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SharePoint Manager Plus

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Document overview

This document delves into the SharePoint challenges faced by IT departments and how SharePoint Manager Plus helps IT admins tackle them.

SharePoint Manager Plus overview

SharePoint Manager Plus is a reporting, auditing, management, monitoring, and migration tool for hybrid SharePoint. It helps administrators carry out SharePoint on-premises and online tasks effortlessly with its easy-to-use interface. While the native tool may suffice for basic tasks, it is very limited and requires PowerShell scripts to do more.

With SharePoint Manager Plus, you can track changes with comprehensive reports and audit logs, efficiently manage groups and permissions in bulk, seamlessly migrate from any on-premises version to the cloud, and get alerts on critical changes in your environment. It also helps you monitor tenant health, schedule granular backups, and delegate activities to non-IT staff—all from a unified console.

Challenge 1:

Simplifying SharePoint reporting

SharePoint administrators require extensive information about their environments. The more information that can be reported on, the clearer an idea can be formed about things happening in the environment. SharePoint offers various reports that lay a strong foundation but lack statistical information, requiring PowerShell scripts to extract more data.

Organizations need to ensure that their SharePoint solution can:

1. Generate comprehensive reports.
2. Automate the generation of script-free reports.
3. Offer custom reports to get specific information.

How does SharePoint Manager Plus simplify SharePoint reporting?

SharePoint Manager Plus enables users with limited scripting knowledge and non-IT users to generate reports on farms, permissions, users, site activity, and more, with filter options to narrow down on what you are looking for. This purely GUI-based reporting tool gives you details on multiple objects under each categorized report, which leads to fewer clicks to get to the information you need.

