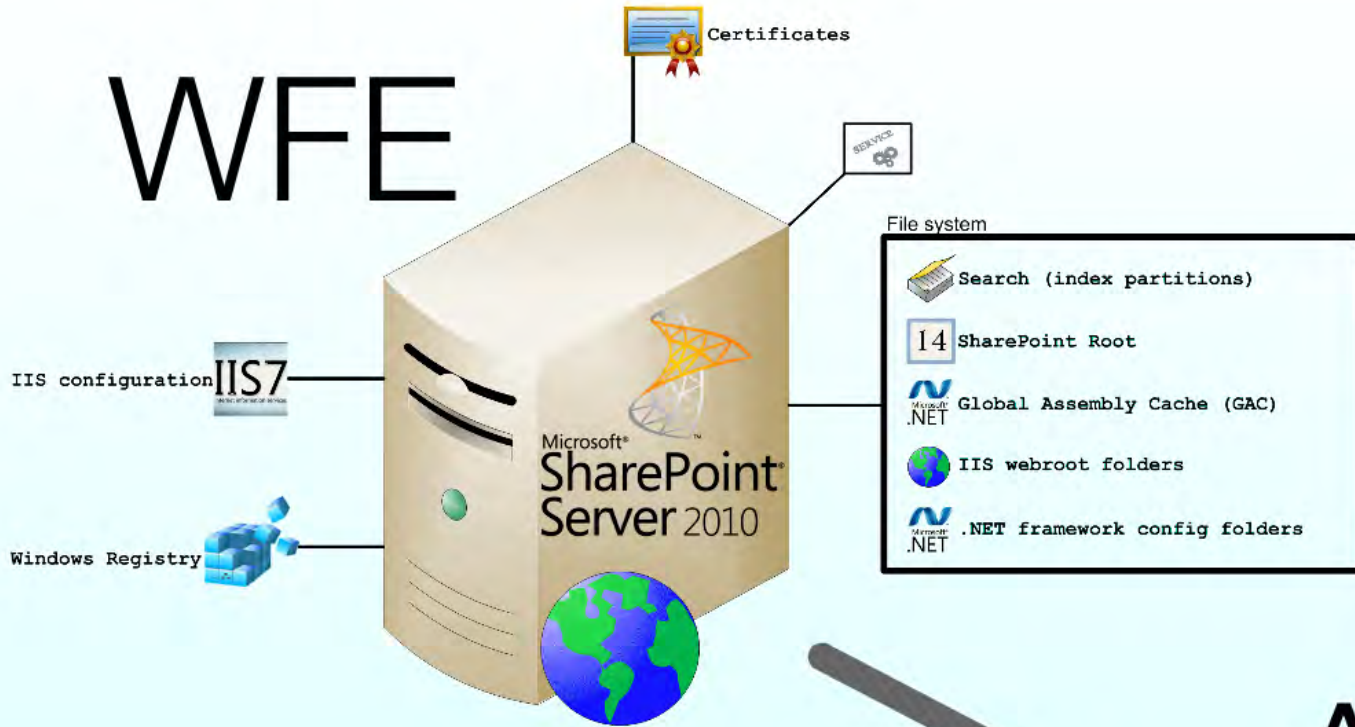
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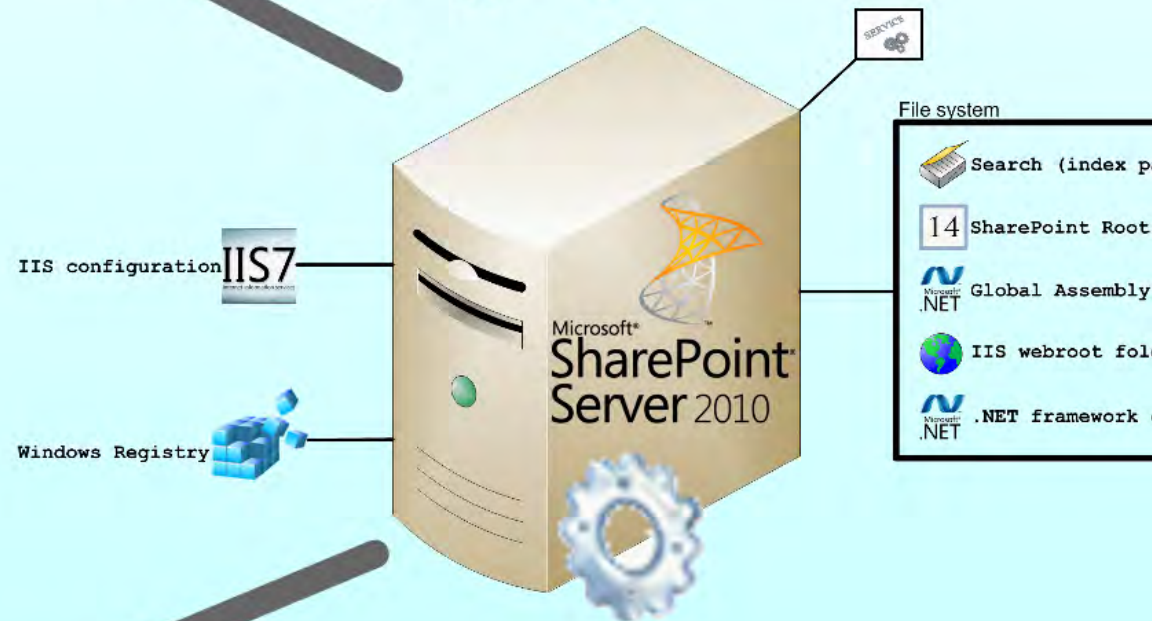
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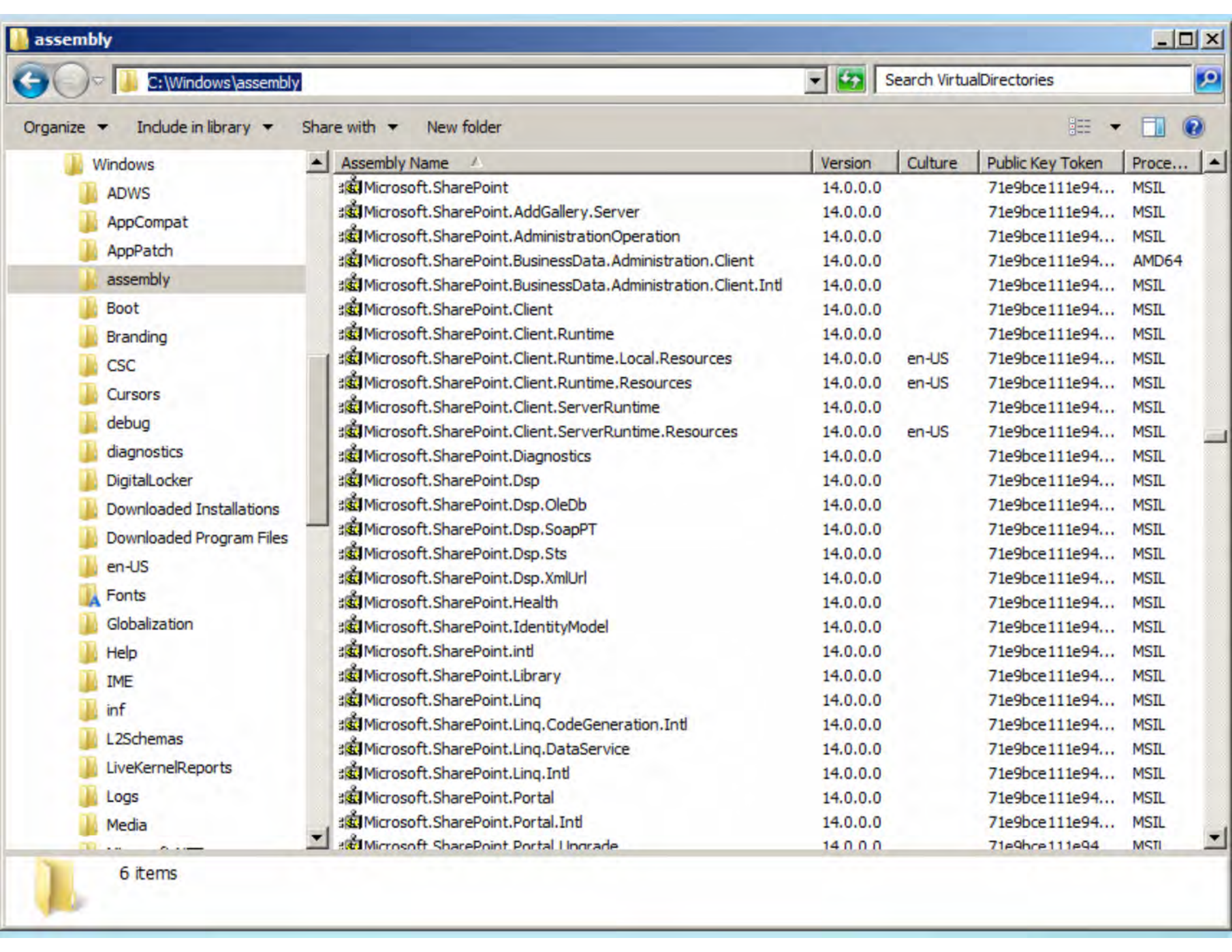
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- Windows
- ADWS
- AppCompat
- AppPatch
- assembly
- Boot
- Branding
- CSC
- Cursors
- debug
- diagnostics
- DigitalLocker
- Downloaded Installations
- Downloaded Program Files
- en-US
- Fonts
- Globalization
- Help
- IME
- inf
- L2Schemas
- LiveKernelReports
- Logs
- Media

