

# 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 core SharePoint targets
- Examine related backup targets
- Identify some "potential" targets that move beyond the core farm
- Wrap it all up

CHECKLIST



but first, a story





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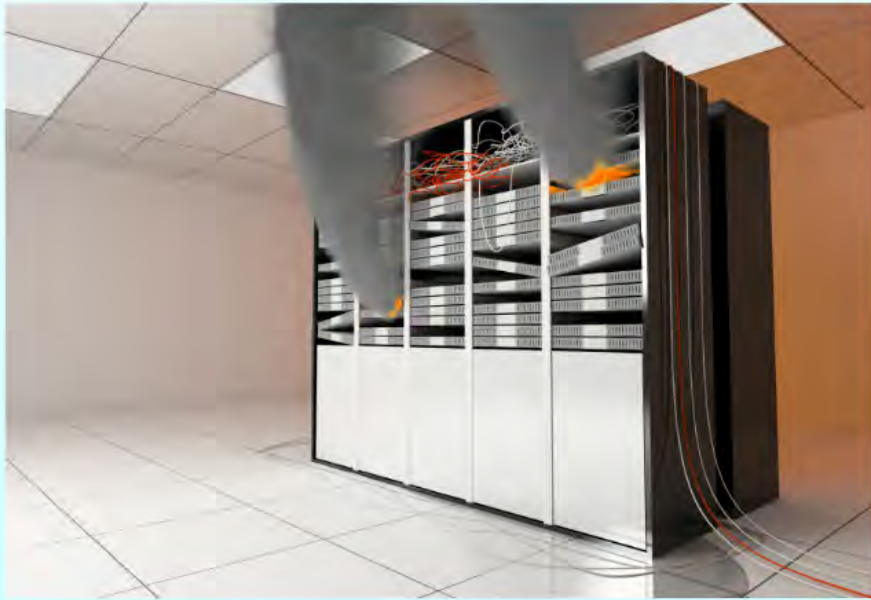
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end of story

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Yes, but  
we're talking  
in on-prem  
terms today.

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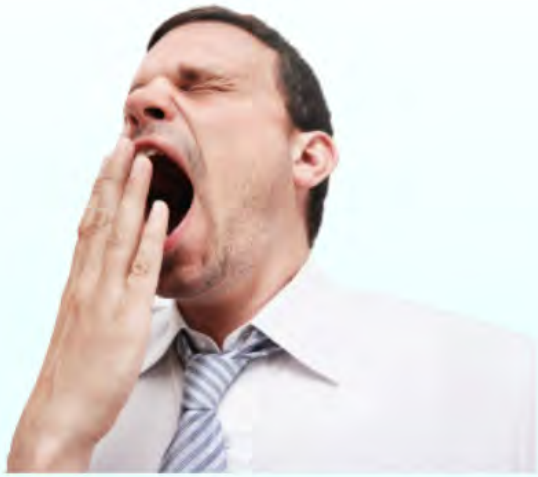


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- I'm fascinated by the sight of people yawning.





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 depend on SharePoint version or platform technologies in-use



# Two different pictures of backup targets



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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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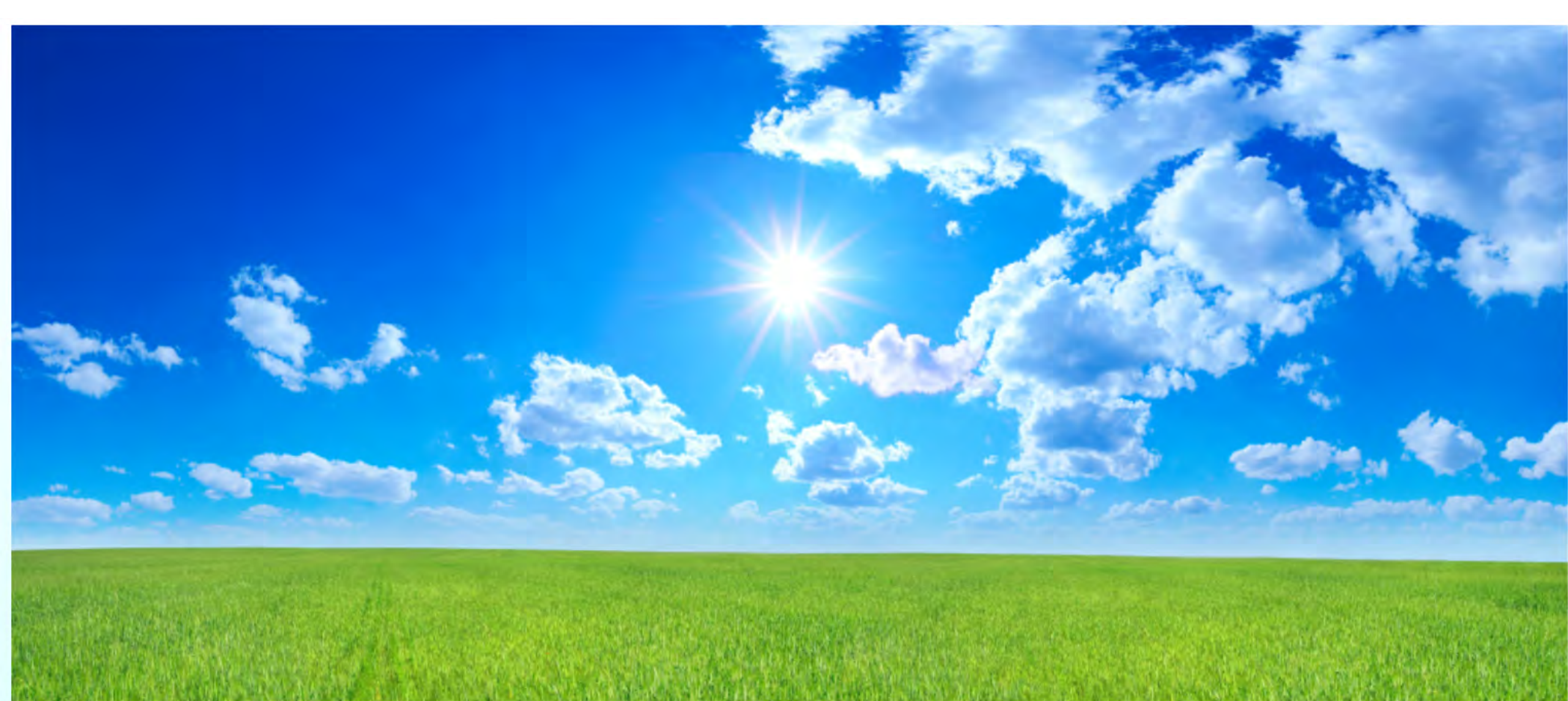
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DR plan



Business continuity strategy





# DR Horizon

what we'll cover in this session ...



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- Service Applications
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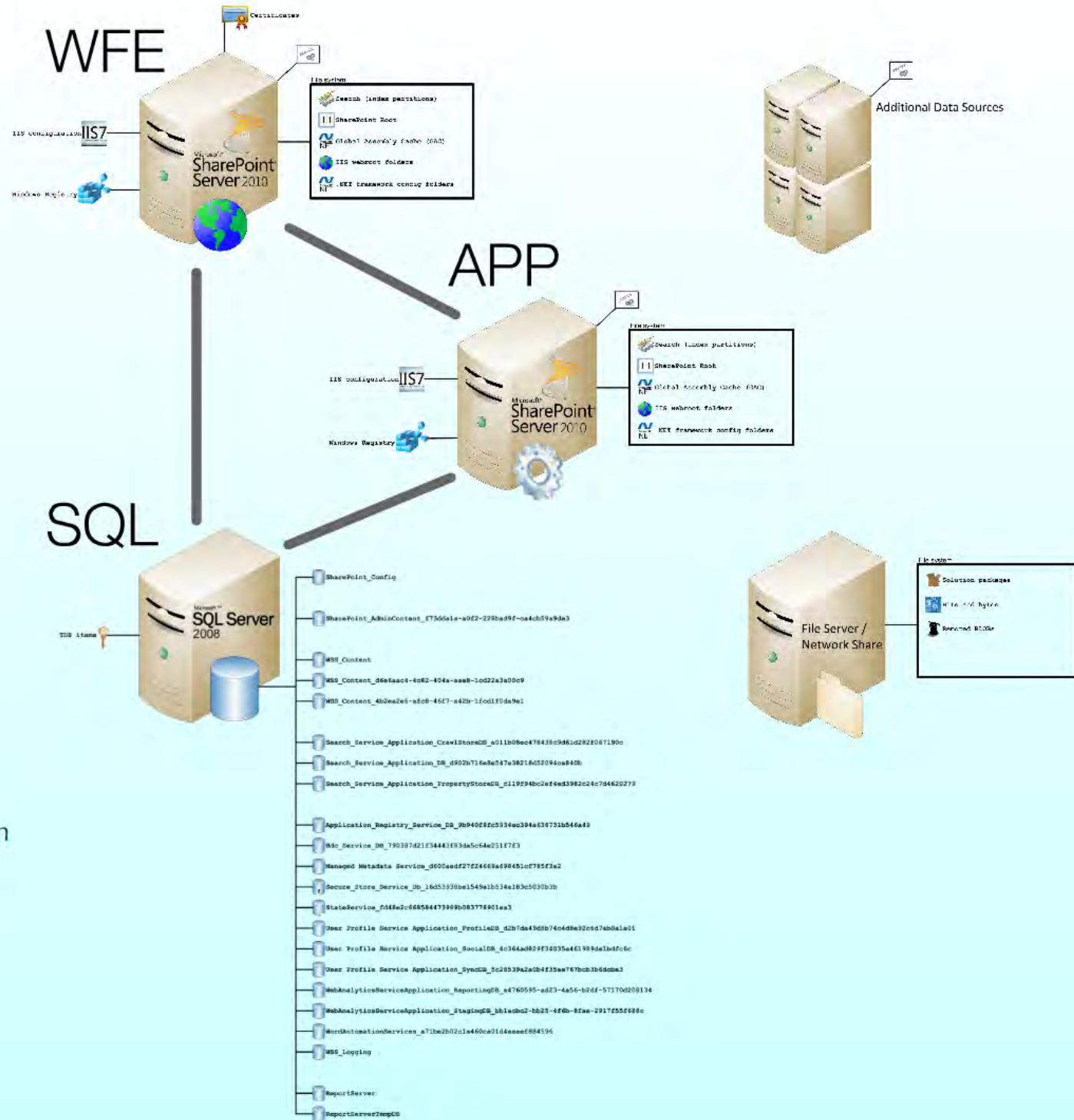
## Related targets "important to remember"

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



## Potential targets beyond the farm sometimes confused with the dark arts ...

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









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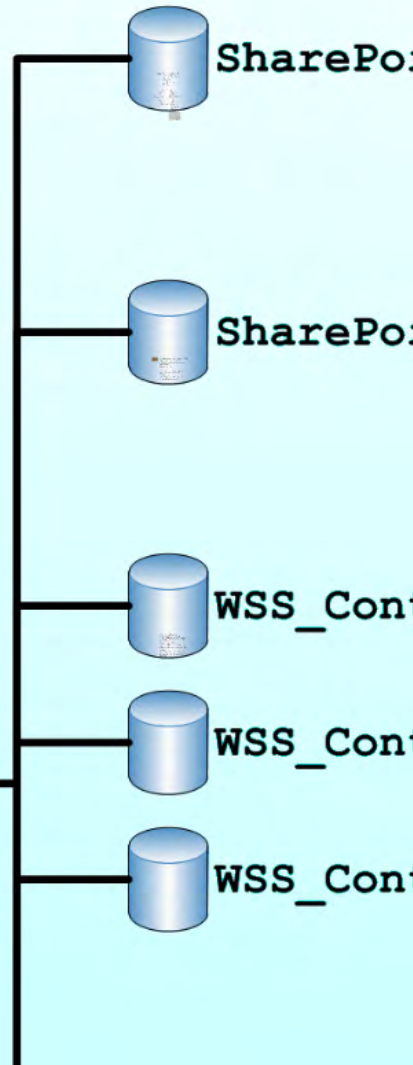
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TDE items





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WSS\_Content



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Protection options

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- SharePoint backups
- SQL Server backups
- HA mechanisms
- Documentation
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A word about  
consistency,  
"restorability", and the  
SharePoint VSS Writer ...



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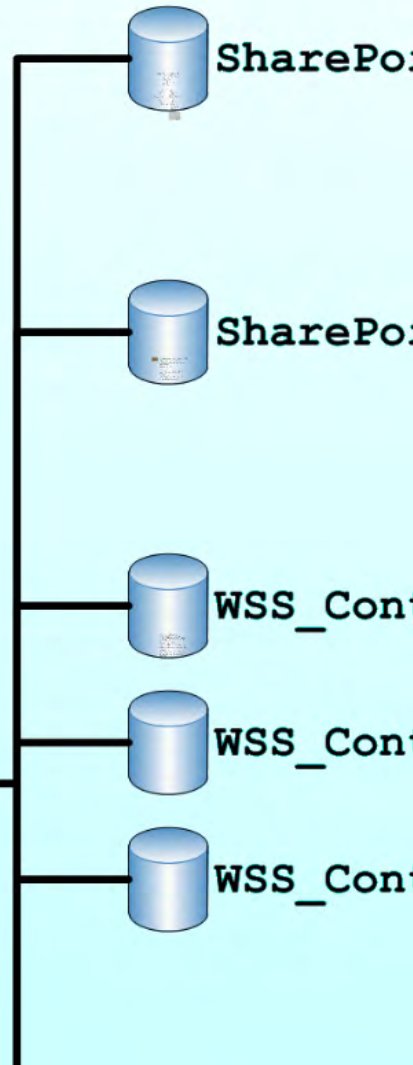
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- Simple answer: all over the place ...