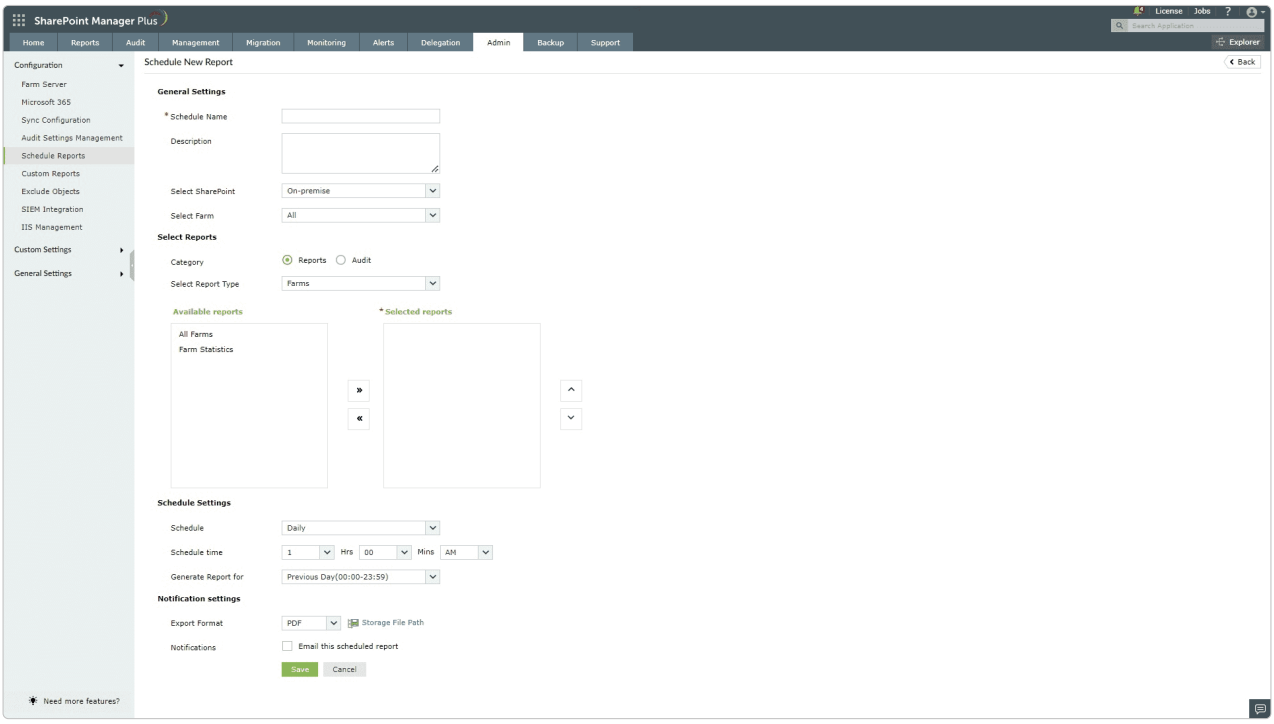
Key benefits

Get comprehensive reports

SharePoint Manager Plus helps you extract more information on your hybrid environments with comprehensive reports. Get granular reports on user and group permissions that provide visibility down to the list, document library, folder, and file levels. Also get information on site activity, most viewed sites, and external user access that provides invaluable information for your organization.

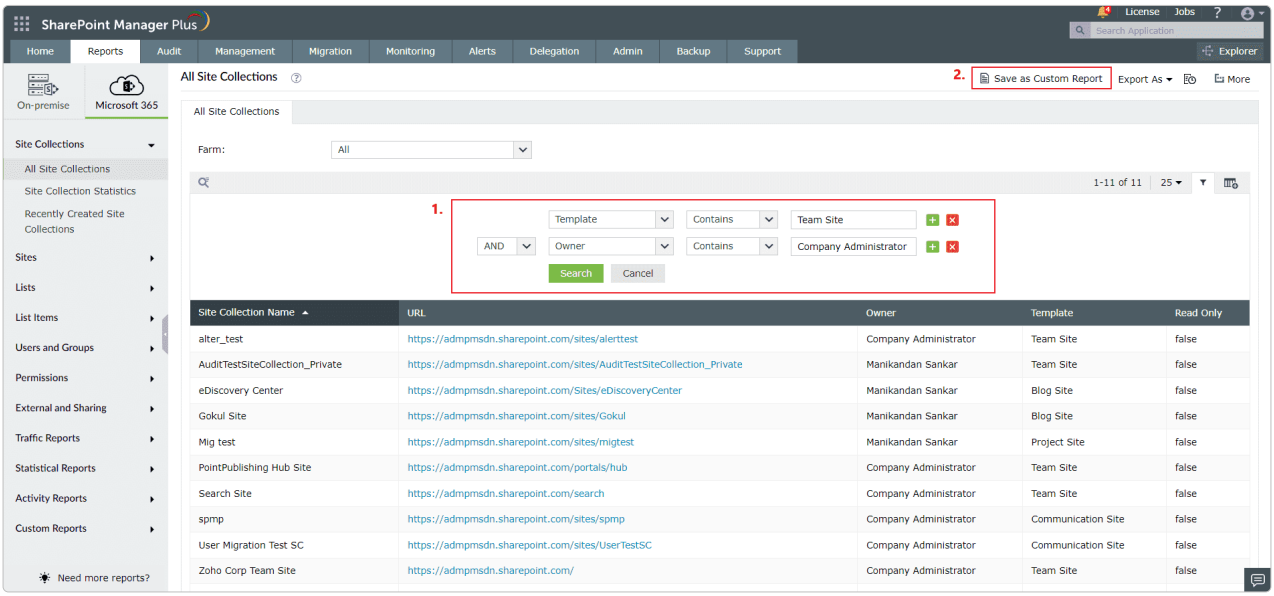
Schedule reports script free

Generate reports automatically with customizable scheduling options that require zero PowerShell scripting. Schedule reports to run at regular intervals and have them exported to multiple formats like CSV, PDF, XLS, and HTML. You can also have them delivered to email addresses of your choice.



Custom report generation

Each report allows you to customize and filter the necessary fields to have it generate only the information you need. You can also create a report from scratch and save it, and generate it at any time.



Challenge 2:

Simplifying SharePoint management

Managing SharePoint tasks, especially in a large organization, can get hectic. SharePoint, with its limited support for multiple object management, is not efficient when you need to grant, revoke, or copy permissions for multiple objects at a time. This can get repetitive and won't help you save time for other tasks.