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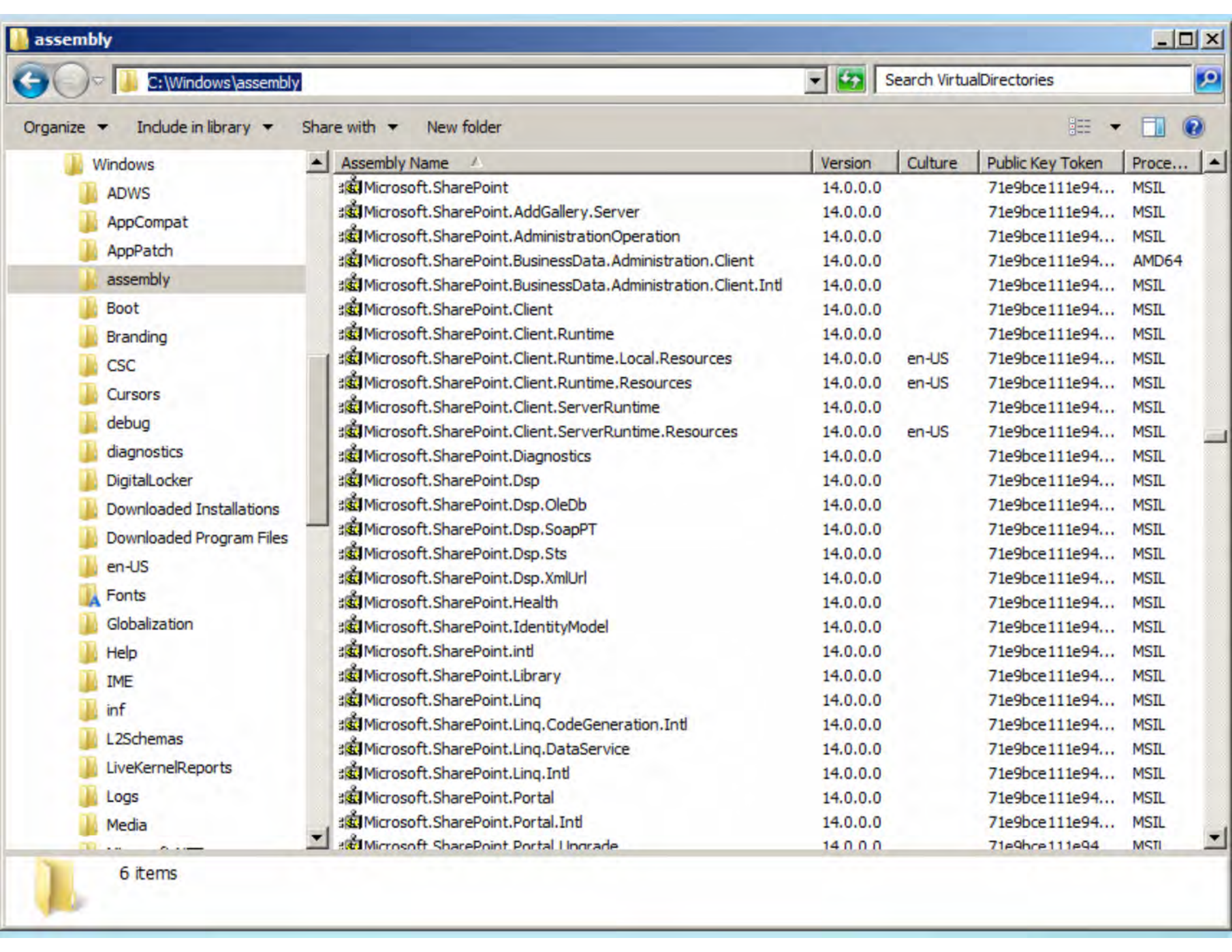
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Administrator: Windows PowerShell

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Directory: C:\windows\assembly