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Application\_Registry\_Service\_DB\_9b940f8fc5934ec394a636731b546a49



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\_bb1acbc2-bb25-4f6b-8fae-2917f55f688c



WordAutomationServices\_a71be2b02c1a460ca01d4aaaef884596



WSS\_Logging

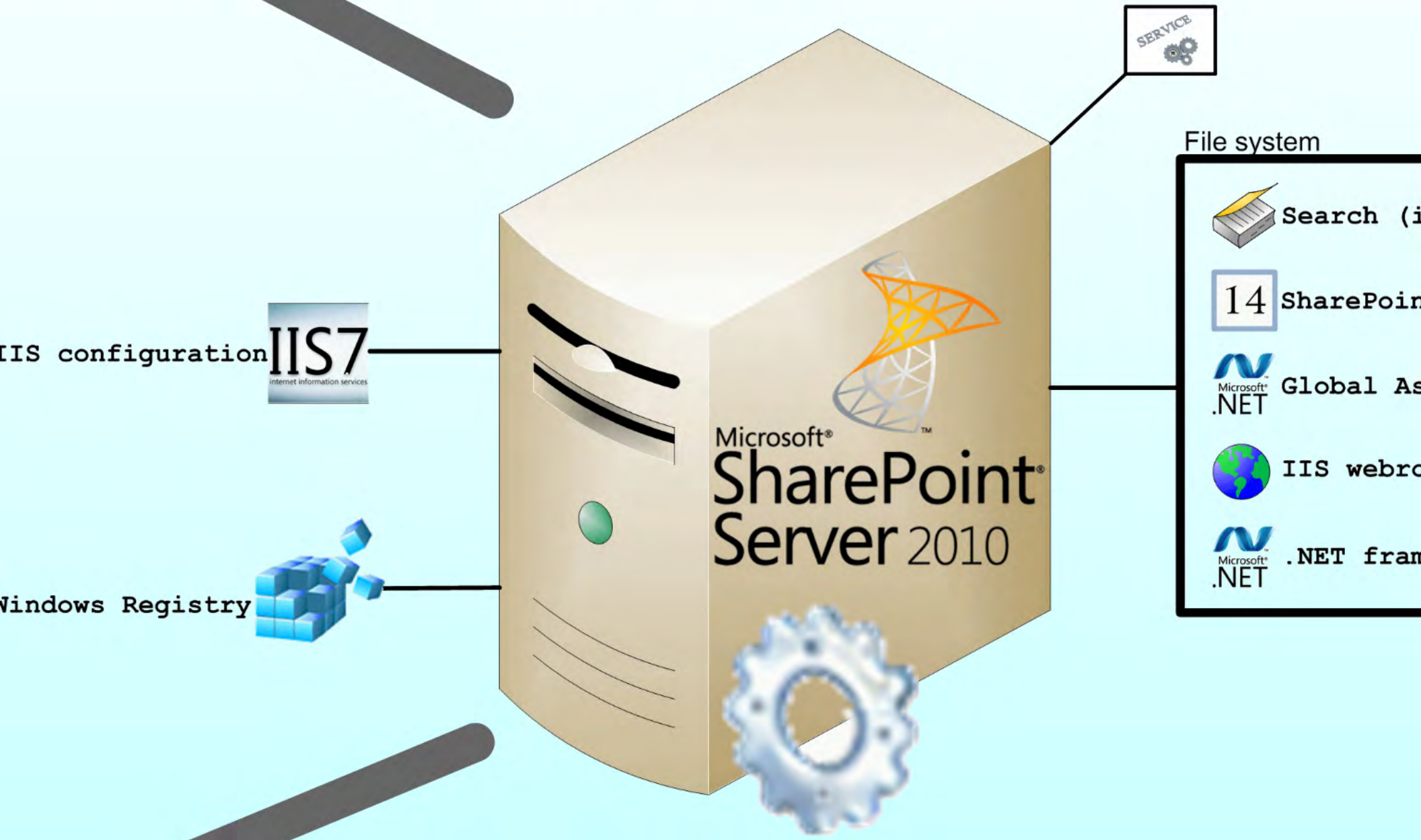


**SharePoint\_Config**



**SharePoint\_AdminContent**

# APP



SERVICE



File system

Services (Local)

Select an item to view its description.

Name	Description	Status	Startup Type	Log On As
Windows Defender	Protection ...	Started	Automatic (D...	Local System
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
Forefront Identity Manager Synchronization Service	Enables int...		Disabled	SPDC\svcSPFarm
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
SQL Server (MSSQLSERVER)	Provides st...	Started	Automatic	SPDC\svcSQLServer

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

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)
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  - 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...

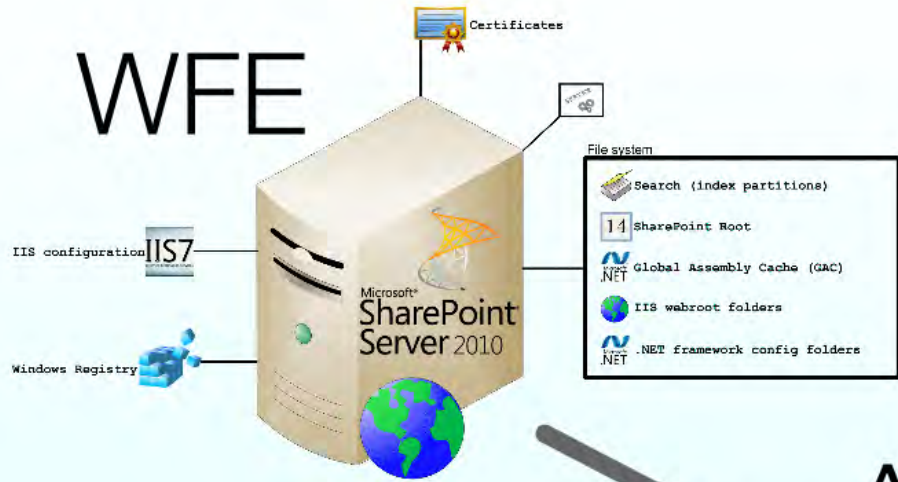
**Manage Web Site**

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

**Deploy**

- Export Application...
- Import Application...
- Delete Web Site and Content
- Recycle...
- Help
- Online Help

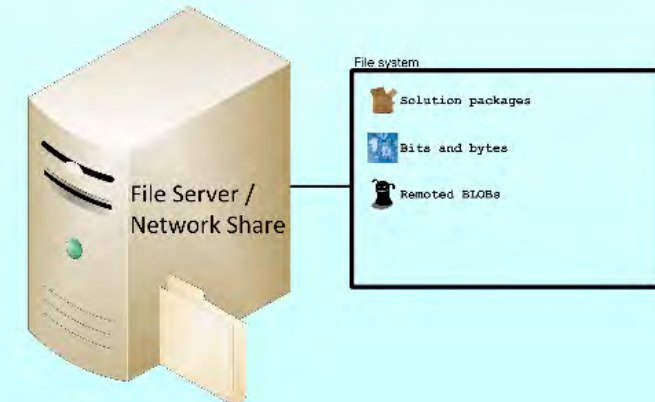
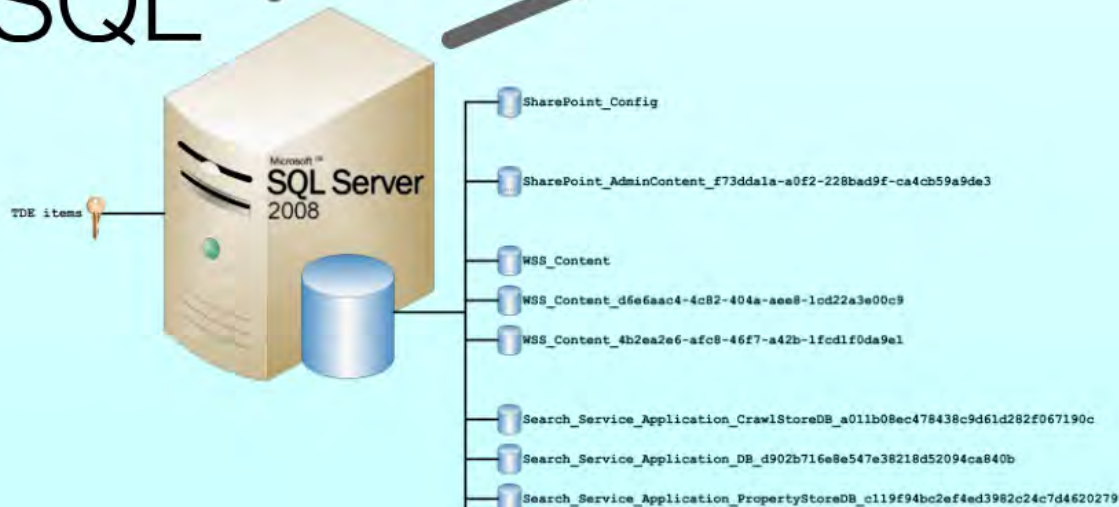
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## Central Administration ▸ Perform a Backup - Step 1 of 2: Select Component to Back Up

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

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#### 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"> <li>Farm</li> <li>SP2010_ConfigDB</li> </ul>	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"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>InfoPath Forms Services</li> <li>Settings</li> <li>Data Connections</li> <li>Form Templates</li> <li>Exempt User Agents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	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"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SharePoint Server State Service</li> <li>State Service Application</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	State Service State Service Application	Service for storage of temporary state information used by various SharePoint Server features.
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Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Serv

Microsoft SharePoint Foundation Diag

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

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**Managed Metadata**



**Secure\_Store\_Ser**



**StateService\_fd**

Site Actions



Browse

Edit

SPDEMO\s0ladmin



New Delete Edit



Generate New Key



Refresh Key



Set



Set

Manage Target Applications

Key Management

Credentials

Permissions

Central Administration

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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.

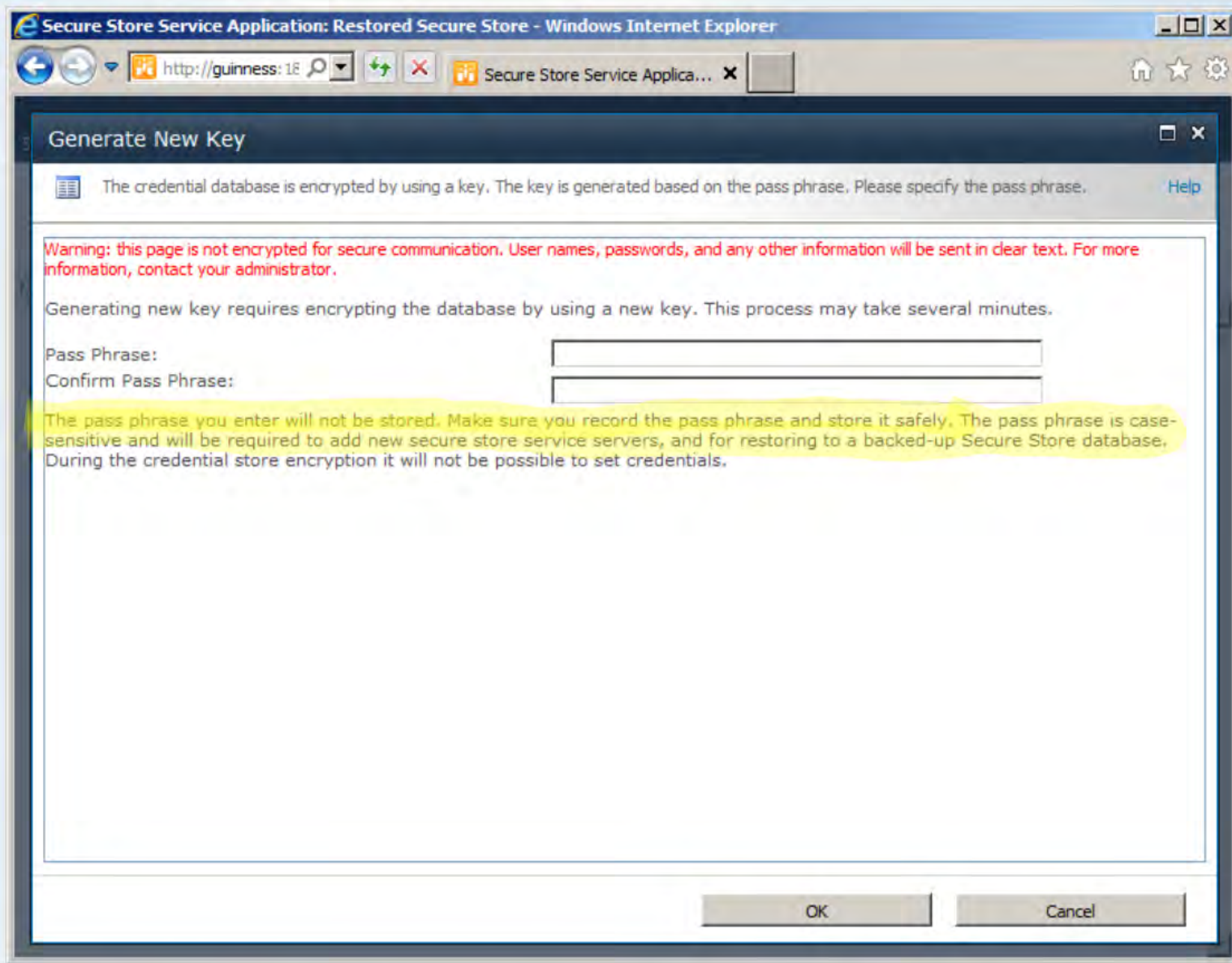
Pass Phrase:

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

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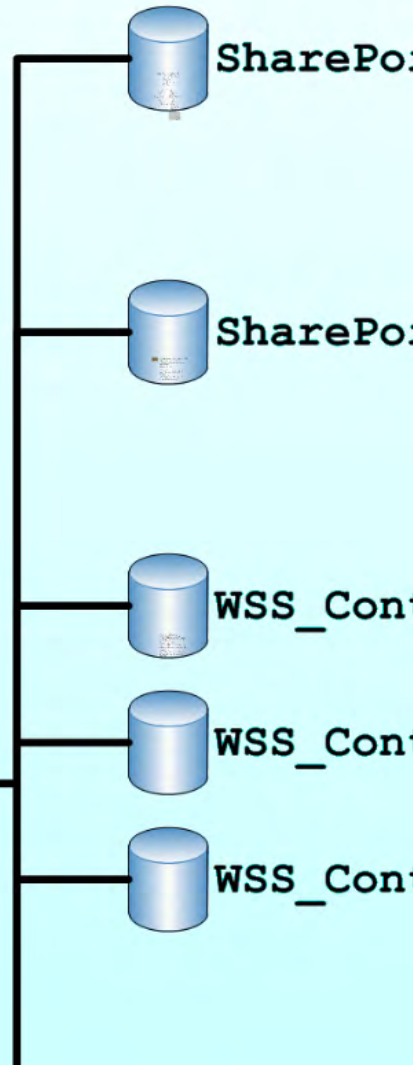
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## Where is it?