Organizations need to ensure their SharePoint solution can:

1. Manage SharePoint in bulk.
2. Provide non-invasive delegation.
3. Offer infrastructure visibility.

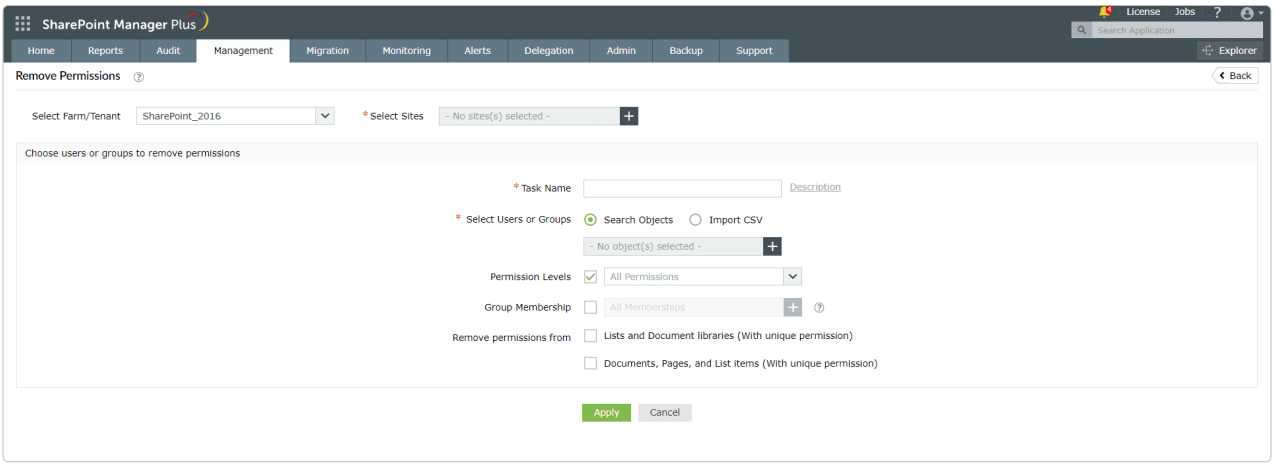
How does SharePoint Manager Plus simplify SharePoint management?

In SharePoint Manager Plus, copying permissions and group memberships from one user to another is as simple as clicking a button. This greatly improves efficiency in large organizations. It also lets you check the permissions assigned to specific users or groups, sub-sites, and permissions assigned directly or through SharePoint groups, which provides better visibility and helps you locate any privilege escalations.