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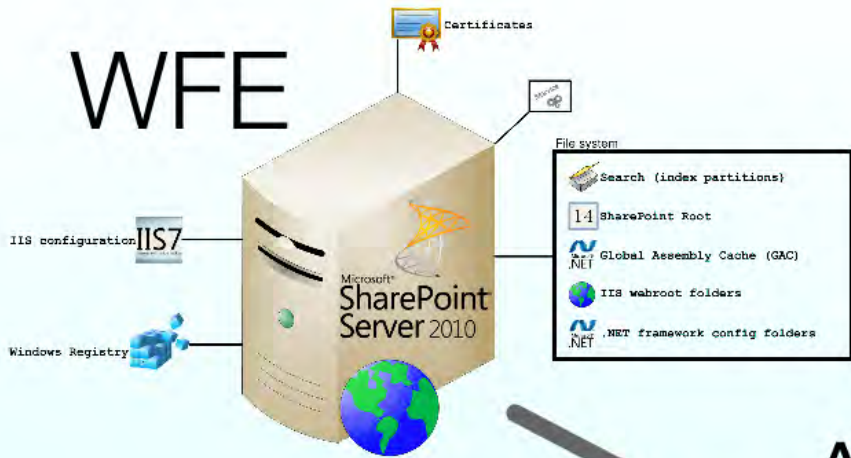
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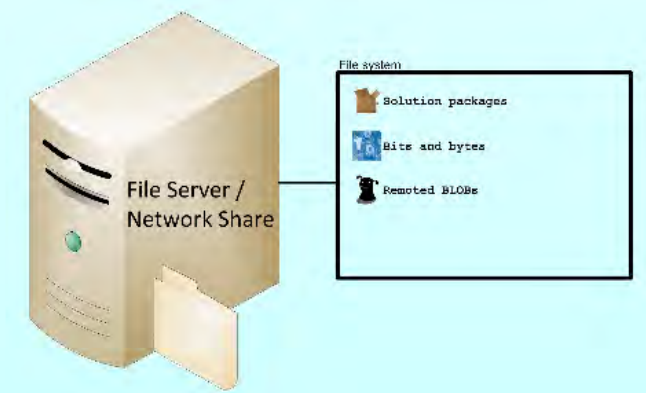
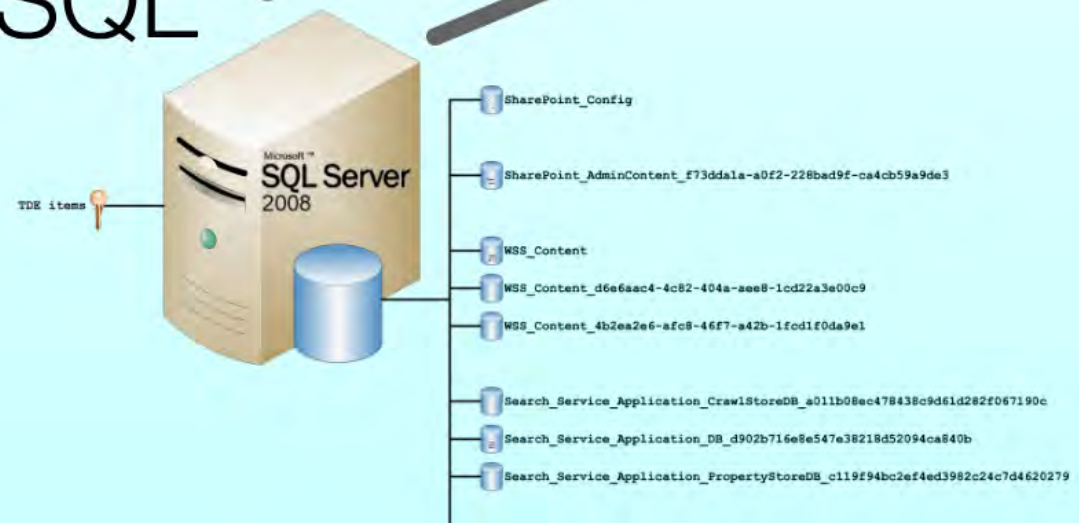
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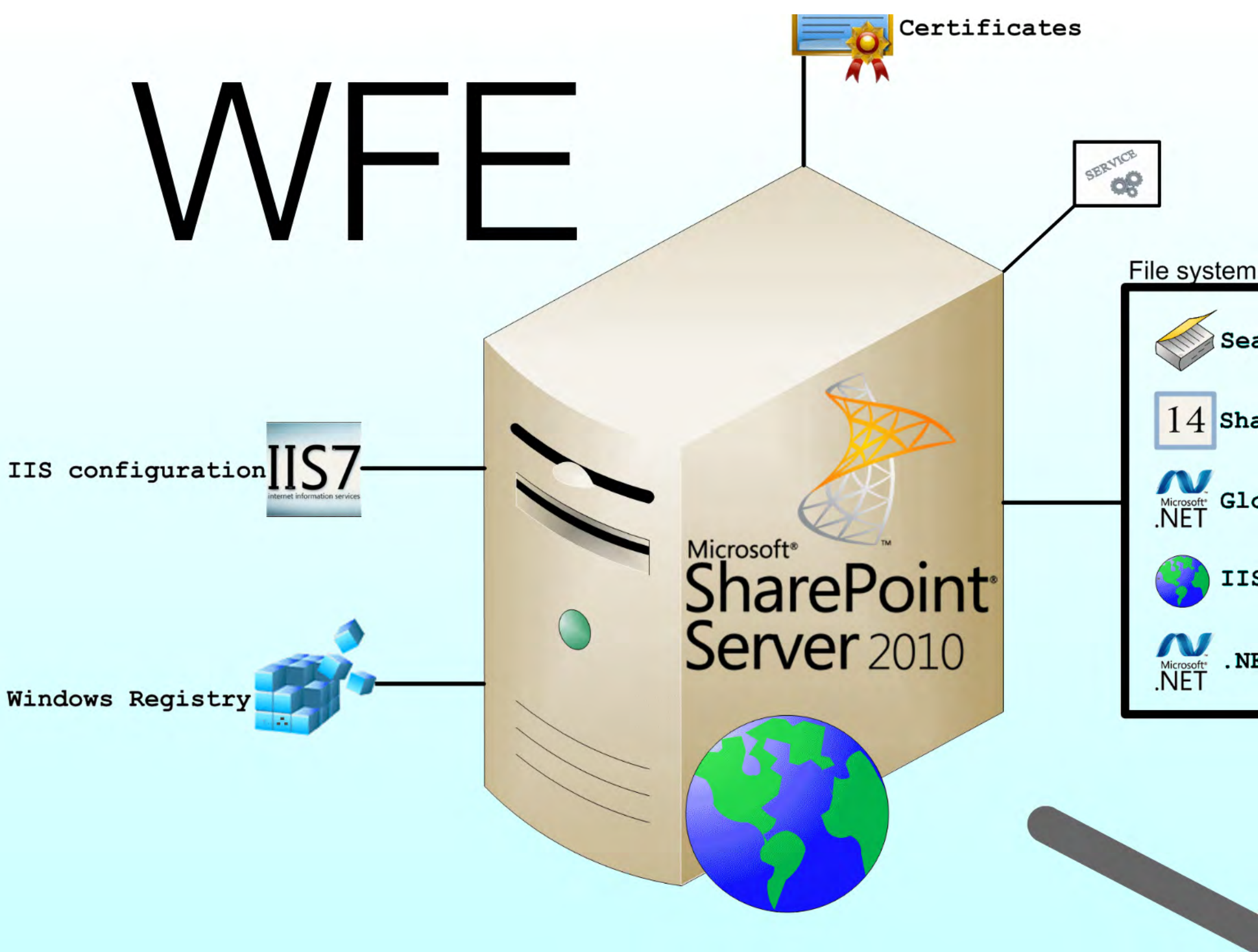
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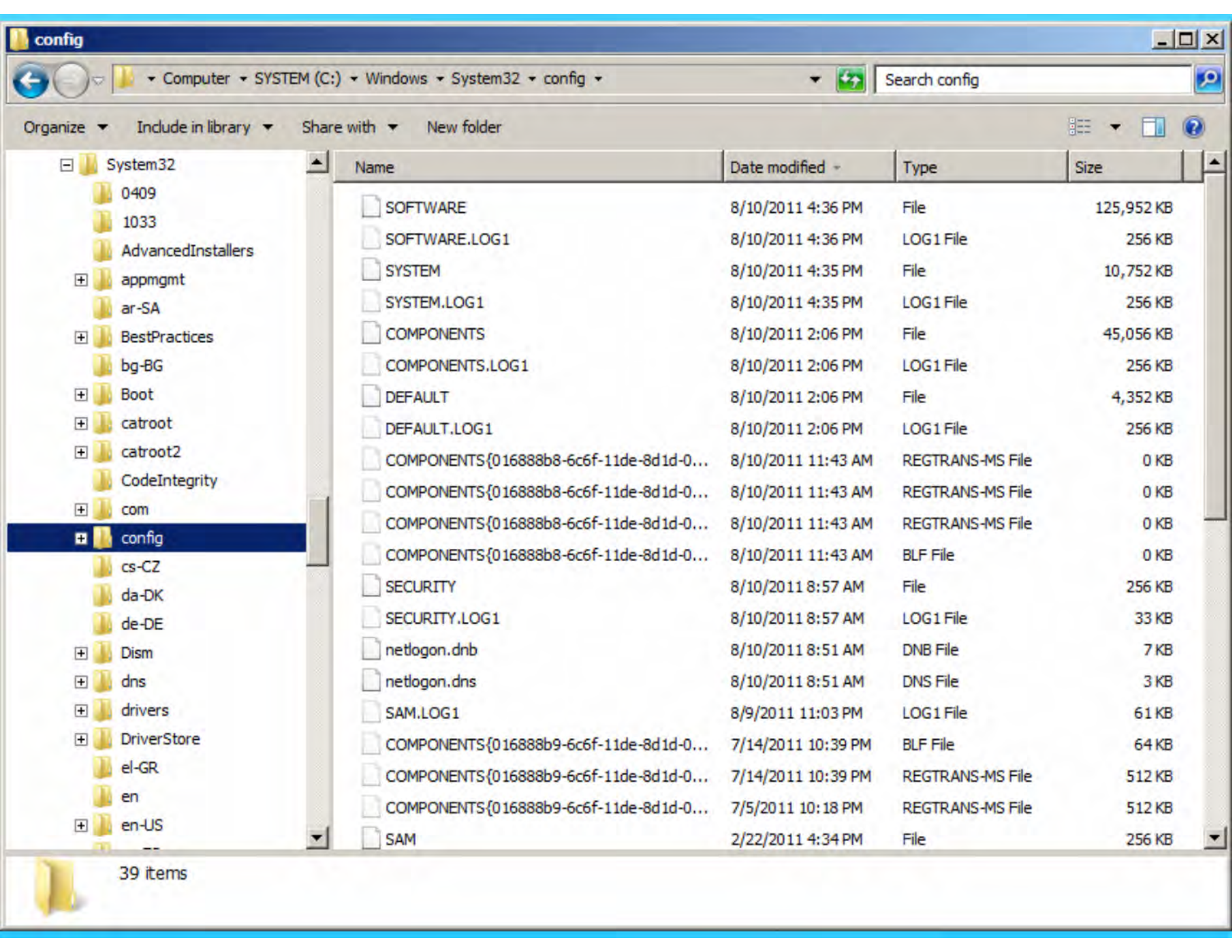
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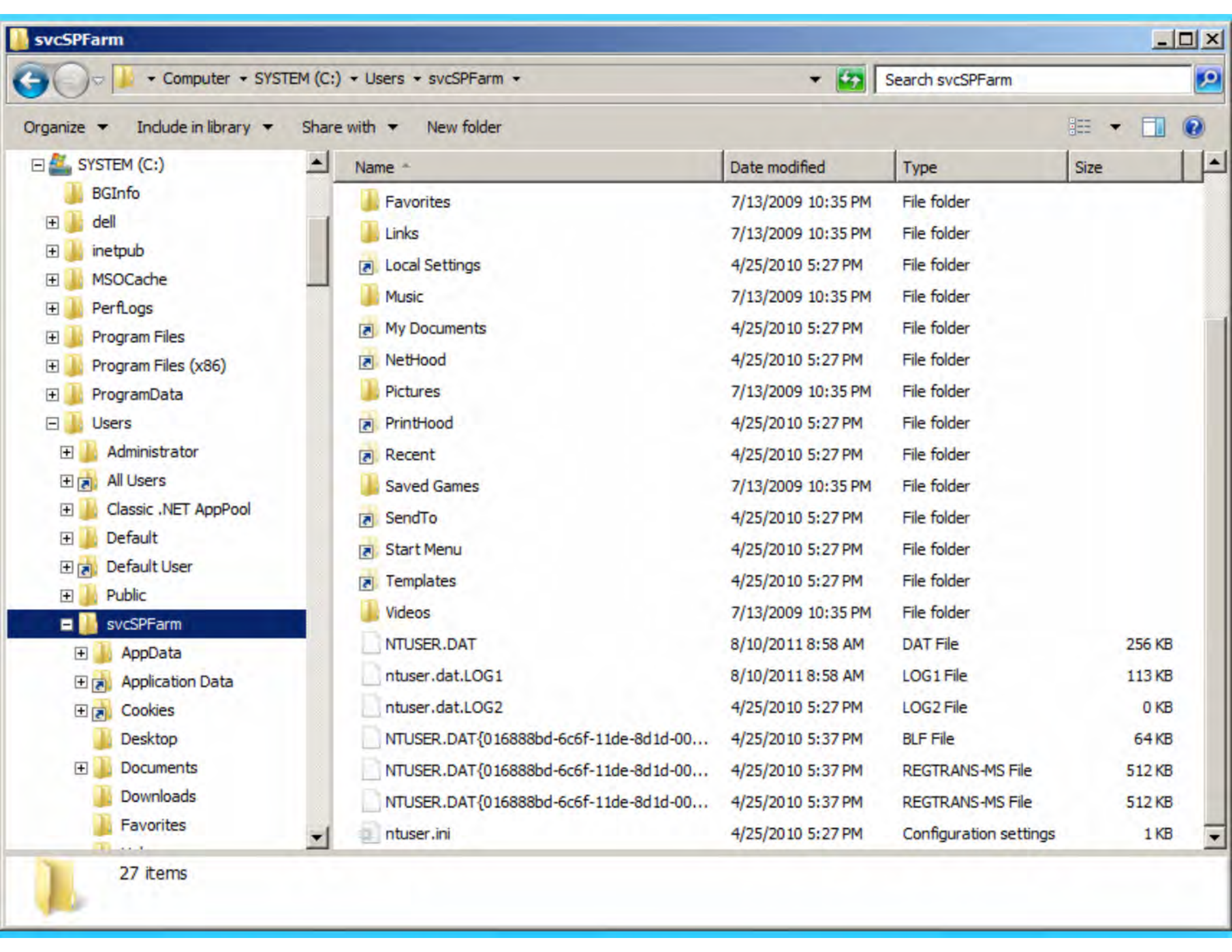