- SQL Server houses several databases (admin, crawl, plus others by specific SP version)
- File system houses index partitions

# SQL

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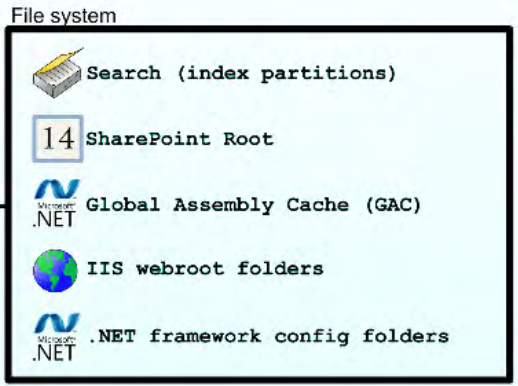
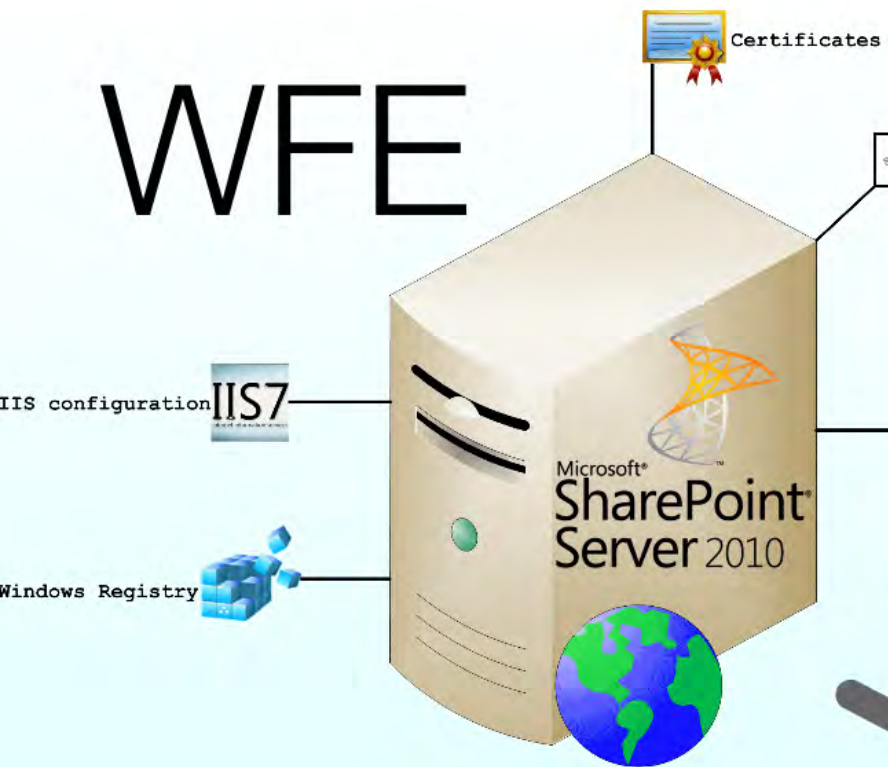
Search\_Service\_Application\_PropertyStoreDB\_c



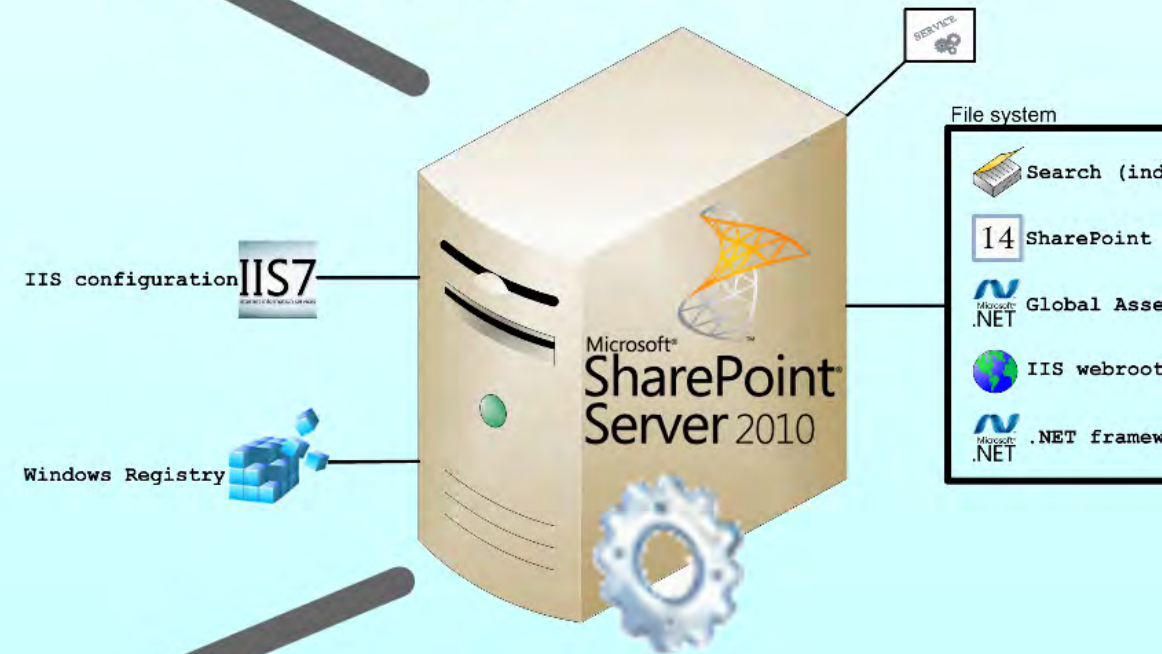
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# WFE



# APP



# File system



Search (index partitions)



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
<b>8953cc31-ccad-437a-802f-38e6629d76a4-crawl-0</b>	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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- Can be configured for high availability OOTB
- SharePoint native or SPF VSS Writer-based backups
- 3rd party tools
- Sync between index partitions & crawl database is critical!



# Core SharePoint targets

aka, "the meat and potatoes"

- Content databases
- Central Admin (content) DB
- Farm Configuration database
- Service Applications
- Search





# Related targets

"important to remember"

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





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**Correct**

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than feature framework usage

from Vesa Juvonen,  
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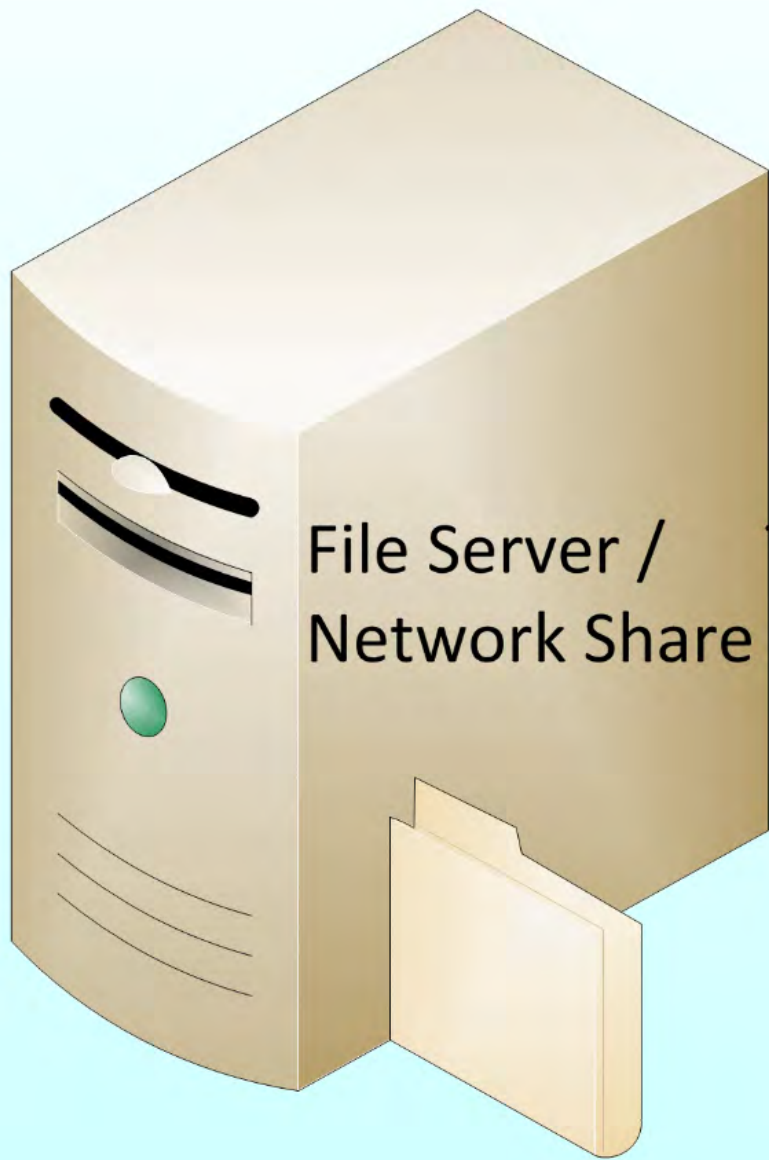


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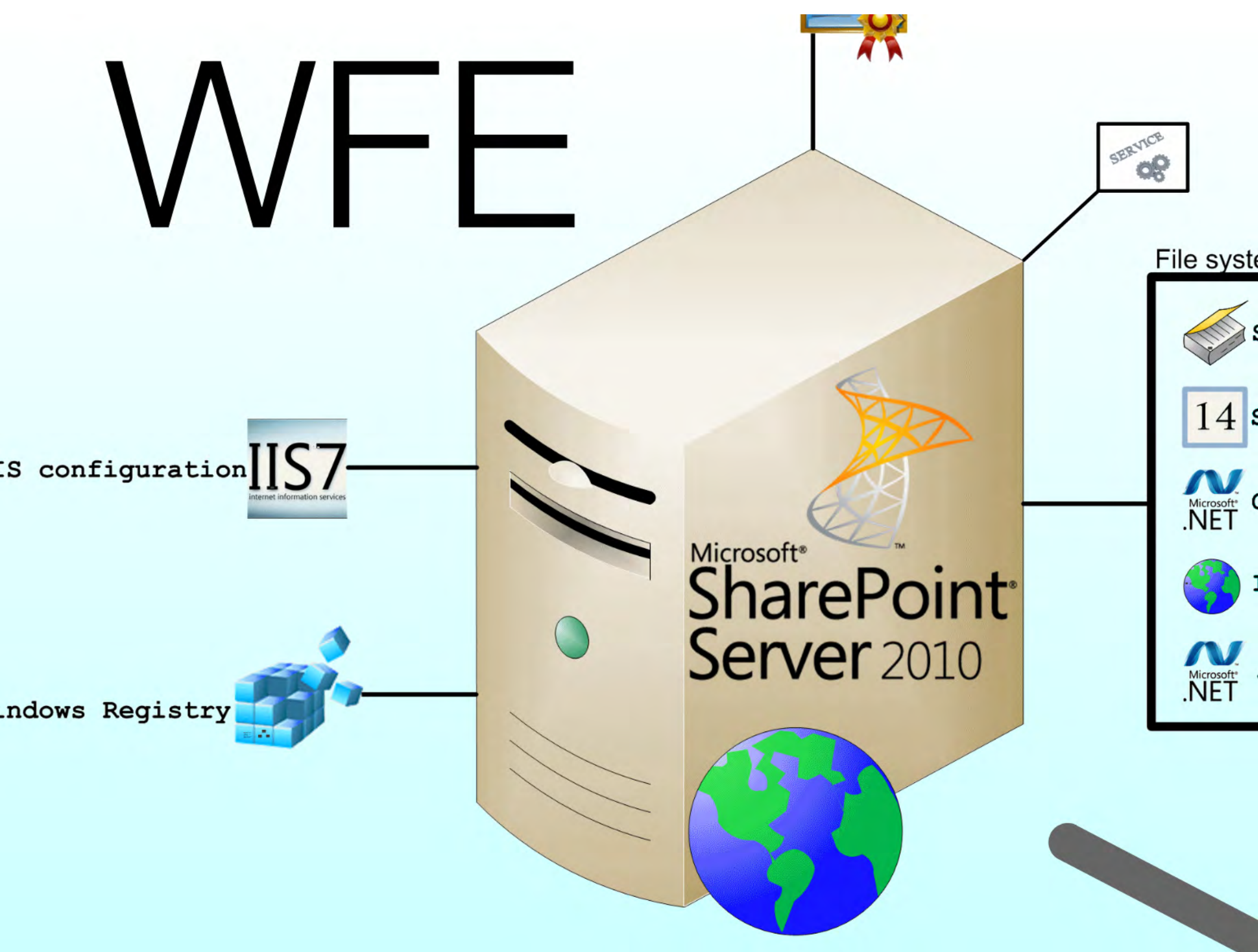
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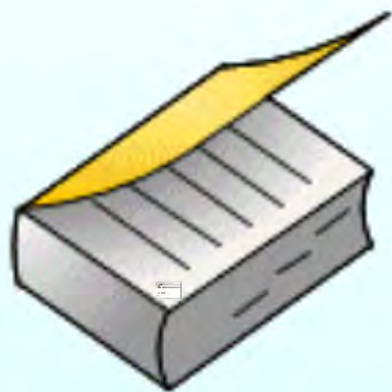
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**Search (index pa**



**SharePoint Root**



**Global Assembly**

14

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Search 14

Organize Include in library Share with New folder

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
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Help	10/3/2010 2:43 PM	File folder
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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
WebServices	5/17/2011 3:29 PM	File folder

13 items



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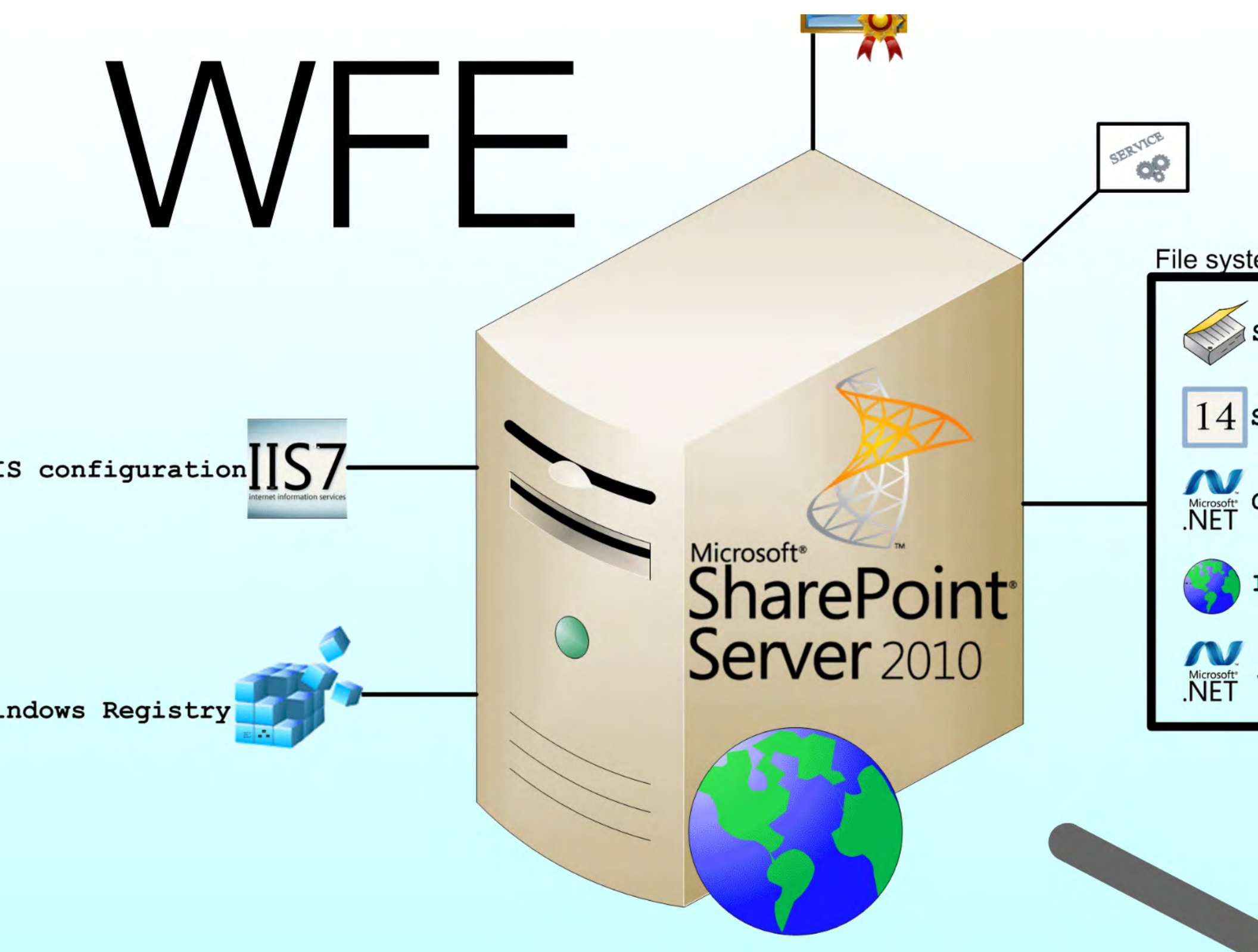
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IIS configuration