Key benefits

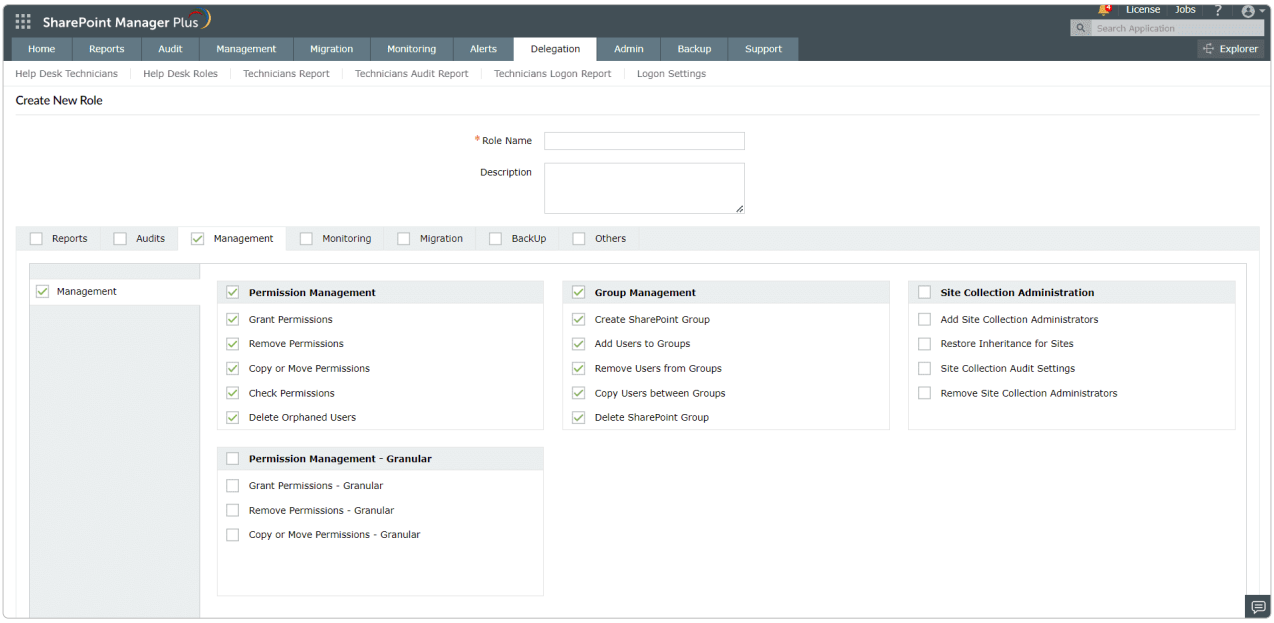
Bulk management

By importing a CSV file, you can perform management operations in bulk. For example, you can remove permissions from all unique libraries, folders, or files for multiple users with a single action, streamlining group and permission management for large organizations. This will free you from time-consuming processes and help you focus on critical tasks.



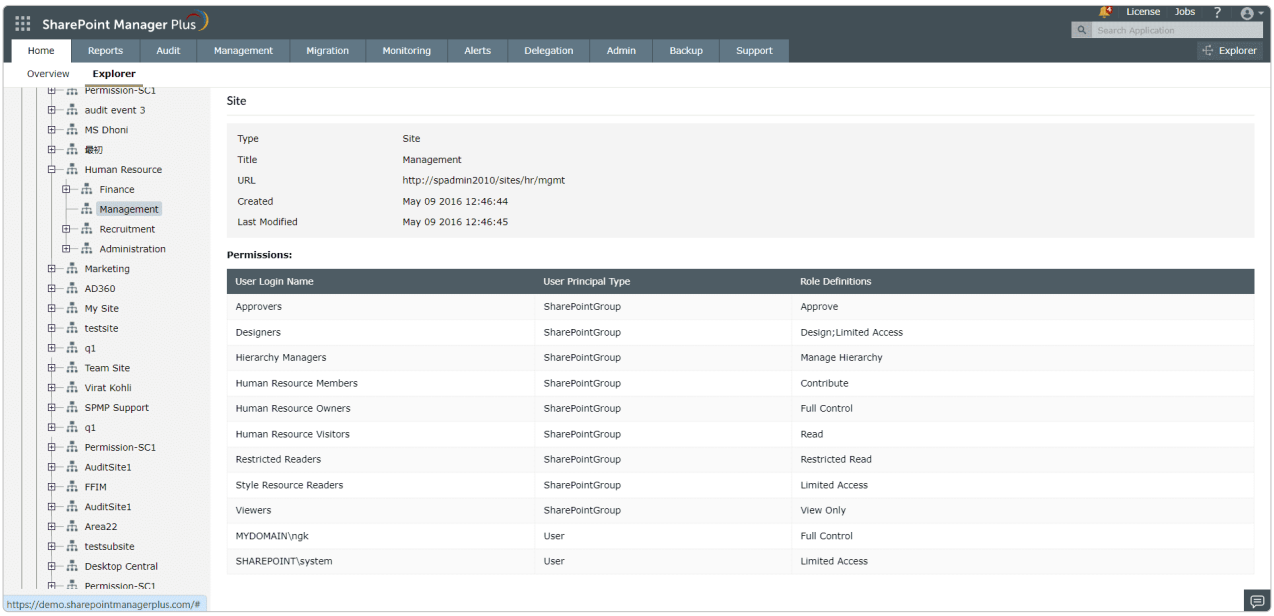
Non-invasive delegation

When administrators have too many management tasks at hand, they can delegate tasks to non-admin users (technicians) by assigning roles without extending their privileges. These roles can be customized to only allow certain management capabilities to technicians. You can then keep track and monitor their actions with reports.



Built-in explorer tool

To manage your SharePoint environment, you need a holistic view of the overall infrastructure. With the explorer tool, you can view the complete hierarchical architecture of your SharePoint deployment. Expanding each component shows its properties and security permissions, helping you analyze and make crucial decisions to manage SharePoint effectively.