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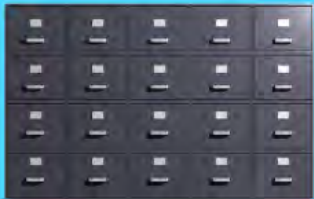
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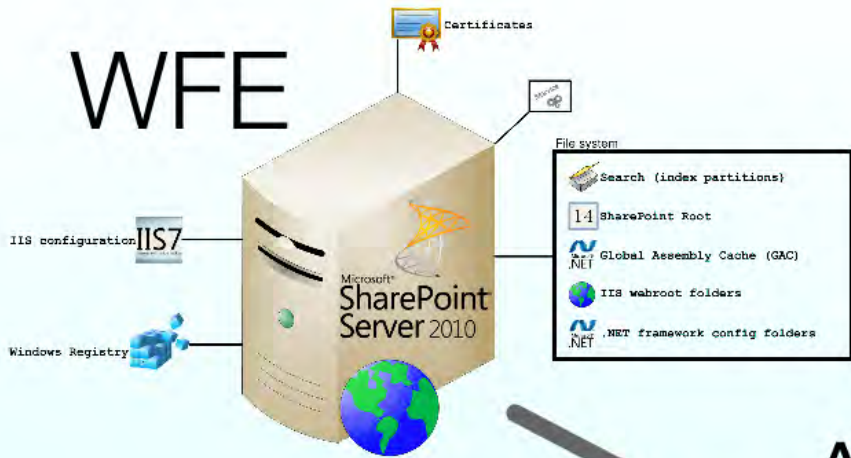
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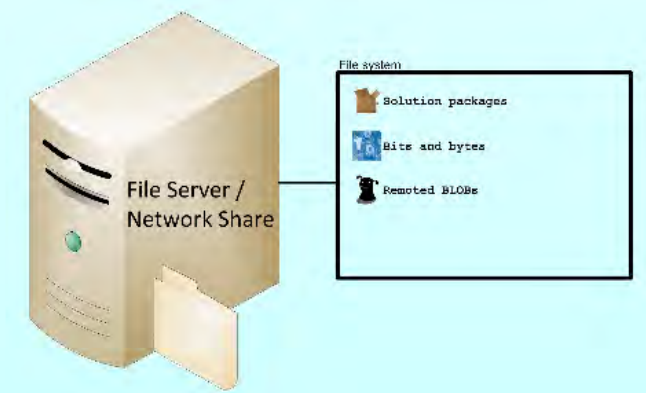
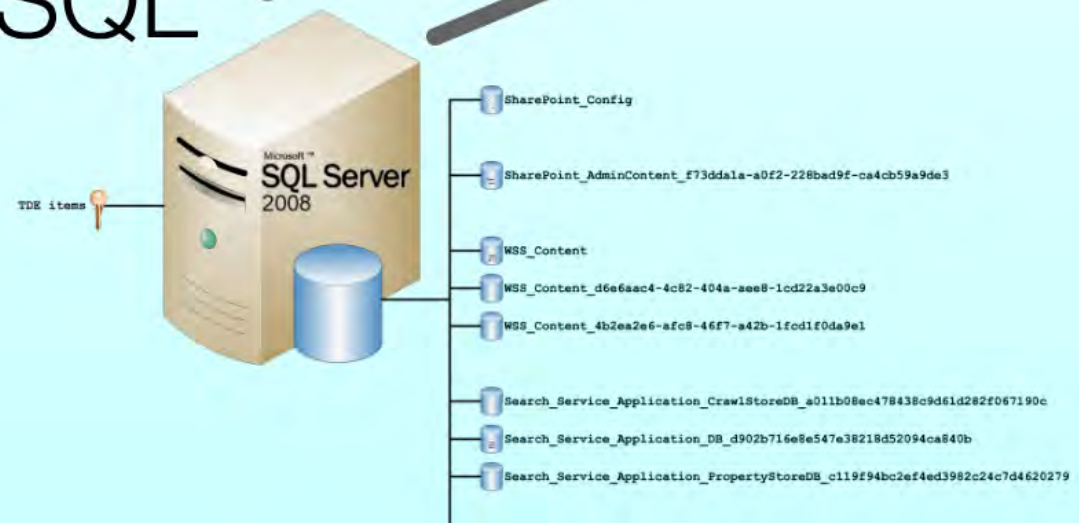
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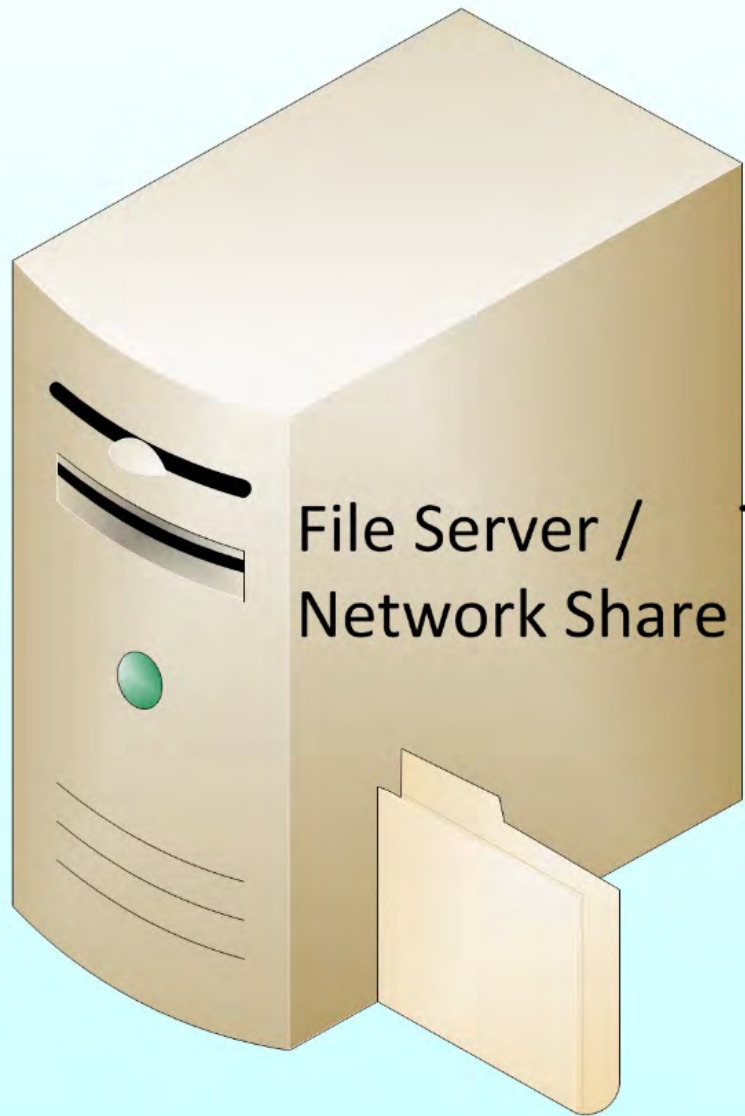