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

Search 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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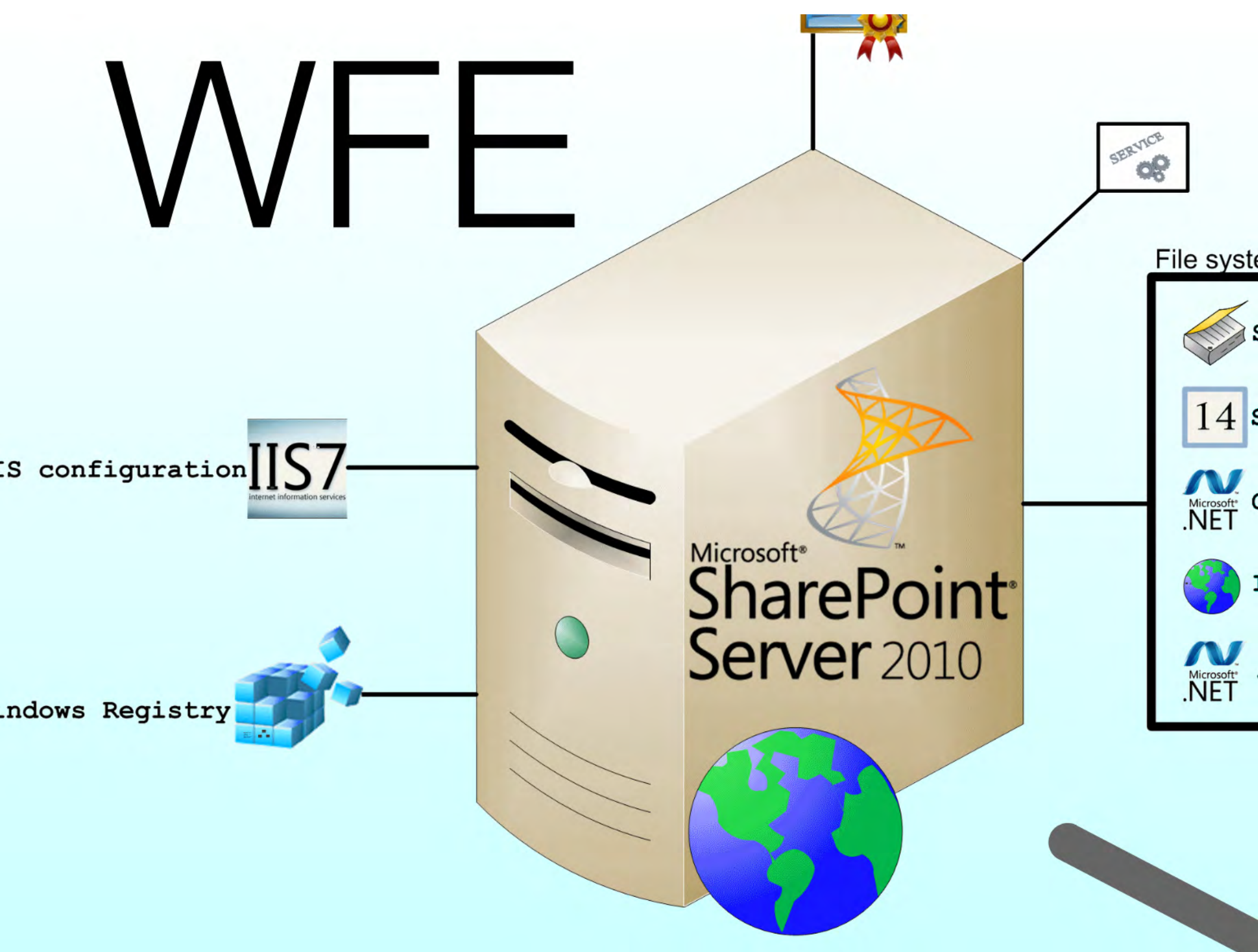


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Certificates

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Certs - [Console Root\Certificates (Local Computer)\Personal\Certificates]

File Action View Favorites Window Help

Console Root

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

Issued To	Issued By	Expiration Date	Intended Purposes	Actions
*.sculpted-system.com	Go Daddy Secure Certification Autho...	6/29/2013	Server Authenticatio...	Certificates
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Open

All Tasks ▶ Open

Cut Request Certificate with New Key...

Copy Renew Certificate with New Key...

Delete Manage Private Keys...

Properties Advanced Operations ▶

Help Export...

Export a certificate

- 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 Admin
    - 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	5/31/2020 4:03:50 PM	8575526...

- Import...
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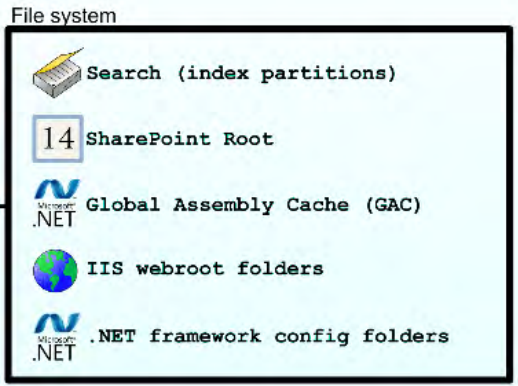
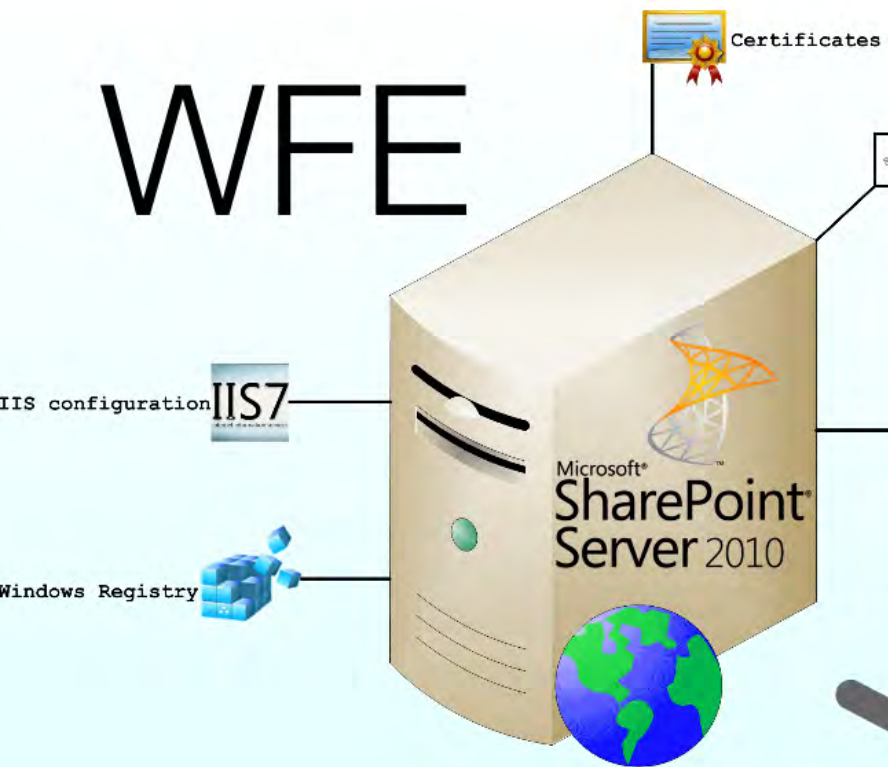
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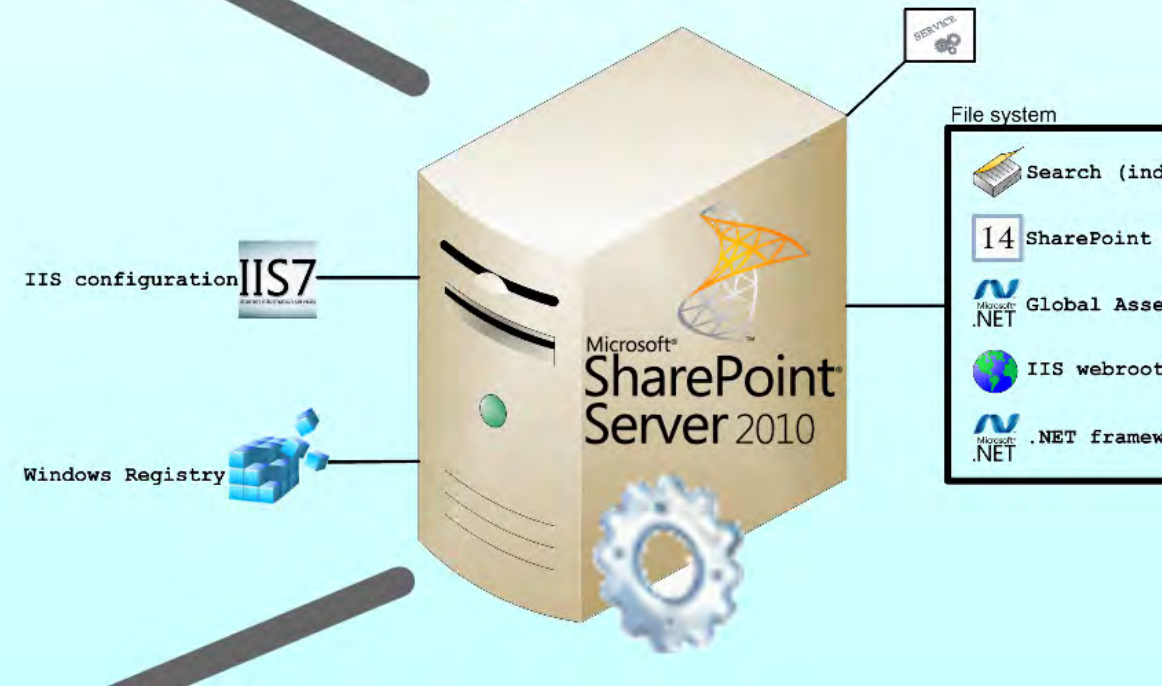
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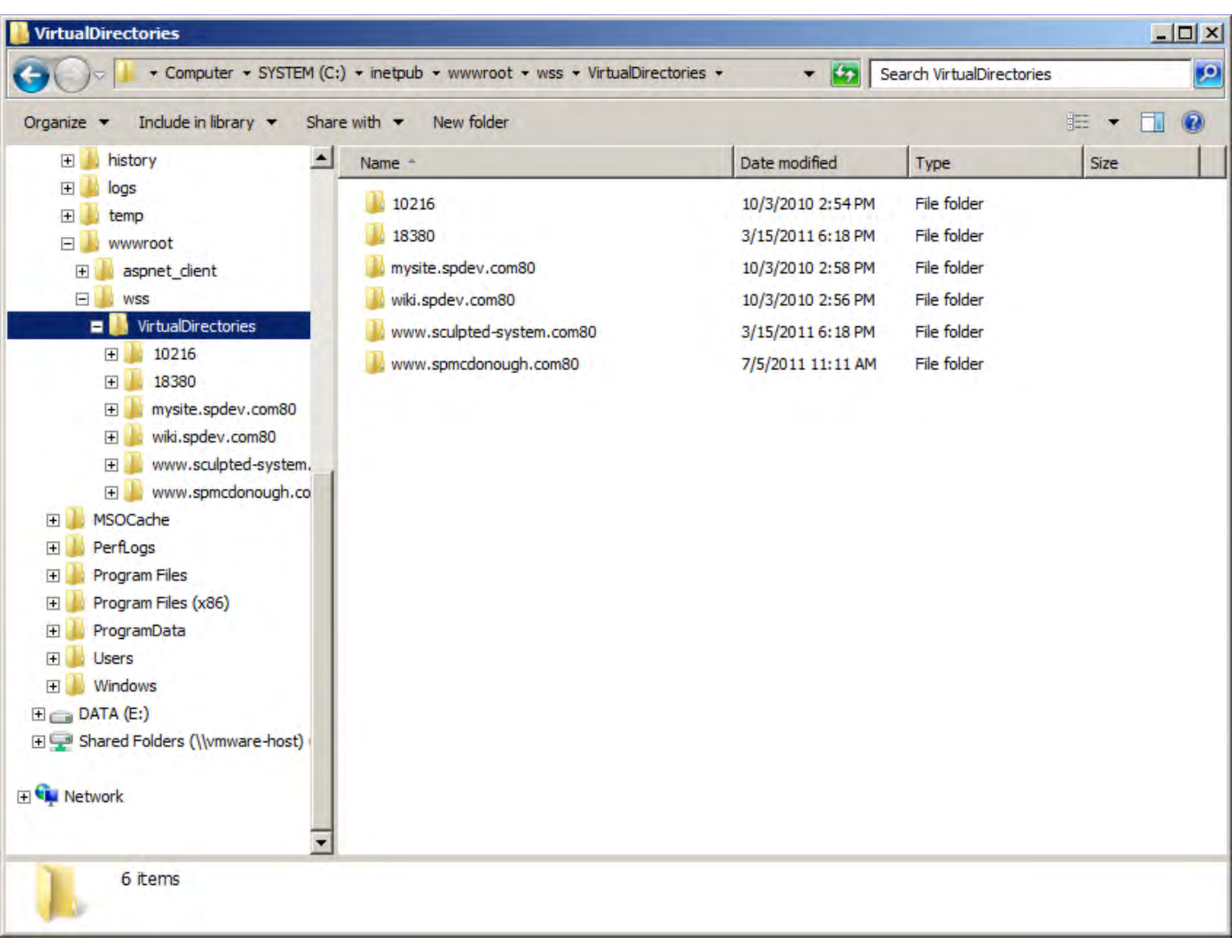
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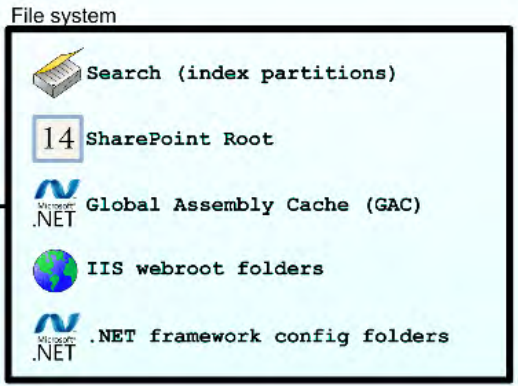
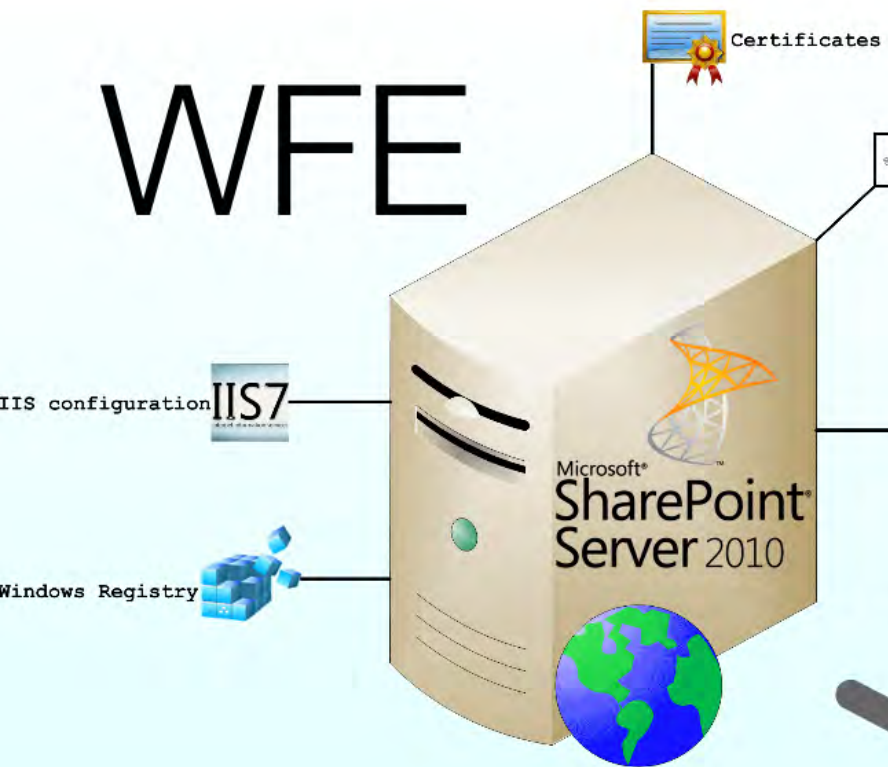
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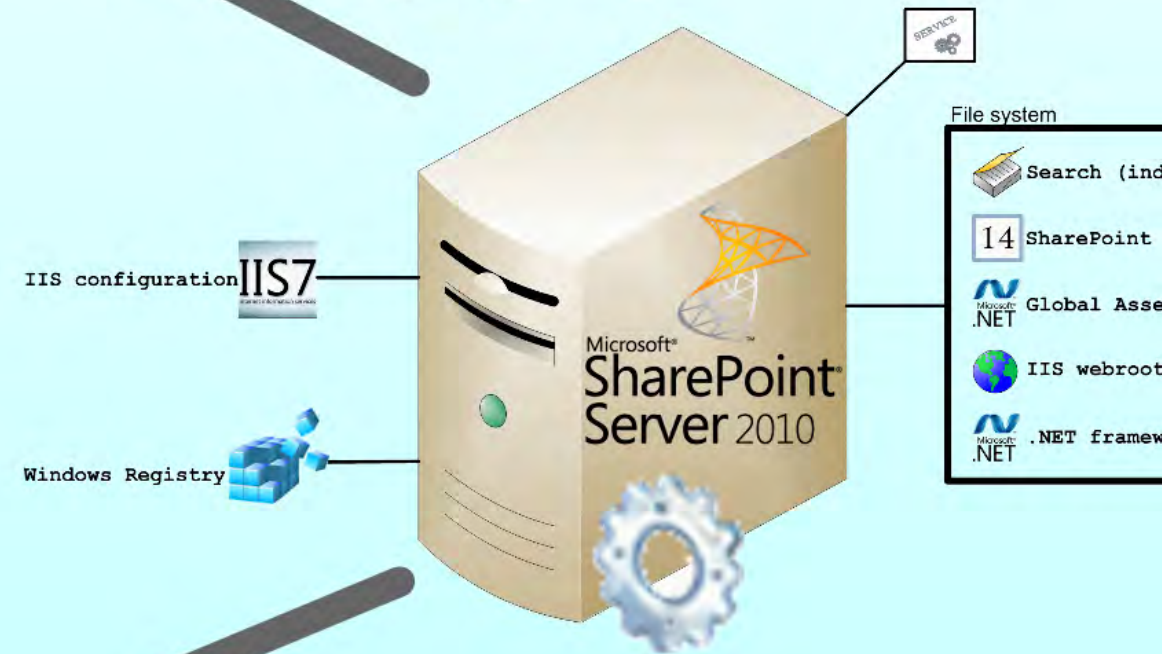
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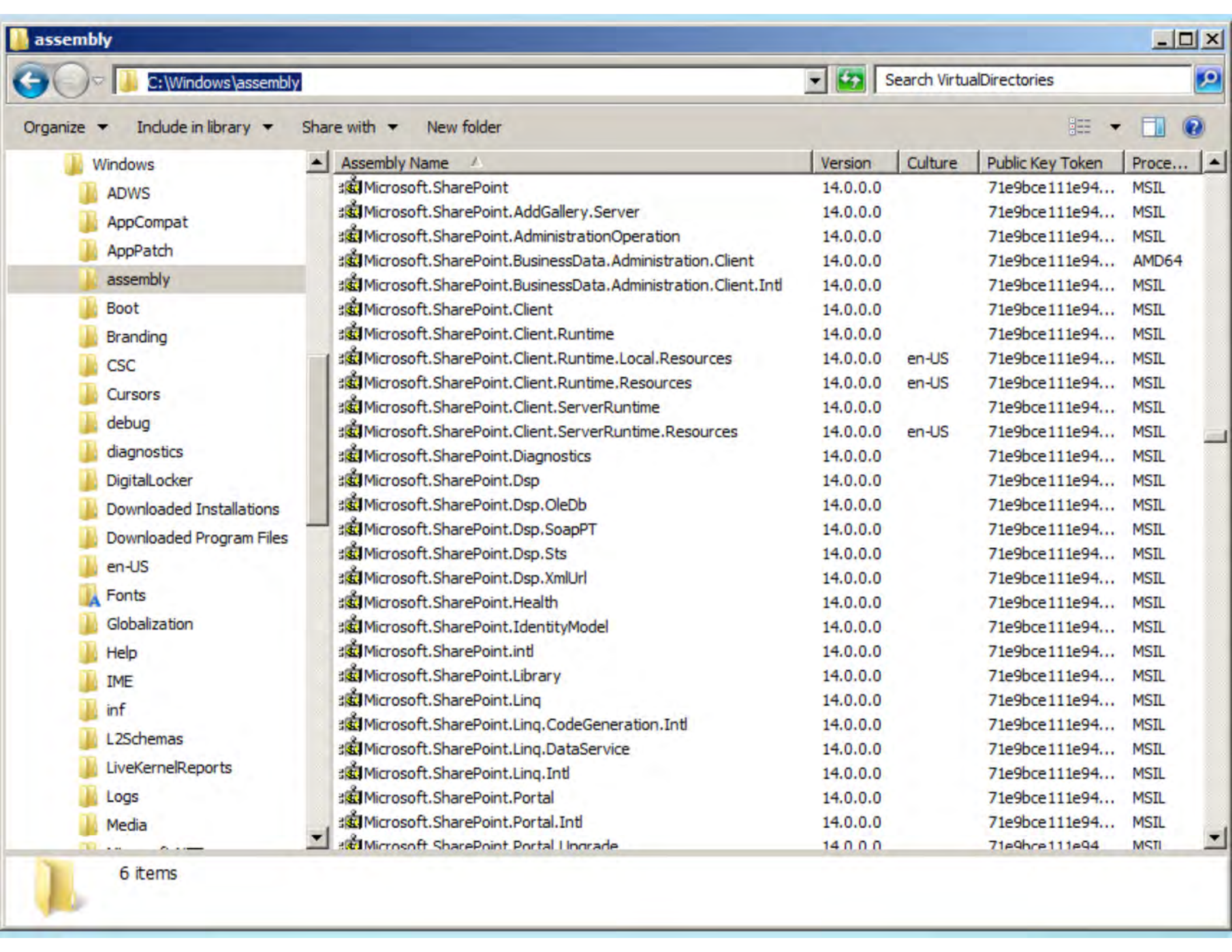
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File Home Share View