Challenge 3:

Staying notified of changes

It is important to stay informed of critical changes happening in a SharePoint environment. SharePoint's native audit reports are difficult to access and data is inadequate. Additionally, the audit settings for on-premise versions have to be enabled separately for each site collection, which is a huge task for large organizations.

Organizations need to ensure their SharePoint solution can:

1. Audit every activity in your environment.
2. Archive audit logs.
3. Get timely alerts.

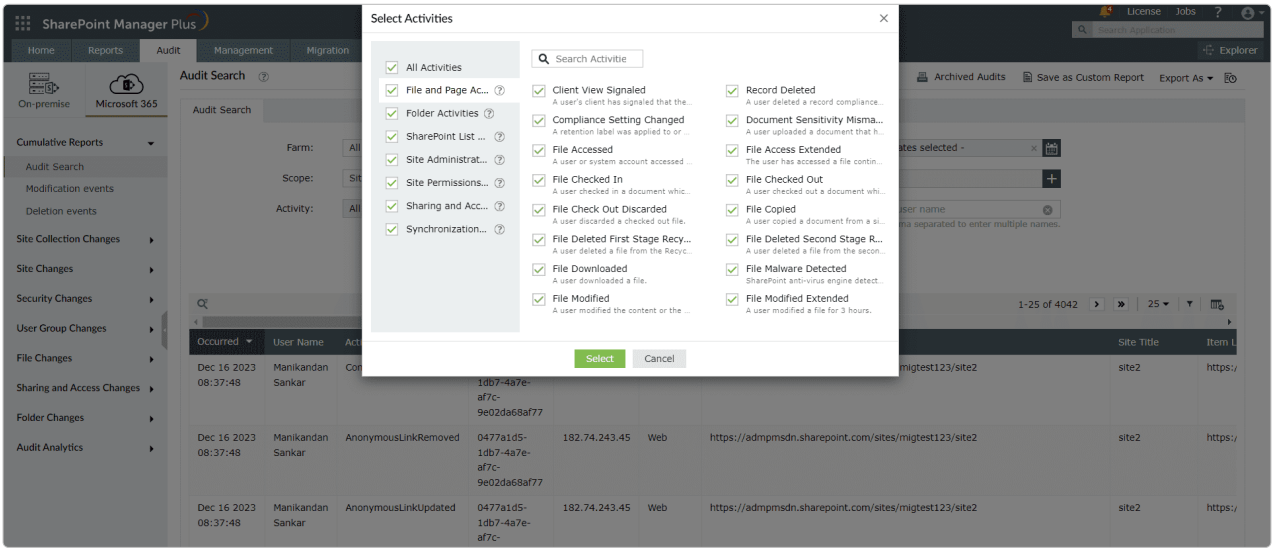
How does SharePoint Manager Plus help keep you notified of changes?

With SharePoint Manager Plus, you can generate audit reports for both on-premises and SharePoint Online from a single console. You can audit both component- and security-level changes with categorized reports designed to make auditing easy. Track changes to site collections, sites, lists, permissions, groups, and more. Also, schedule audits to run automatically and have them delivered to your email.

Key benefits

Generate cumulative reports

Cumulative reports help you track all deletion and modification events across an entire farm or tenant from a single page. Using audit search tools, you can specify which activity you'd like to audit, the time period for the audit, and the scope of the audit search so you can easily narrow down on your specific area of interest.