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Related targets

"important to remember"

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- Certificates
- IIS web root
- GAC
- Registry
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Edge cases and esoteric targets

sometimes confused with the dark arts ...

- .NET framework config folders
- Remote BLOB storage (RBS)
- SQL Server TDE
- External data sources
- Single server farm ...



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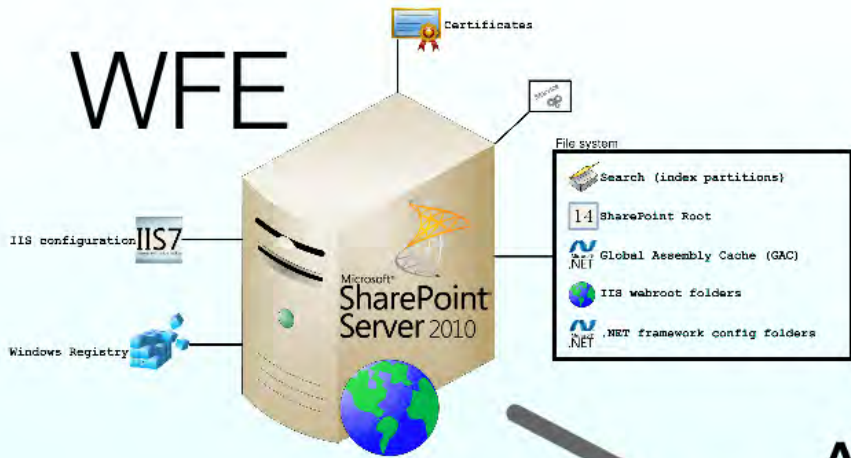
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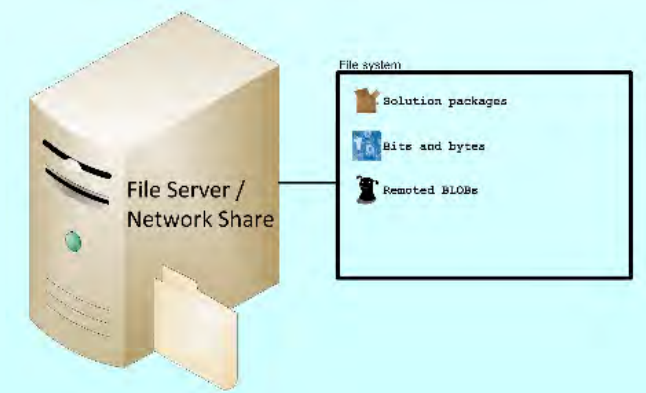
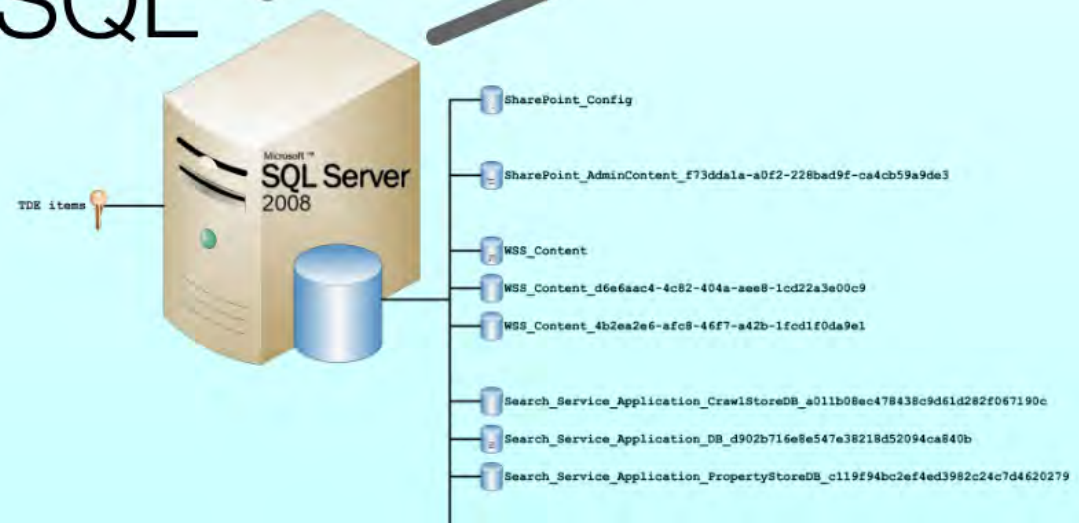
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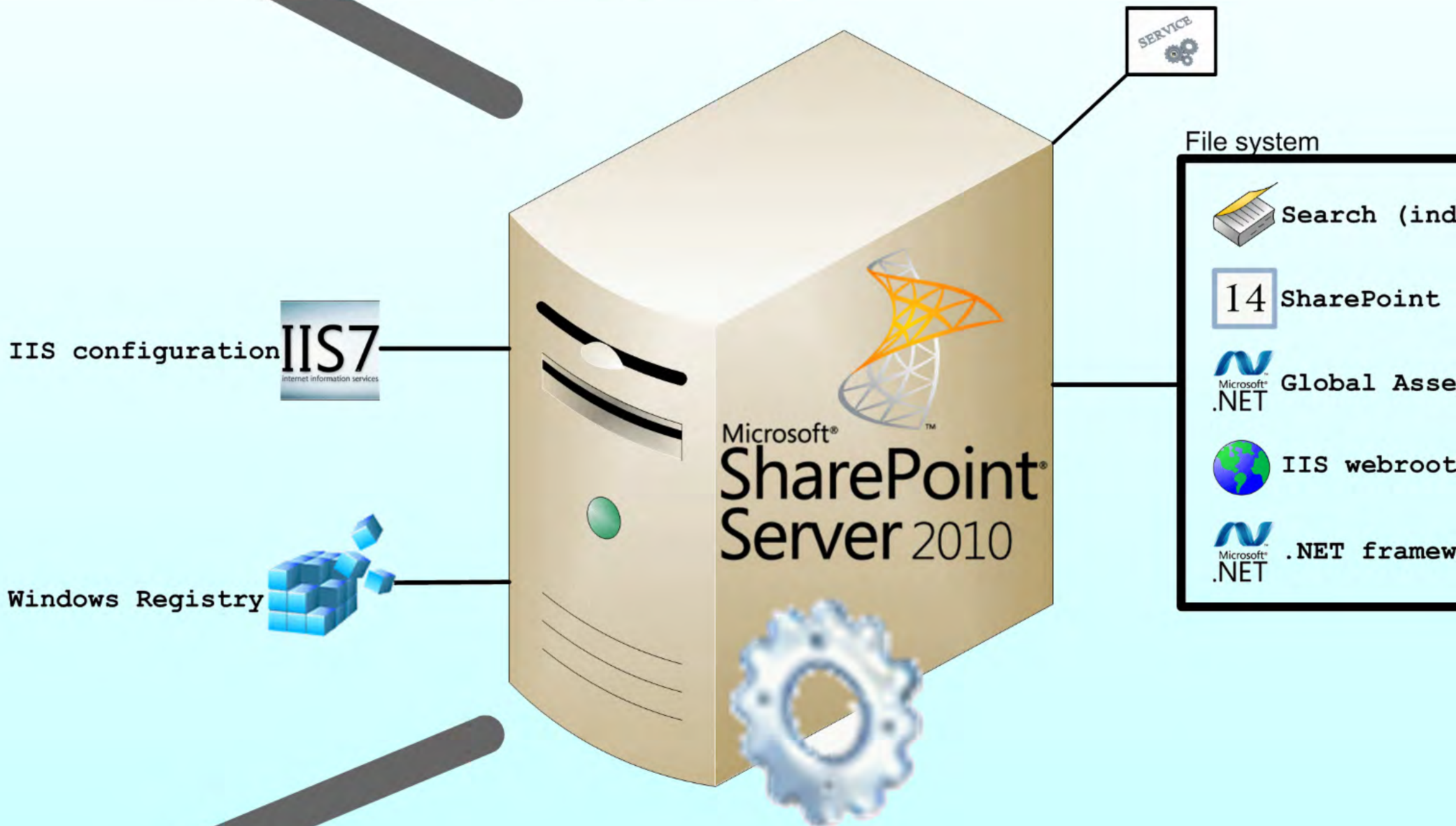
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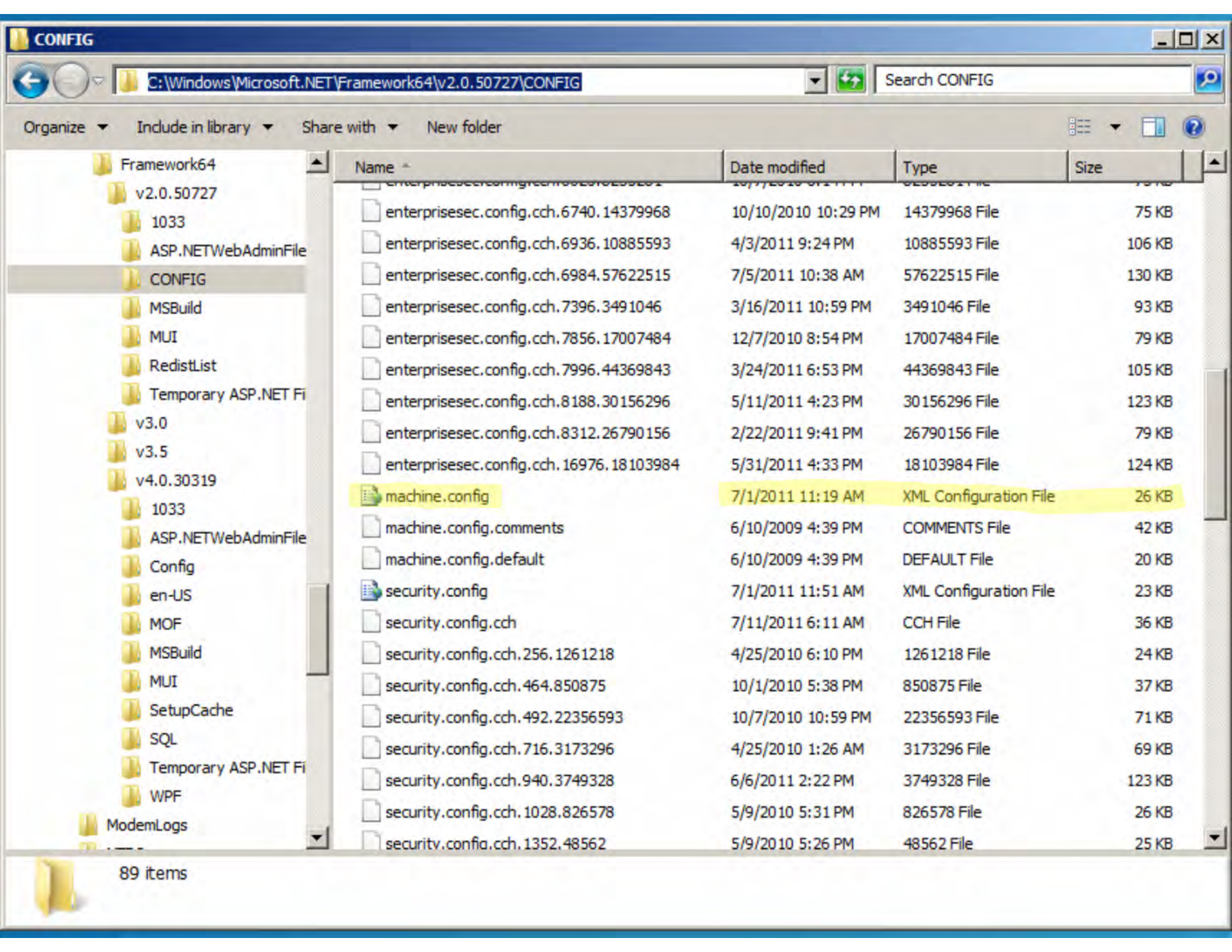