Clipboard: Copy, Paste, Copy path, Paste shortcut

Organize: Move to, Copy to, Delete, Rename

New: New folder, New item, Easy access

Open: Properties, Open, Edit

Select: Select all, Select none, Invert selection

This PC > SYSTEM (C:) > Windows > Microsoft.NET > assembly

Search assembly

- assembly
  - GAC\_32
  - GAC\_64
  - GAC\_MSIL
  - Accessibility
  - ADODB
  - Attunity.SqlServer.CDCCControlTask
  - Attunity.SqlServer.CDCDesign
  - Attunity.SqlServer.CDCSplit
  - Attunity.SqlServer.CDCSrc
  - Attunity.SSIS.Odbc.Design
  - blbmmc
  - blbmmc.resources
  - blbproxy.resources
  - blbwizfx
  - blbwizfx.resources
  - CachingCodeSolutionExamples2013
  - ComSvcConfig
  - CppCodeProvider
  - dfsvc
  - DocumentFormat.OpenXml
  - EventViewer
  - EventViewer.Resources
  - FSharp.Compiler
  - FSharp.Compiler.Interactive.Settings
  - FSharp.Compiler.Settings

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
GAC_32	4/4/2014 4:29 PM	File folder	
GAC_64	4/6/2014 7:08 PM	File folder	
GAC_MSIL	4/8/2014 1:00 PM	File folder	

3 items 1 item selected







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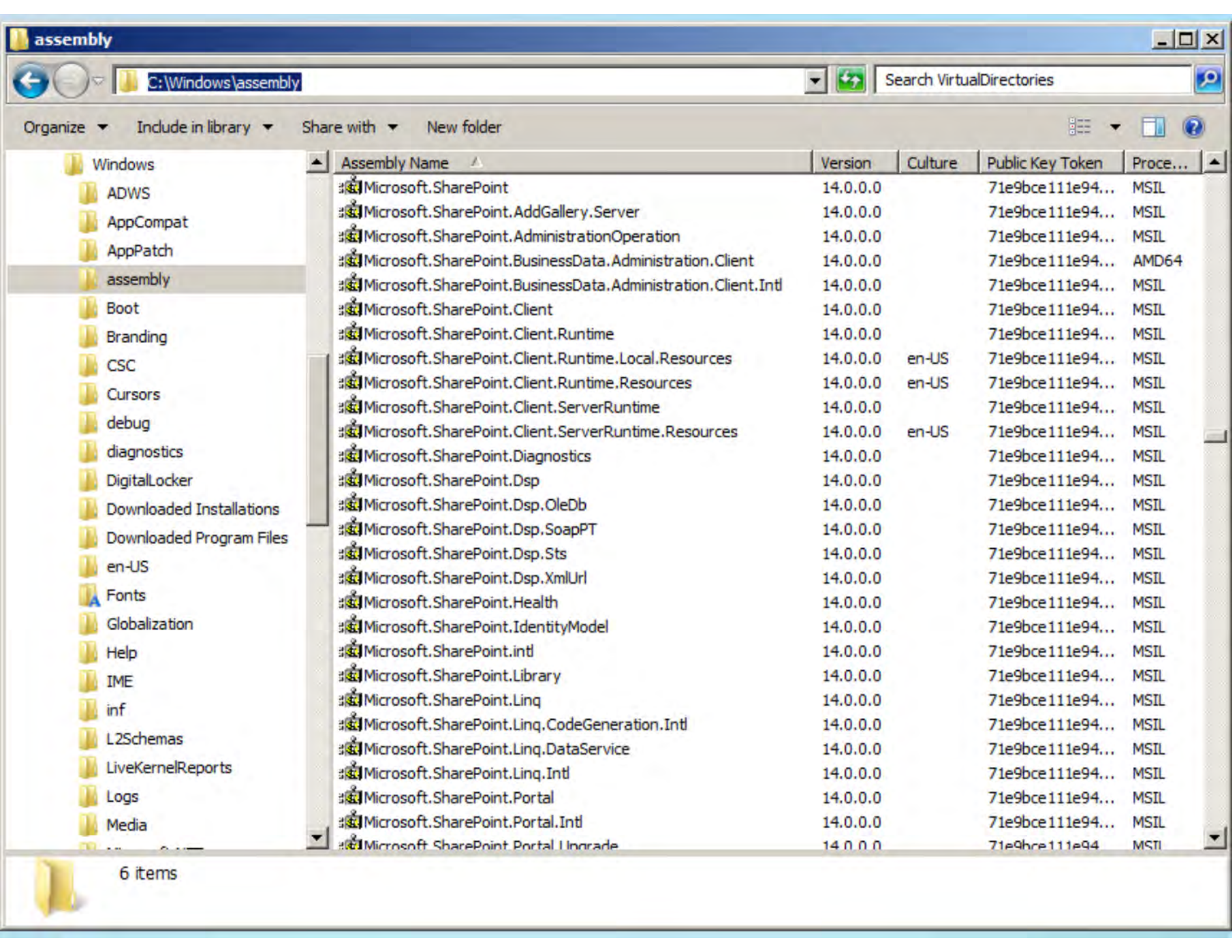
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- Windows
- ADWS
- AppCompat
- AppPatch
- assembly
- Boot
- Branding
- CSC
- Cursors
- debug
- diagnostics
- DigitalLocker
- Downloaded Installations
- Downloaded Program Files
- en-US
- Fonts
- Globalization
- Help
- IME
- inf
- L2Schemas
- LiveKernelReports
- Logs
- Media

Assembly Name	Version	Culture	Public Key Token	Proce...
Microsoft.SharePoint	14.0.0.0		71e9bce111e94...	MSIL
Microsoft.SharePoint.AddGallery.Server	14.0.0.0		71e9bce111e94...	MSIL
Microsoft.SharePoint.AdministrationOperation	14.0.0.0		71e9bce111e94...	MSIL
Microsoft.SharePoint.BusinessData.Administration.Client	14.0.0.0		71e9bce111e94...	AMD64
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Microsoft.SharePoint.Client.Runtime.Local.Resources	14.0.0.0	en-US	71e9bce111e94...	MSIL
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Microsoft.SharePoint.intl	14.0.0.0		71e9bce111e94...	MSIL
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Administrator: Windows PowerShell