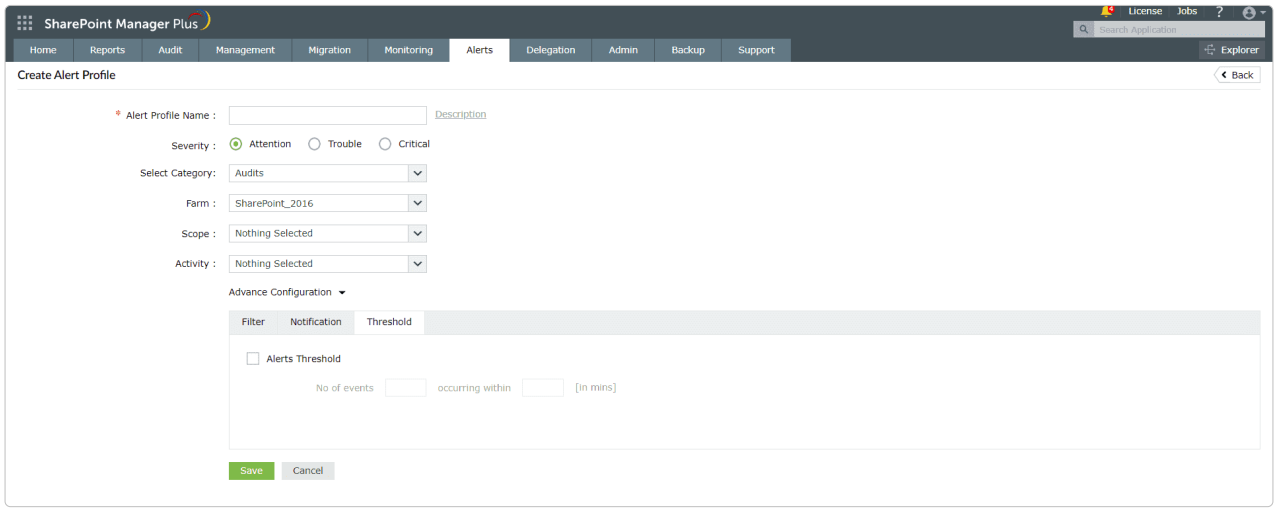


Stay compliant

Certain compliance regulations require audit reports to be maintained for a specified number of years. SharePoint Manager Plus allows you to archive logs from SharePoint and re-index them later to generate audit data. SharePoint Manager Plus allows you to generate audit reports from these logs, and they can be exported in different formats like CSV, PDF, XLS, and HTML.

Stay notified

SharePoint Manager Plus helps you stay informed by sending email alert notifications when a change occurs. When alerts are triggered, they are categorized into severity levels like Attention, Critical, and Trouble. You can also create alert profiles and specify what will trigger the alert. Getting notified immediately when a change occurs will help you mitigate the problem quickly.



Challenge 4:

Monitoring site health

An organization must ensure that their SharePoint sites do not experience downtime. Unexpected server outages or unavailability of space can lead to frustrated customers, lost revenue, and a damaged reputation. Monitoring the health of your tenants, endpoints, and sites empowers you to proactively prevent disruptions before they impact everyday activities.

Organizations need to ensure their SharePoint solution can:

1. Generate detailed incident data.
2. Secure endpoints and storage.

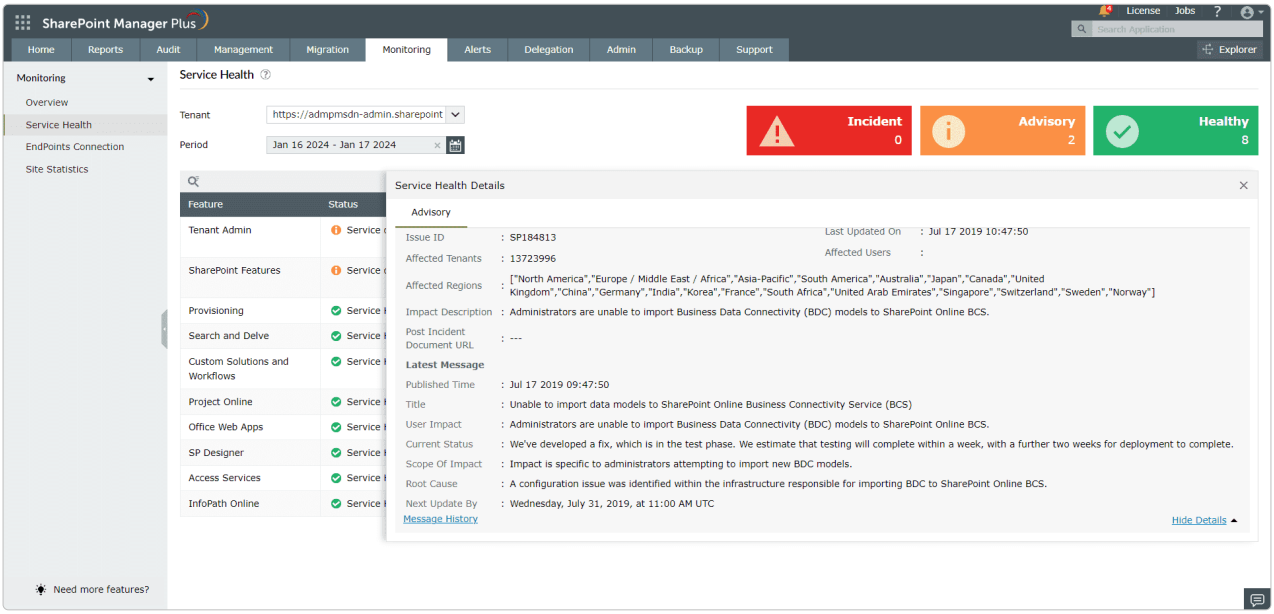
How does SharePoint Manager Plus help in monitoring site health?