IIS webroot folders



.NET framework config folders



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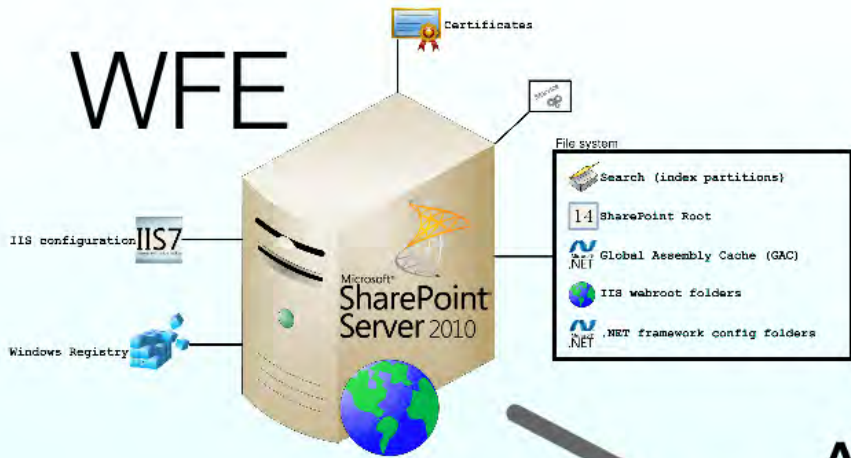
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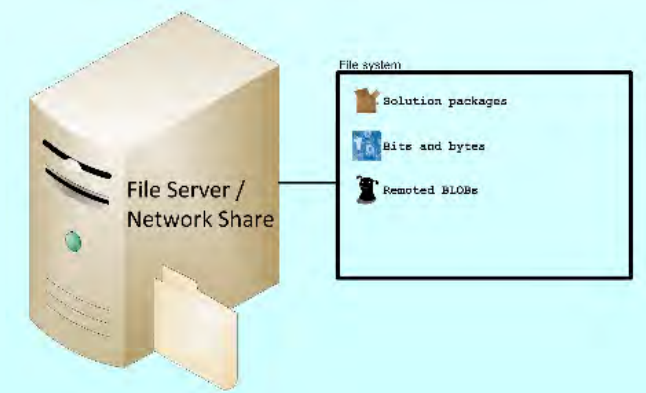
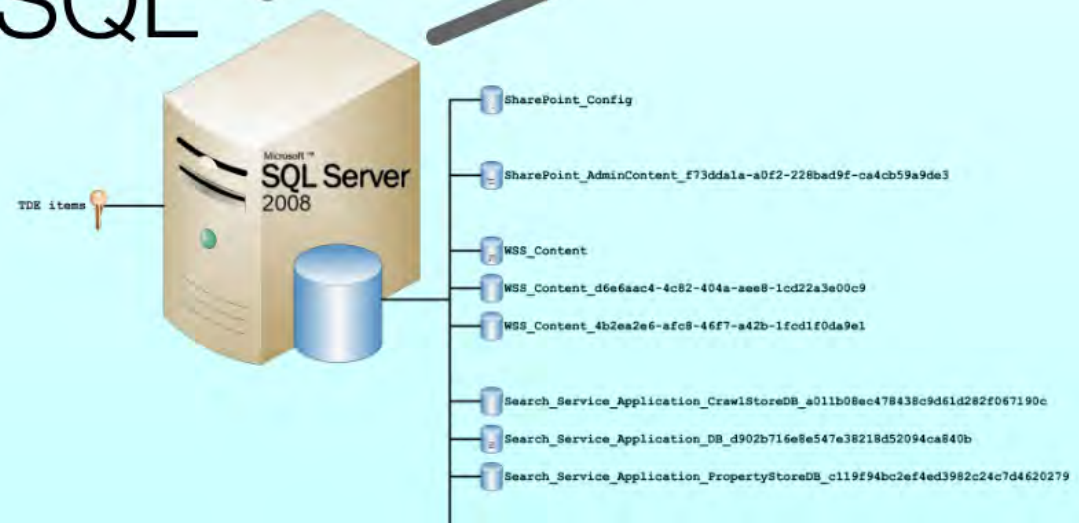
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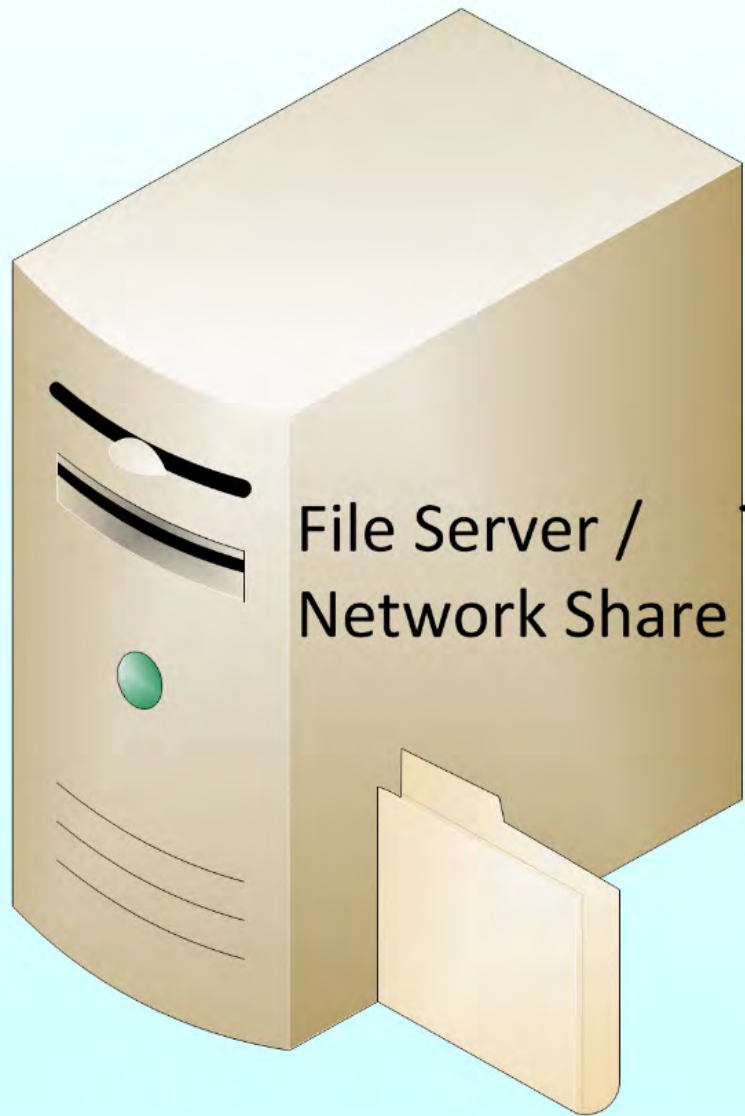