PS C:\windows\assembly> dir

Directory: C:\windows\assembly

Mode	LastWriteTime	Length	Name
d----	3/15/2011 6:03 PM		GAC
d-r--	7/1/2011 11:49 AM		GAC_32
d-r--	7/5/2011 10:57 AM		GAC_64
d-r--	8/8/2011 5:33 PM		GAC_MSIL
d----	7/5/2011 2:57 PM		NativeImages_v2.0.50727_32
d----	7/5/2011 10:54 AM		NativeImages_v2.0.50727_64
d----	7/1/2011 1:46 PM		NativeImages_v4.0.30319_32
d----	7/1/2011 1:20 PM		NativeImages_v4.0.30319_64
d----	8/8/2011 5:30 PM		temp
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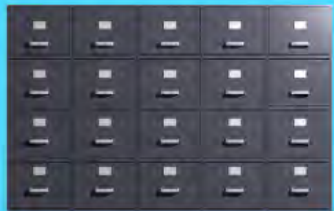
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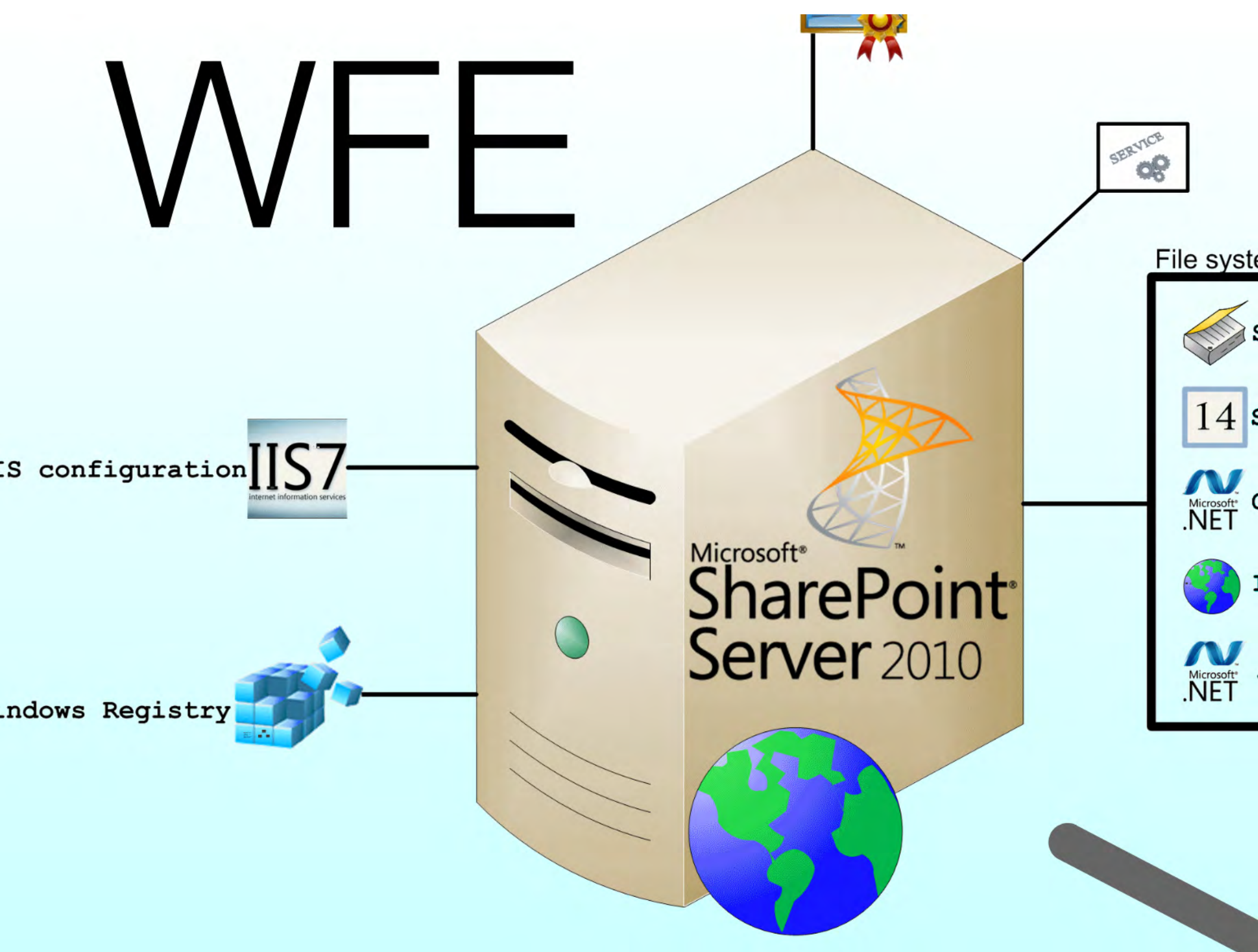
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- User profile settings area (for each user's HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER settings)

# WFE





# Windows Registry





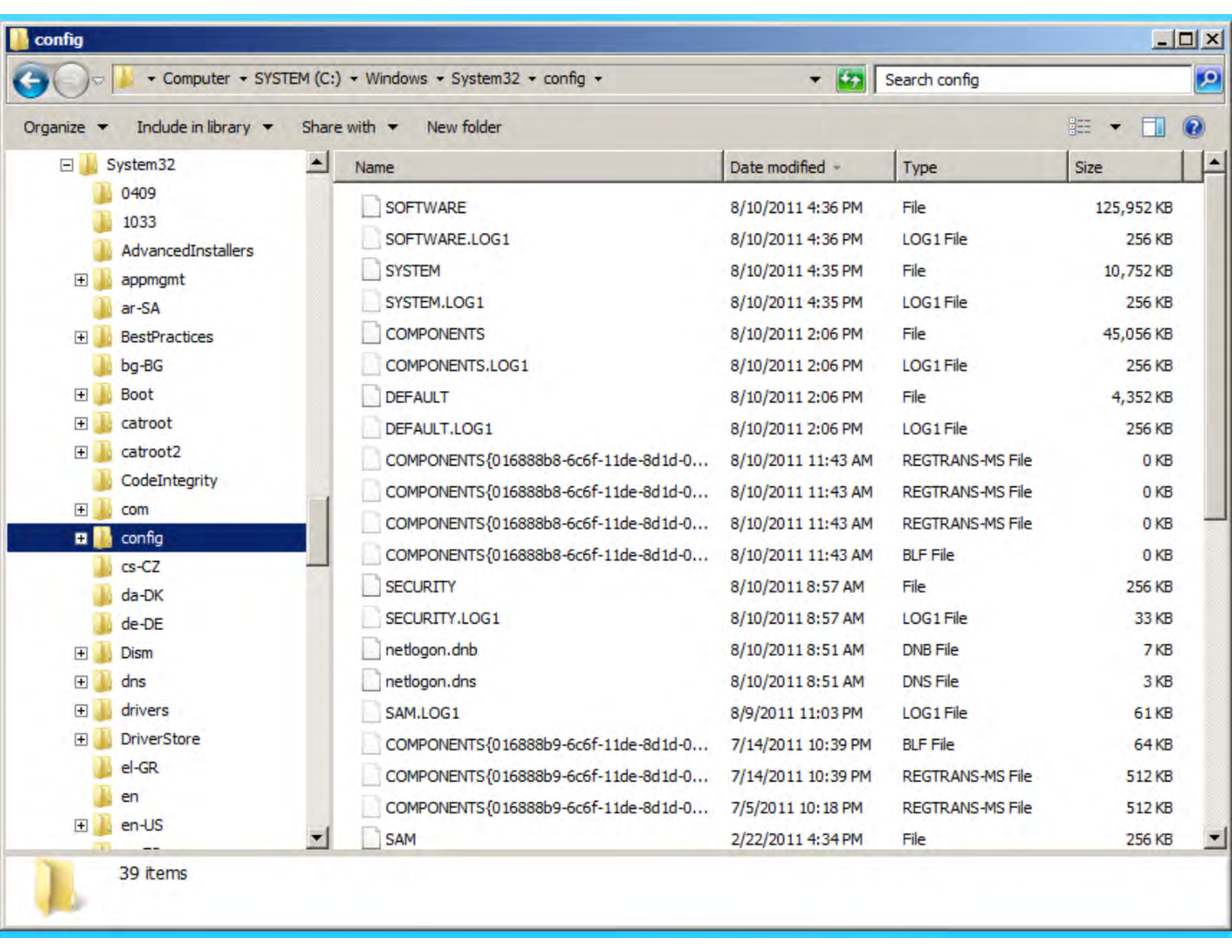
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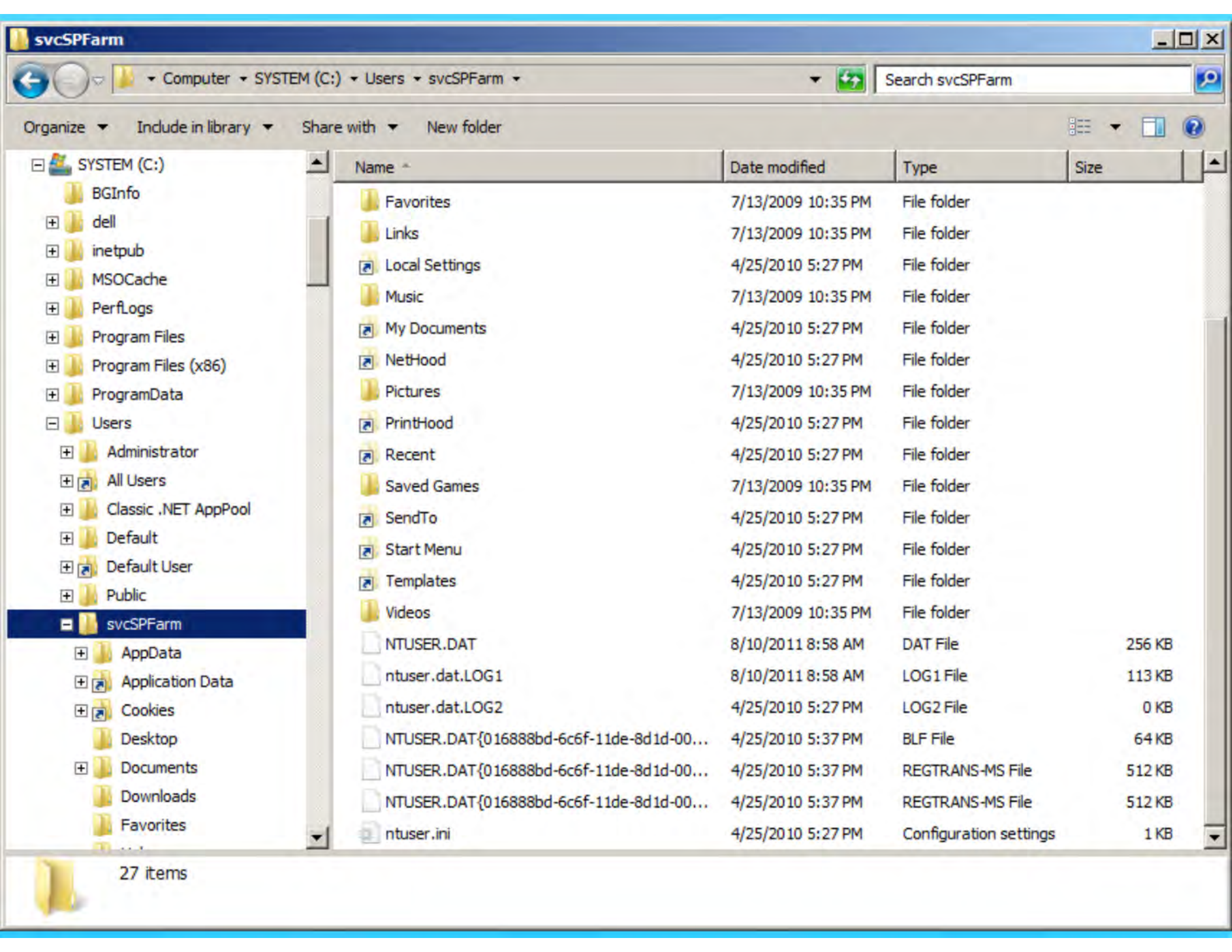
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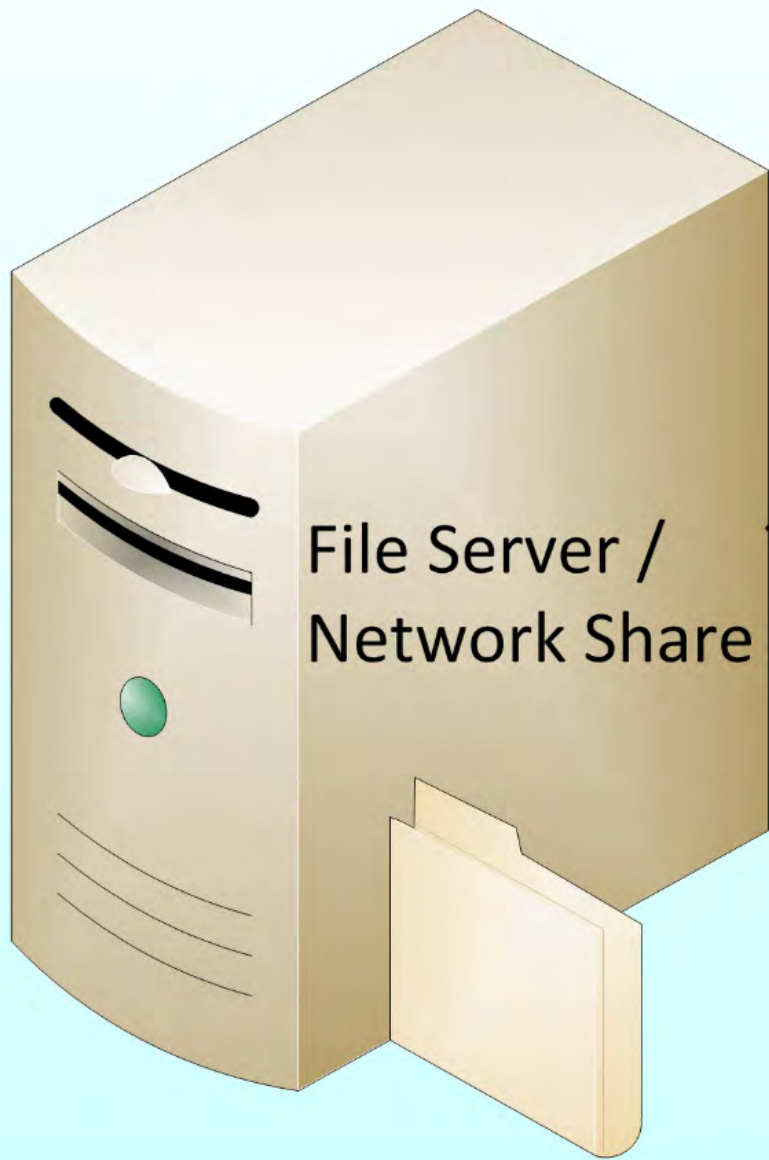