SharePoint Manager Plus continuously monitors the health of SharePoint services, endpoints, and sites. Users can configure alert profiles to notify when a site or tenant storage reaches a specified limit. Additionally, the service health report generates health updates on the myriad of features within a tenant. By viewing the health status in a graphical format, you can get a general idea of what events to prioritize first.

Key benefits

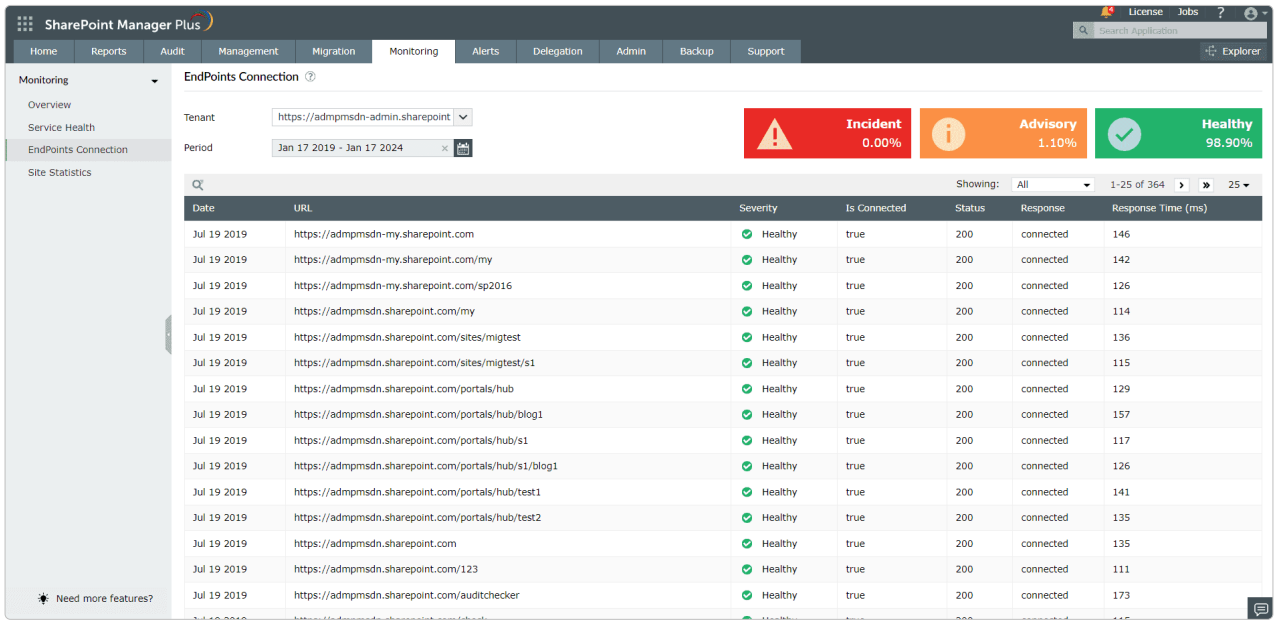
Detailed information on an incident

SharePoint Manager Plus shows the health status of all SharePoint Online features under a tenant. With different categories to indicate health, you can choose which feature you'd want to deal with immediately. Clicking on an event will give you detailed information on the degraded service like impact, the time the event started, and the root cause.



Endpoint and storage monitoring

By monitoring endpoints, you can ensure that your resources are always available. Details like site connection failures and longer connection times will get categorized so you can easily pinpoint and take necessary actions. You also get information on the storage quota, which will help you optimize resource allocation.