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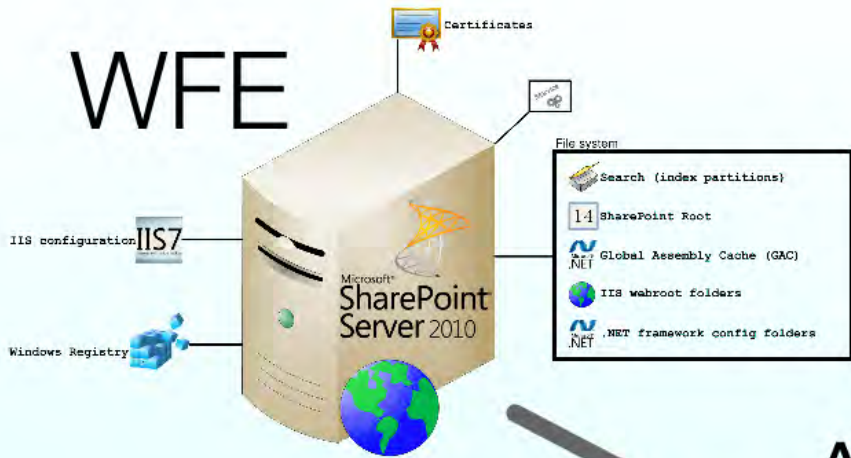
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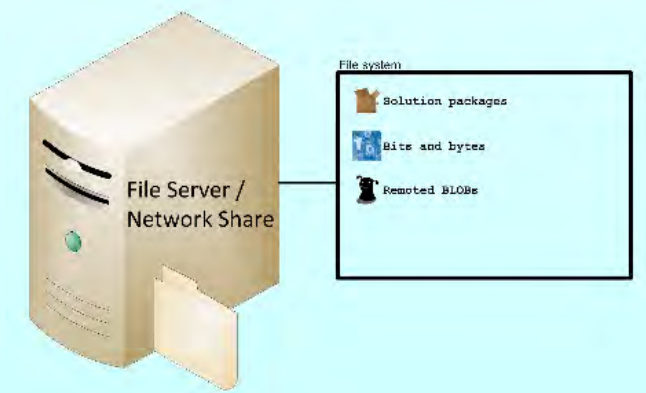
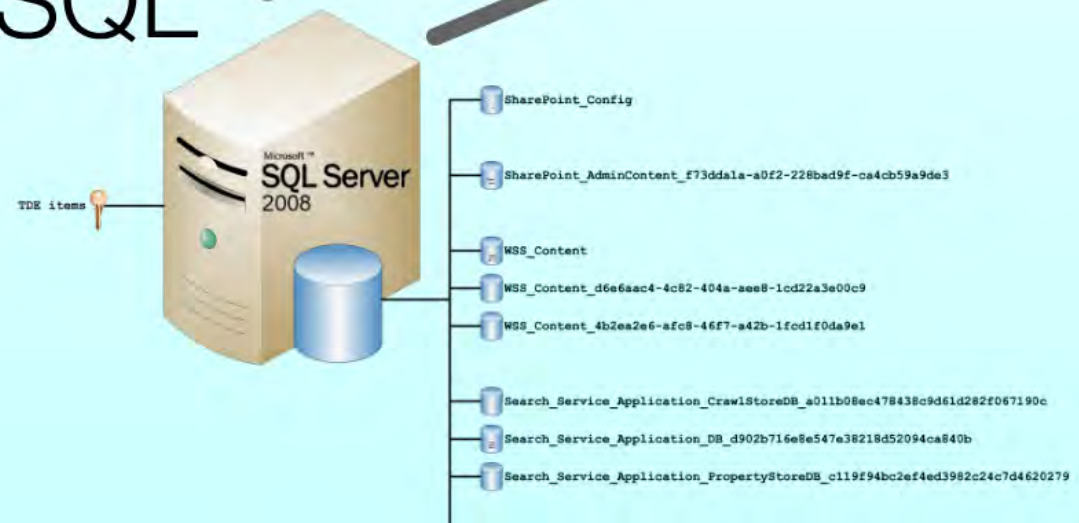
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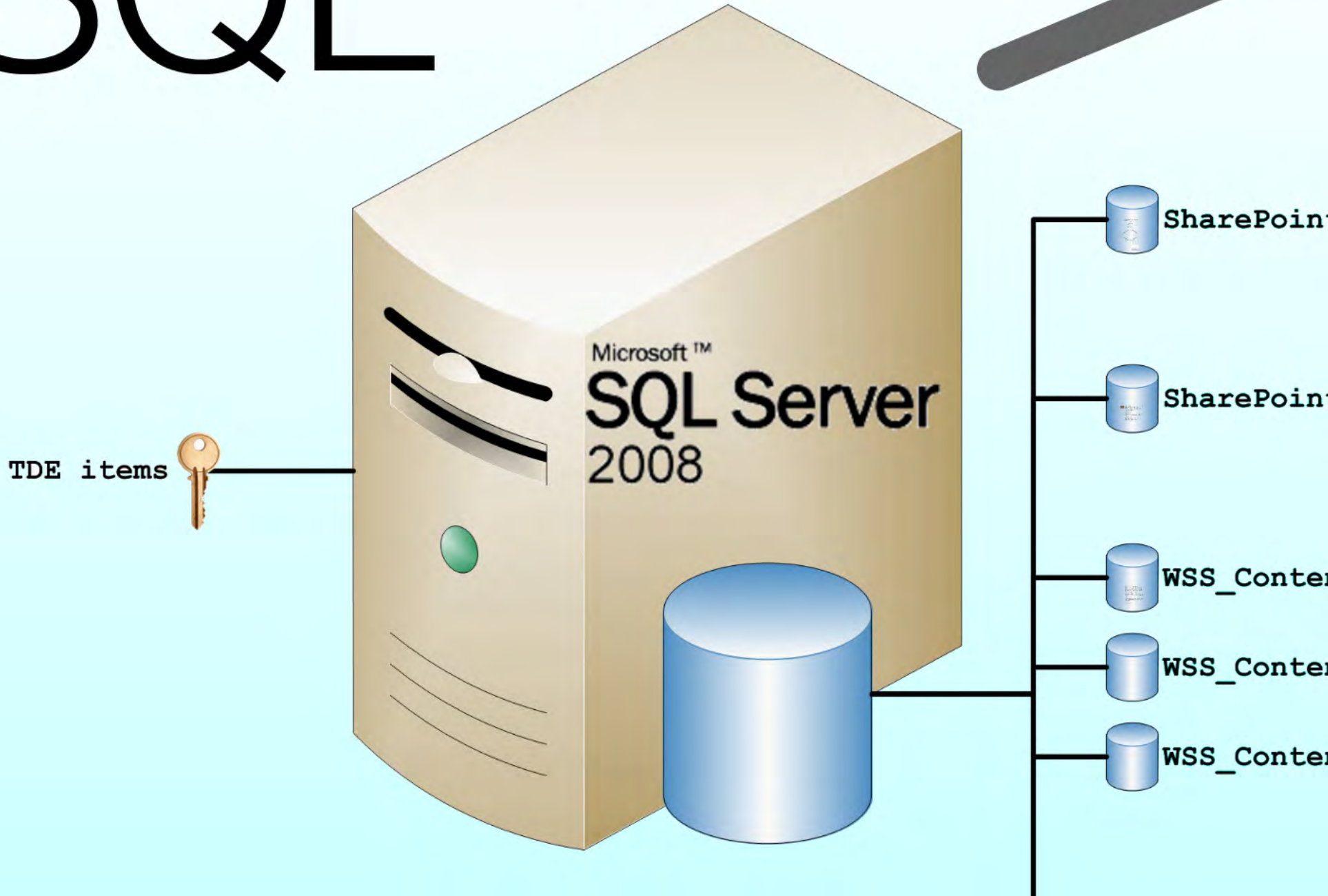
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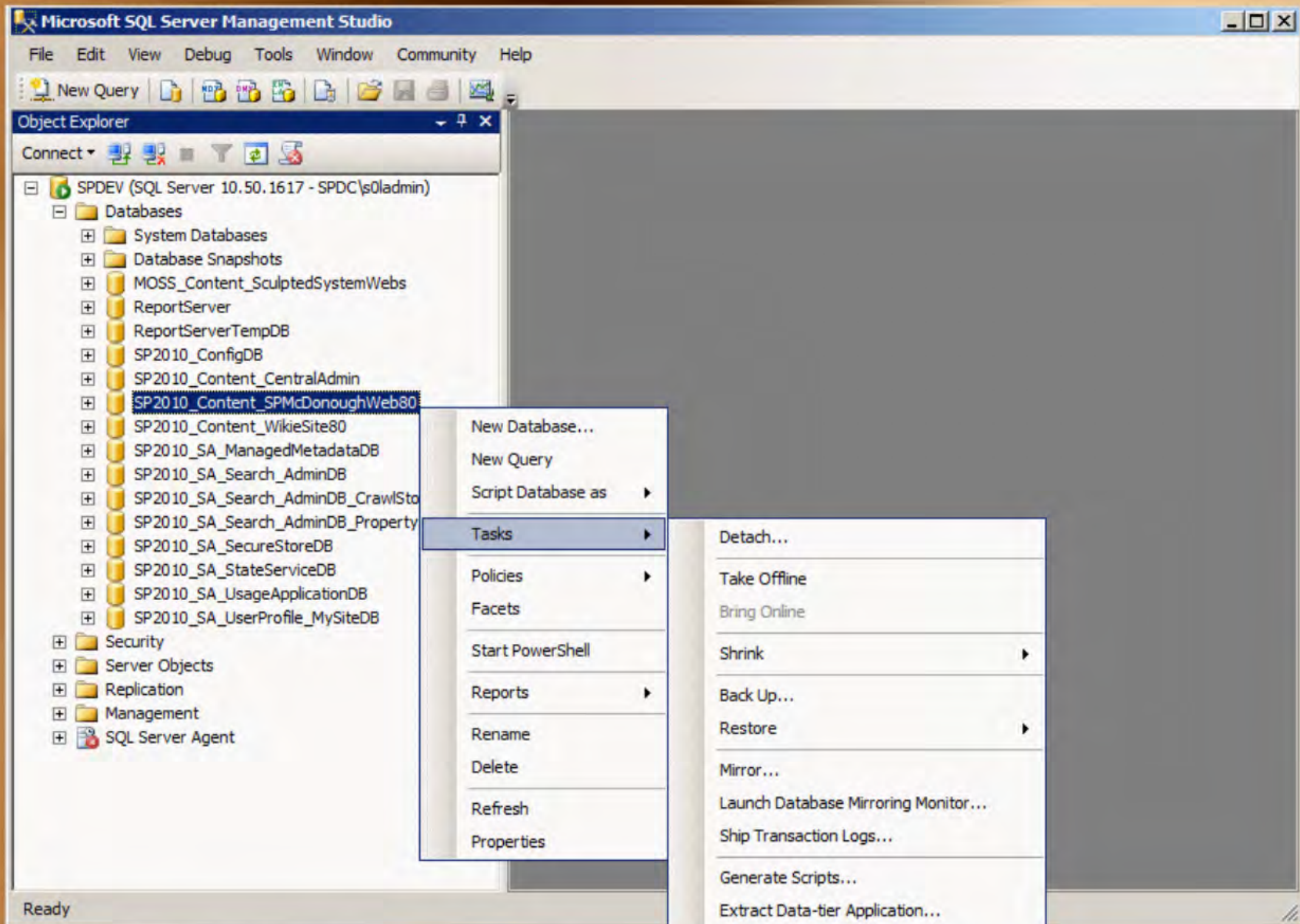


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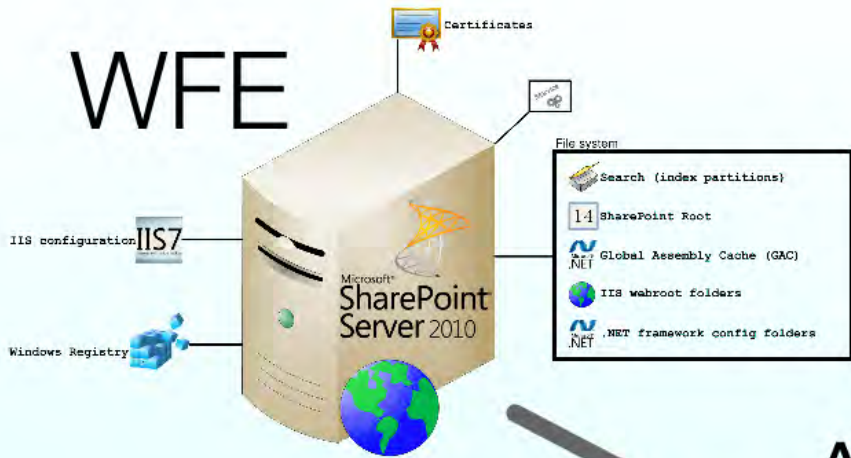
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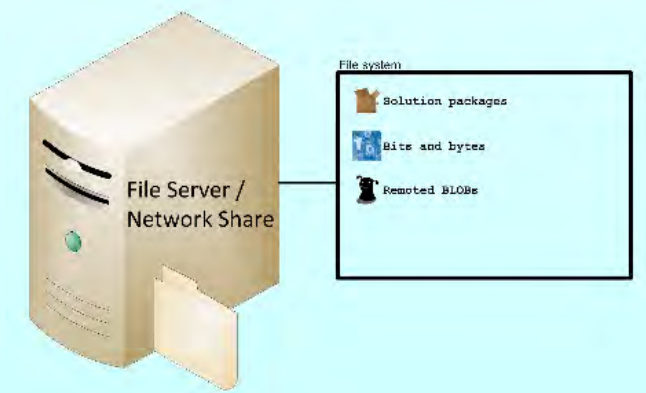
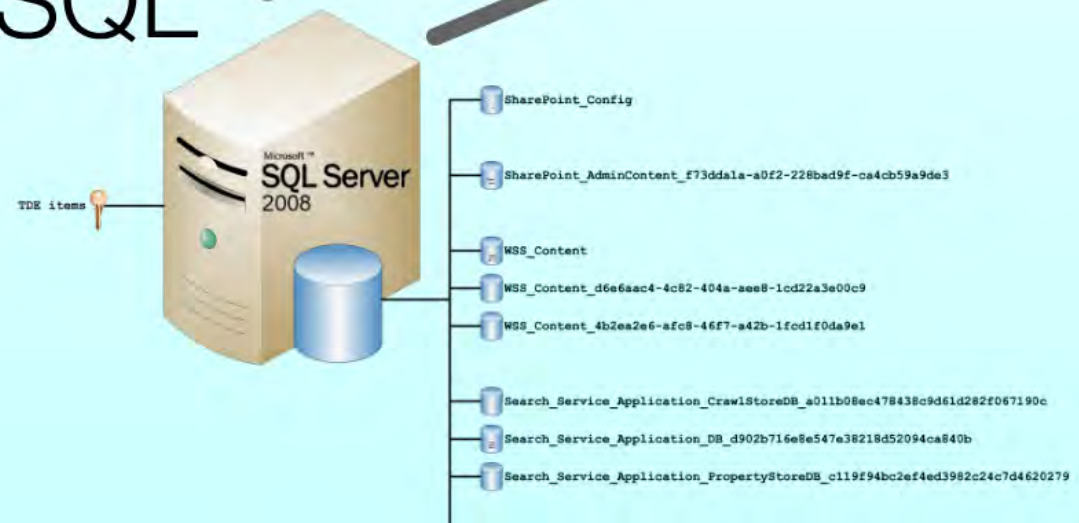
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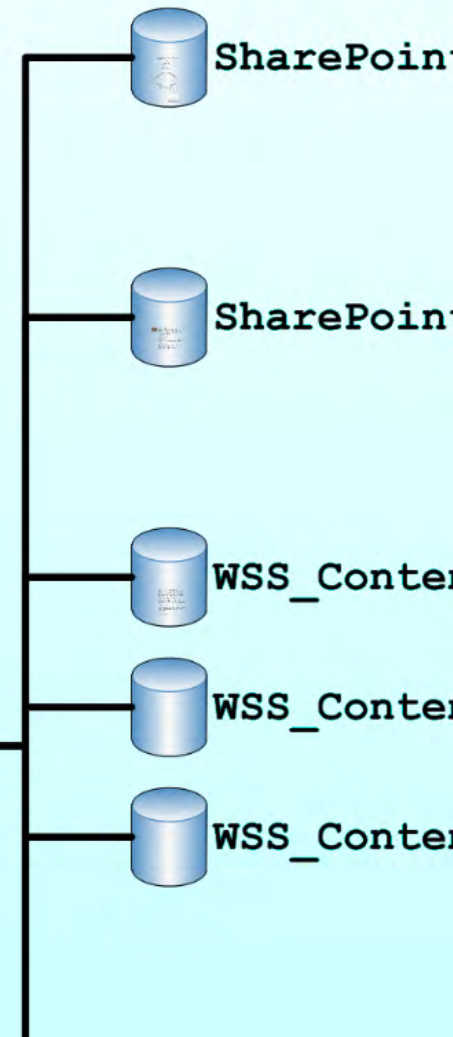