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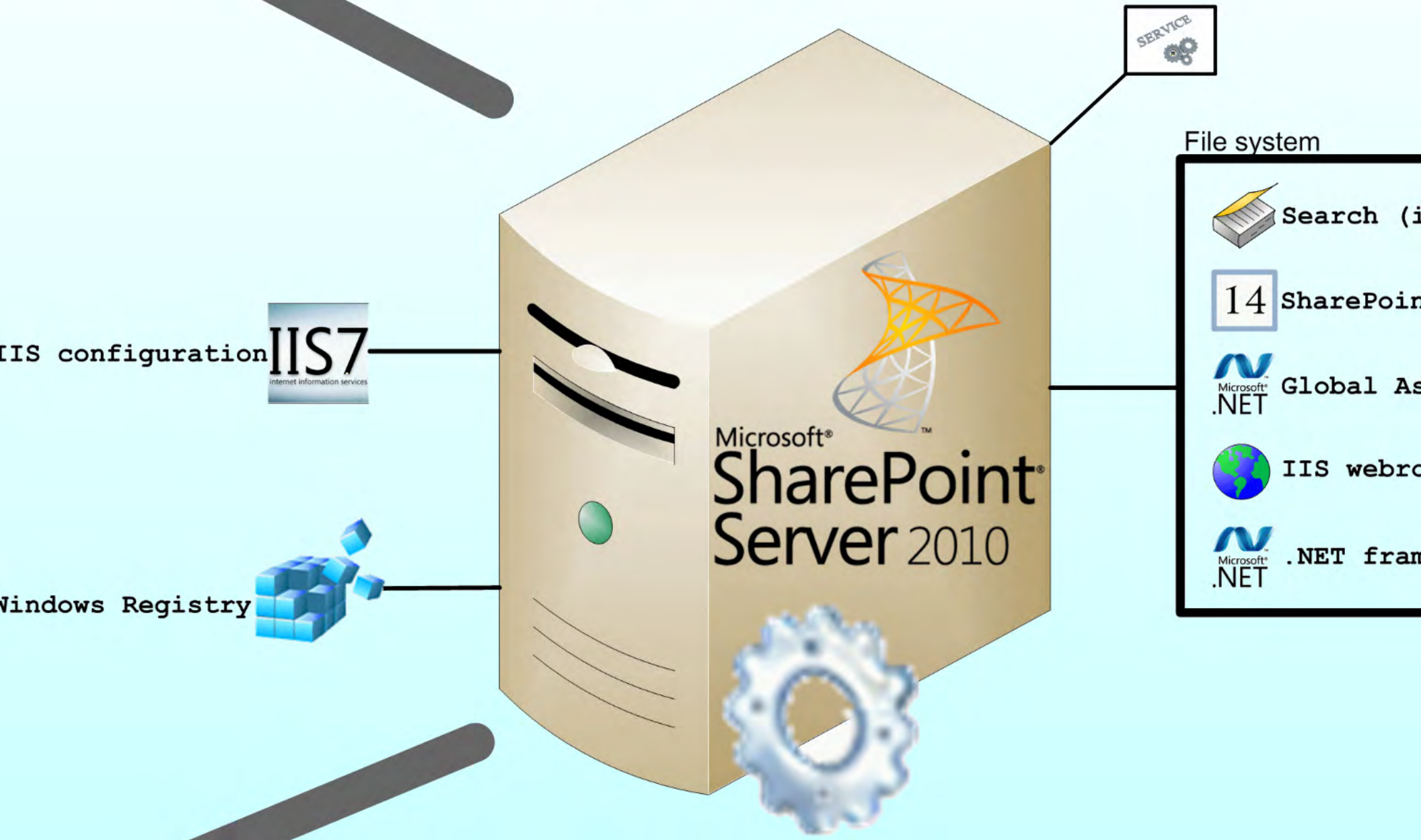
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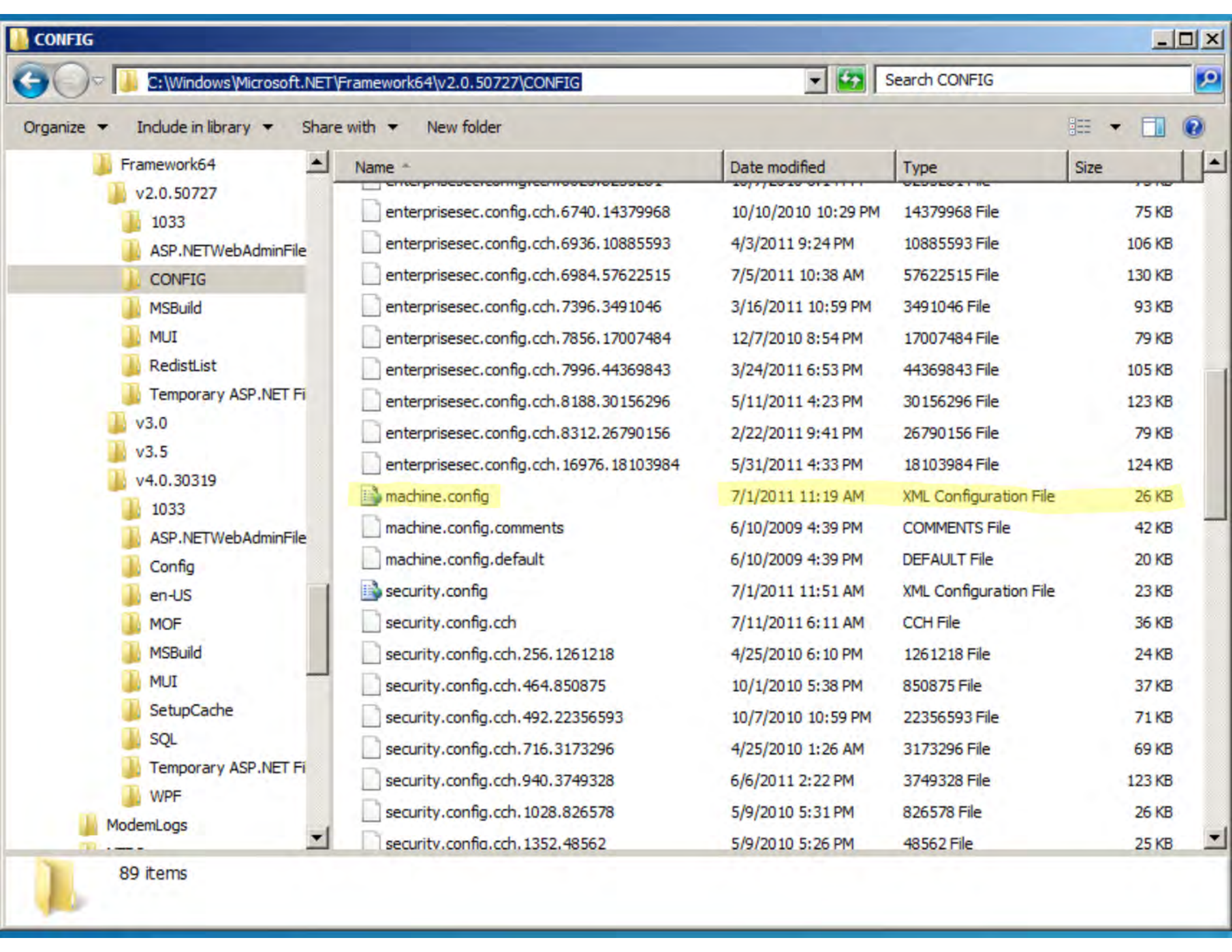
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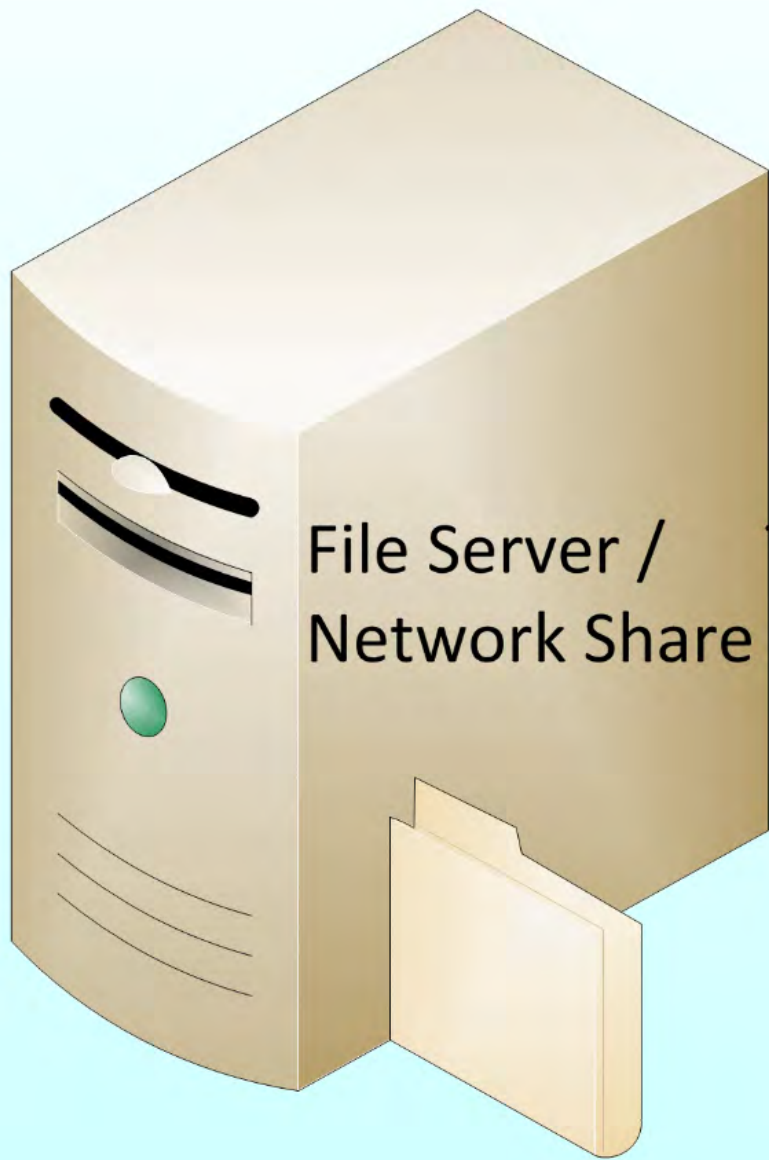