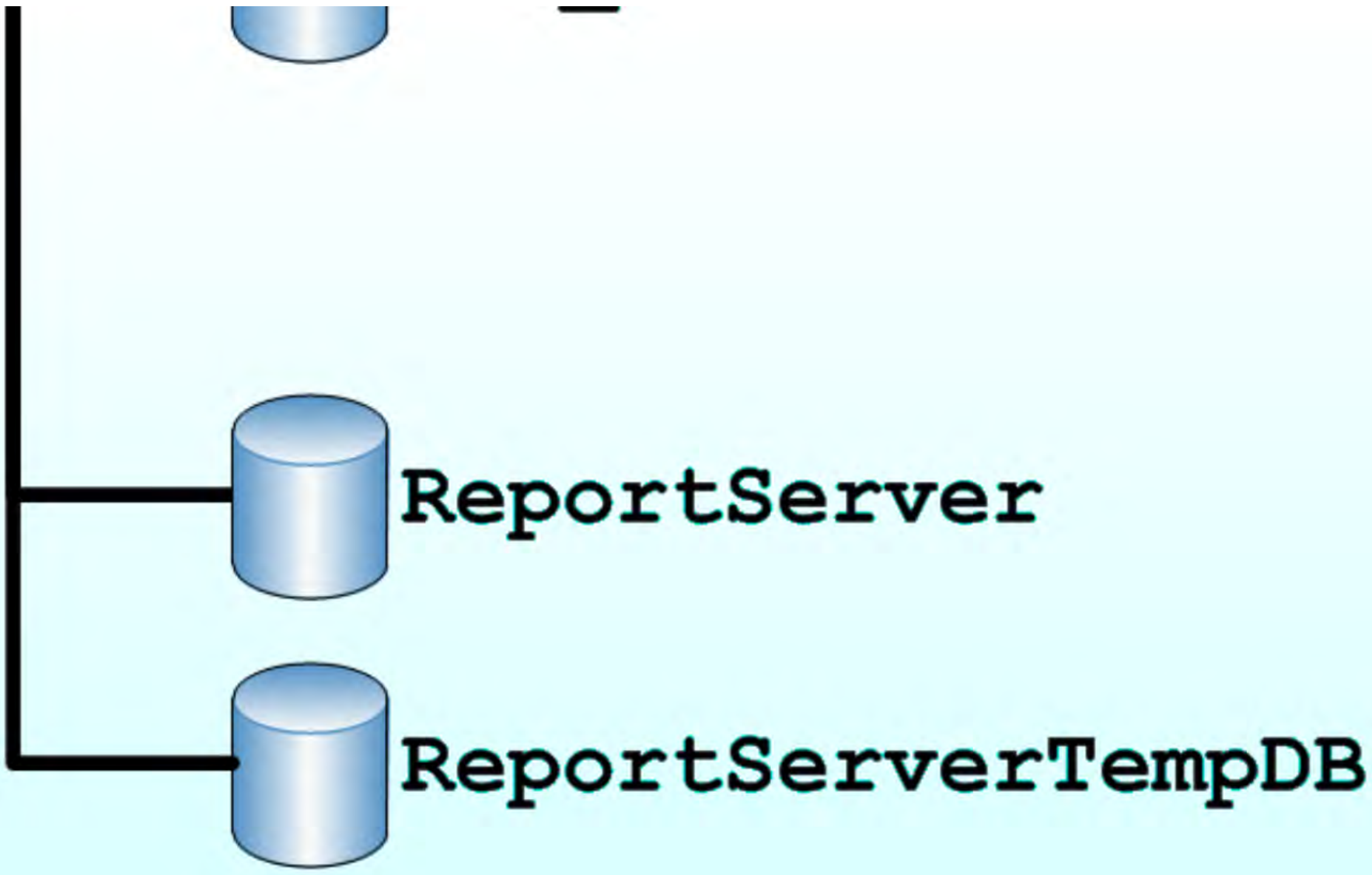
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- Farm Configuration database
- Service Applications / SSPs
- Search



Related targets

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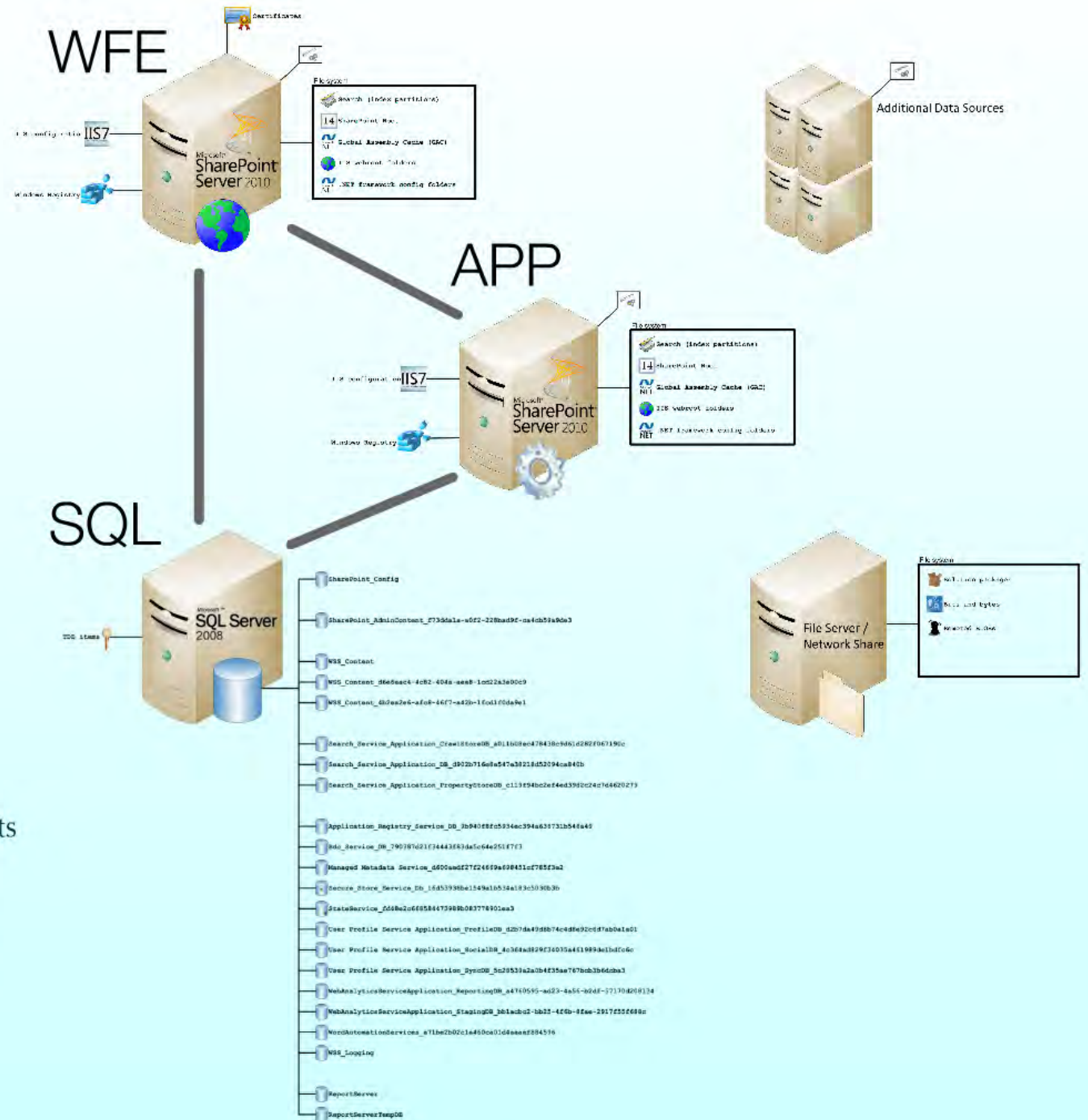
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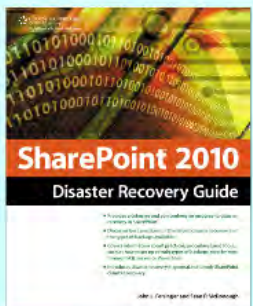
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