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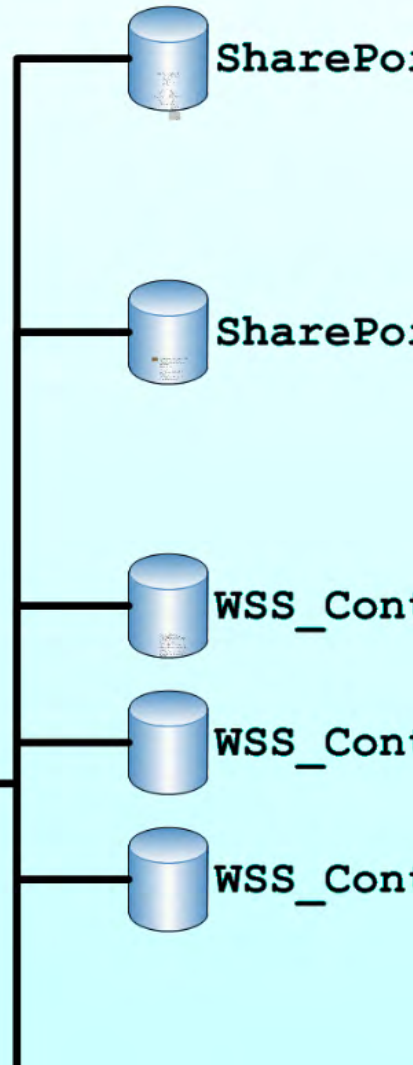
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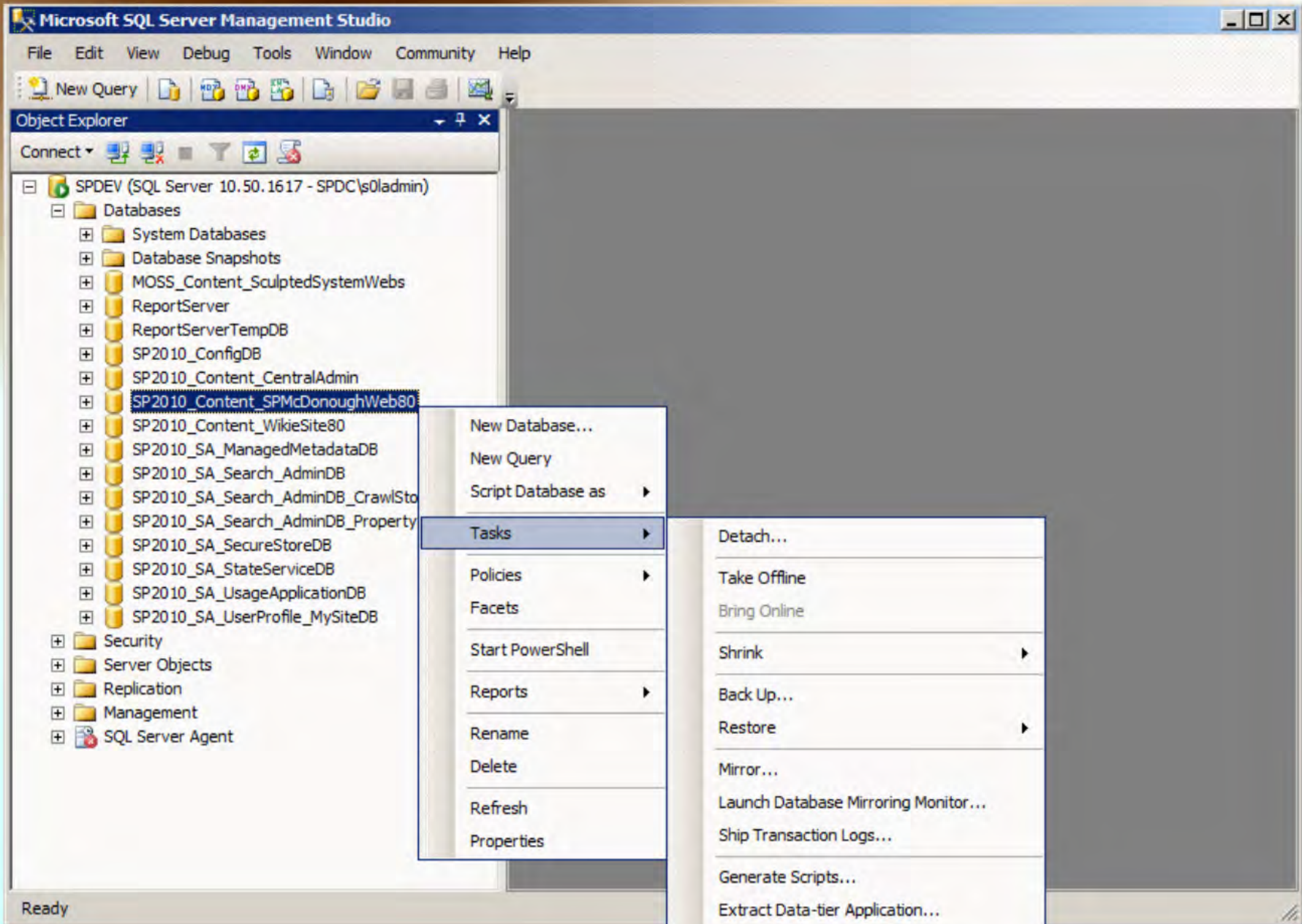
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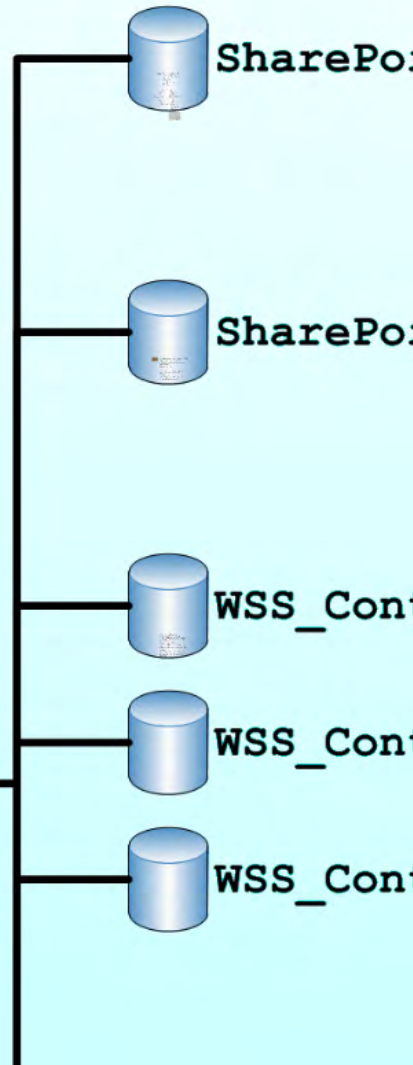
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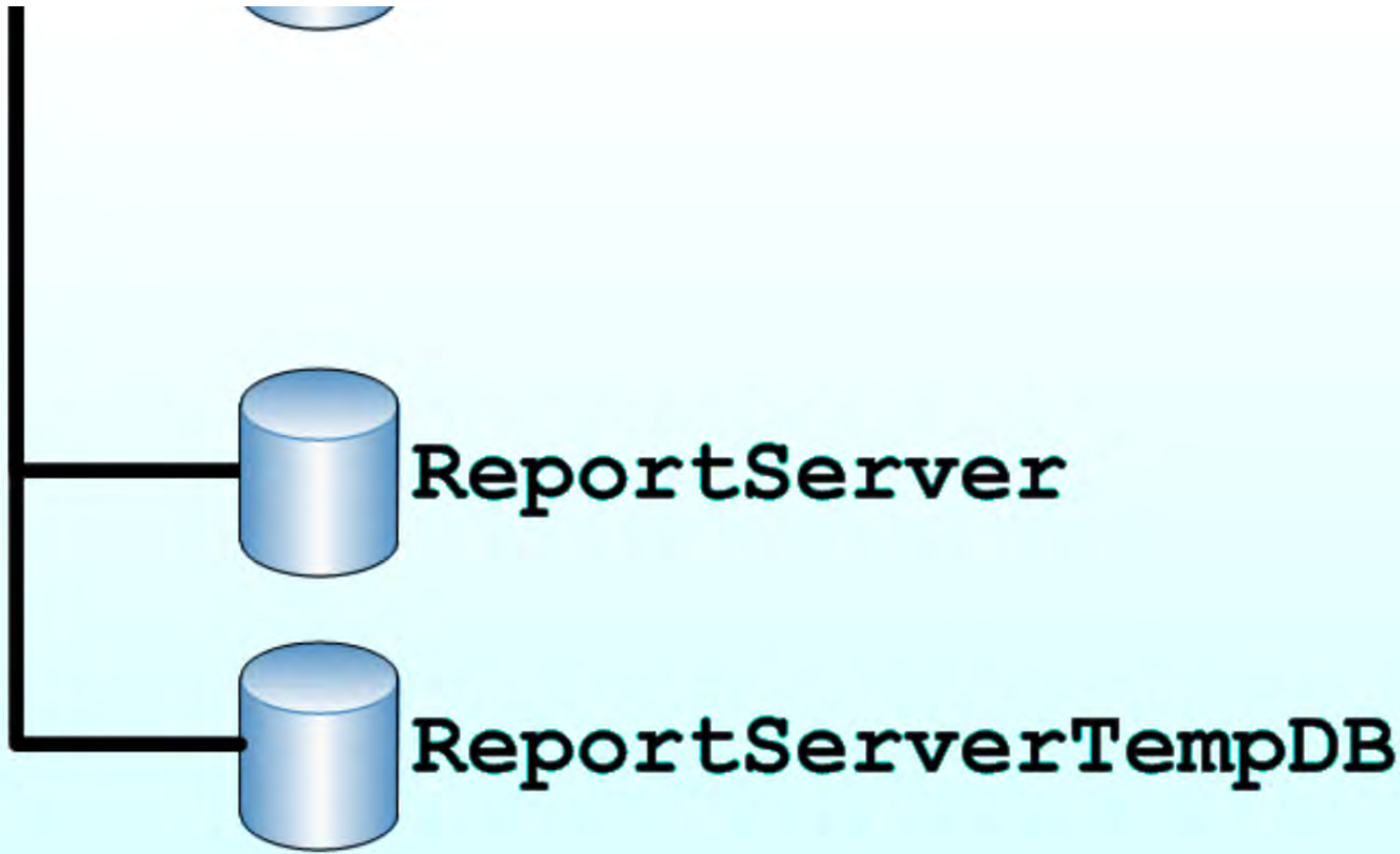
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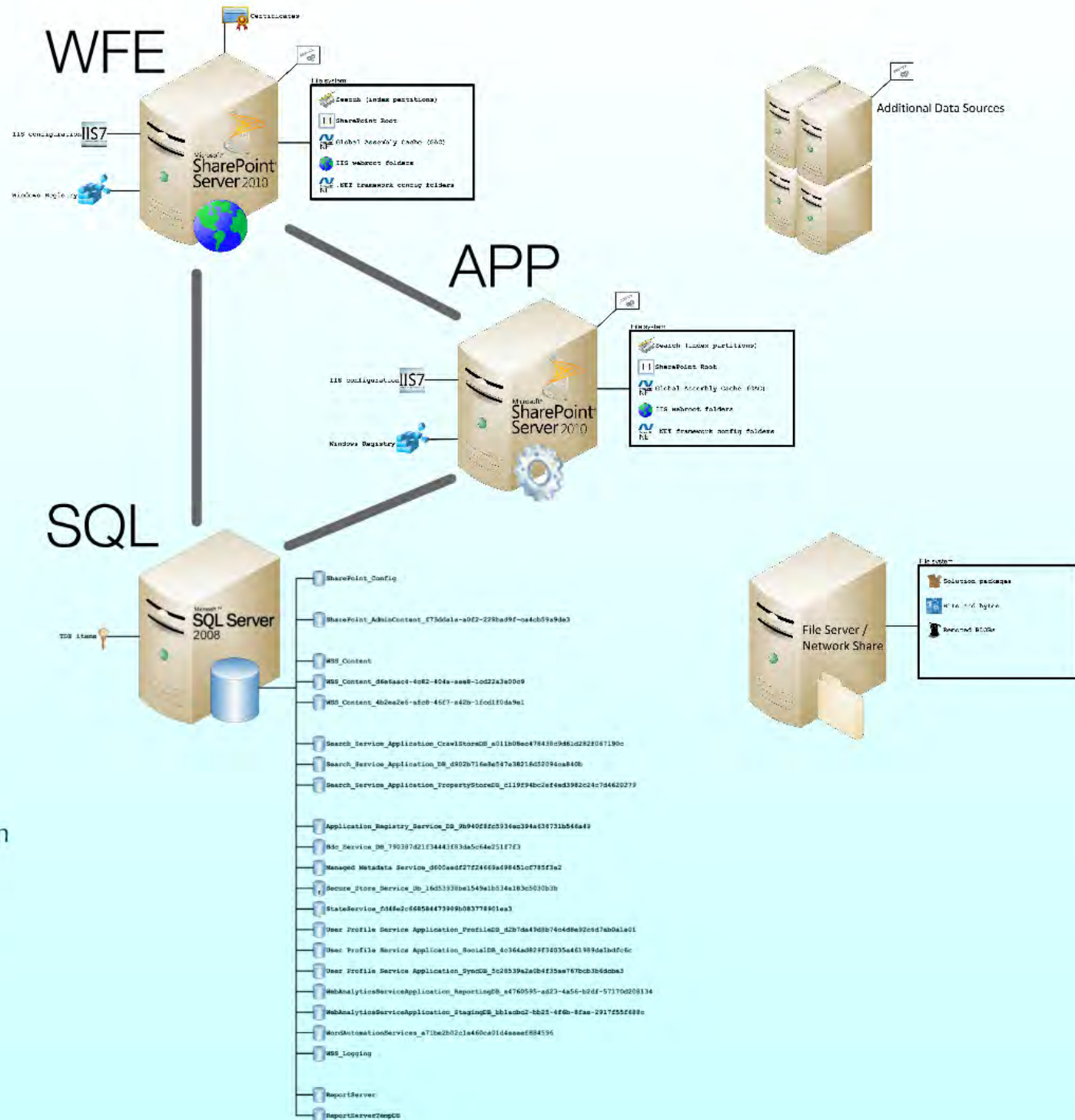
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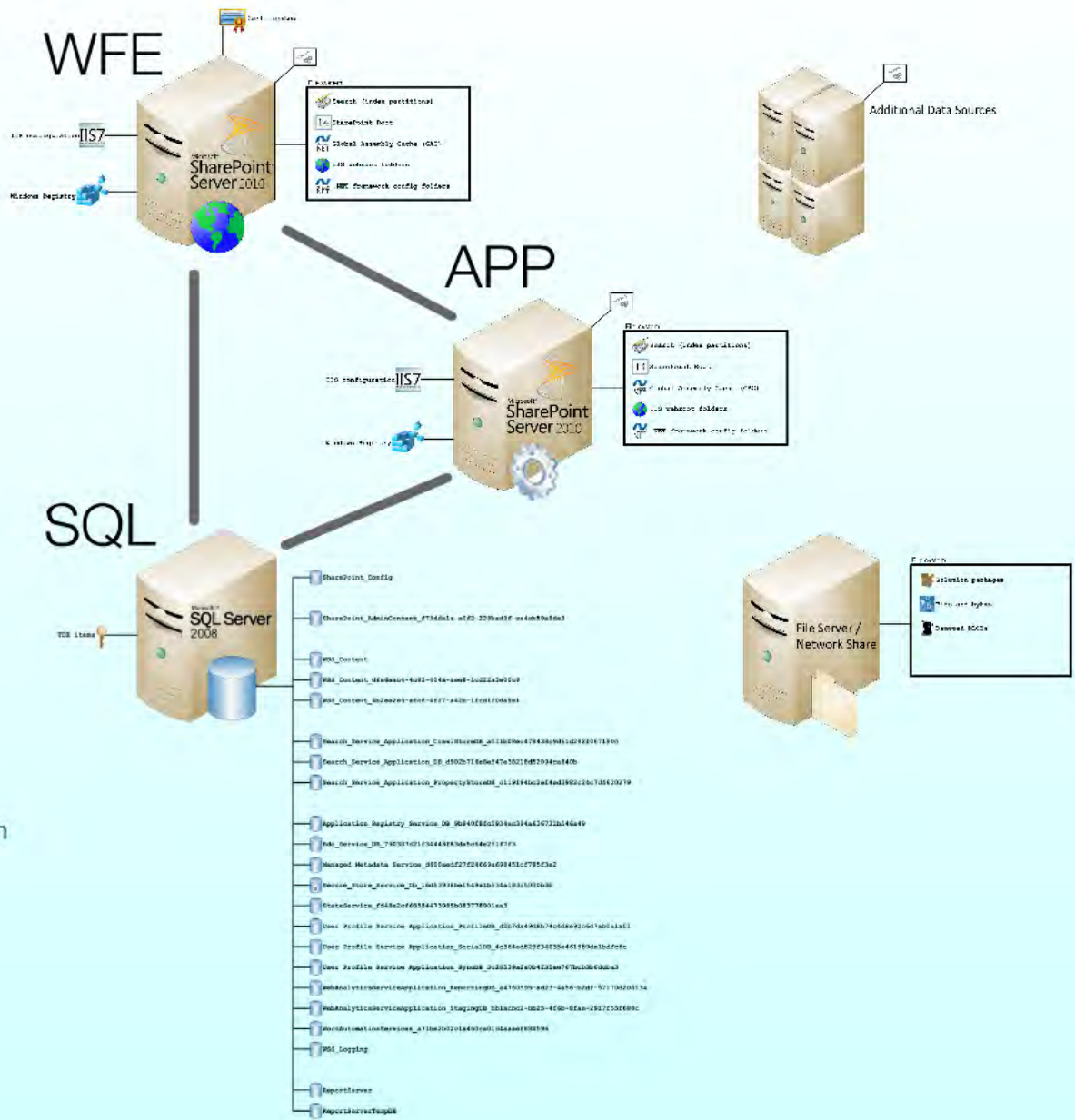
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- Most important targets in your farm
- Critical protection takes minutes. Just invest a little time.

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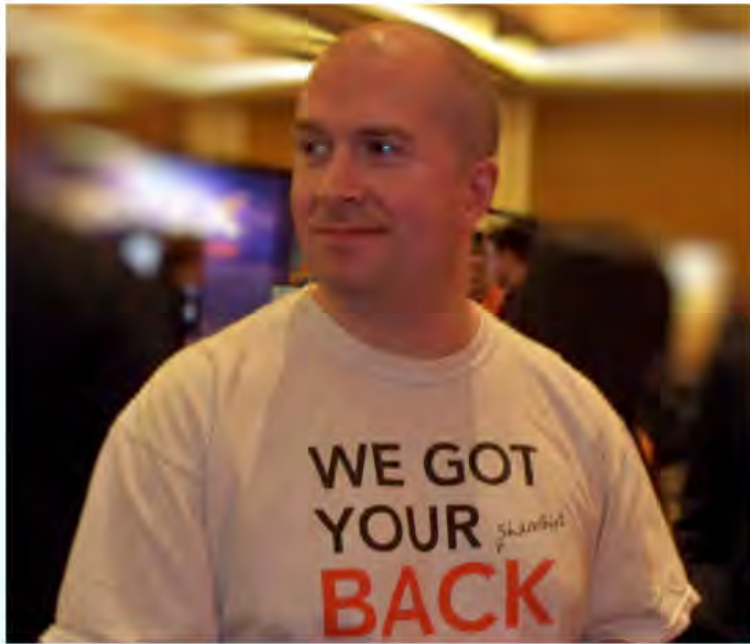
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# Thank you!



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