Challenge 5:

Performing seamless migration

Migrating your SharePoint sites and resources between different environments shouldn't be a complicated process. All your data should be securely moved without causing any hiccups. Importing files from shared network drives or local machines to a SharePoint environment should be equally seamless.

Organizations need to ensure their SharePoint solution can:

1. Perform migration at their convenience.
2. Manage tasks while migrating.

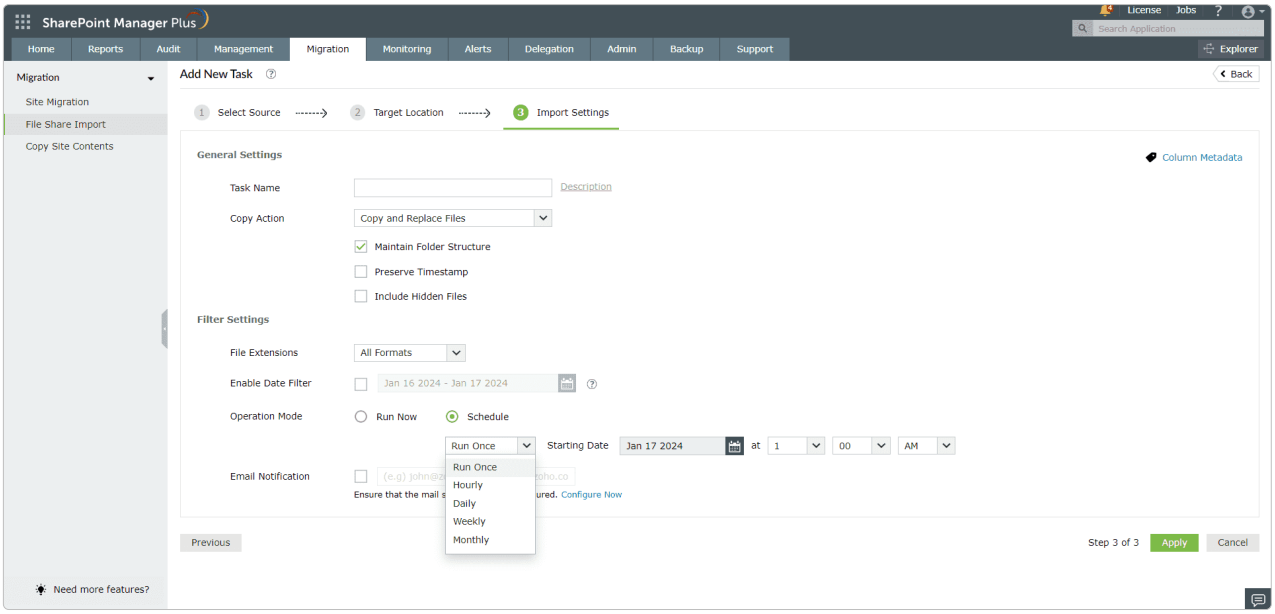
How does SharePoint Manager Plus help you migrate seamlessly?

SharePoint Manager Plus takes away the hesitation to migrate and reorganize your environment. Migration is as simple as checking a few boxes and configuring the schedules. For importing files from shared network drives or local machines, the importing tool allows you to incrementally upload them to any SharePoint environment at a scheduled time.

Key benefits

Migrate conveniently

SharePoint Manager Plus allows you to migrate resources granularly like individual files and documents specific to a site. After creating your migration task, you can run it immediately or schedule it to run later. Tasks like importing files or copying site contents can also be scheduled to run at regular intervals or at a specific time of your choice.



Manage while you migrate

Don't let the migration process stop you from managing your SharePoint environment. While you migrate to another environment, keep managing, reporting on, and auditing in whichever on-premises (2013, 2016, 2019, Subscription Edition) or SharePoint Online version where your resources are.

Challenge 6:

Protecting your SharePoint data

Organizations face the daunting task of safeguarding their SharePoint resources from ransomware attacks. By backing up resources regularly, you can ensure the availability of critical SharePoint resources. However, the native tool does not provide a way to securely back up and restore your SharePoint environment.

Organizations need to ensure their SharePoint solution can:

1. Back up all SharePoint data.
2. Restore all or part of their information.

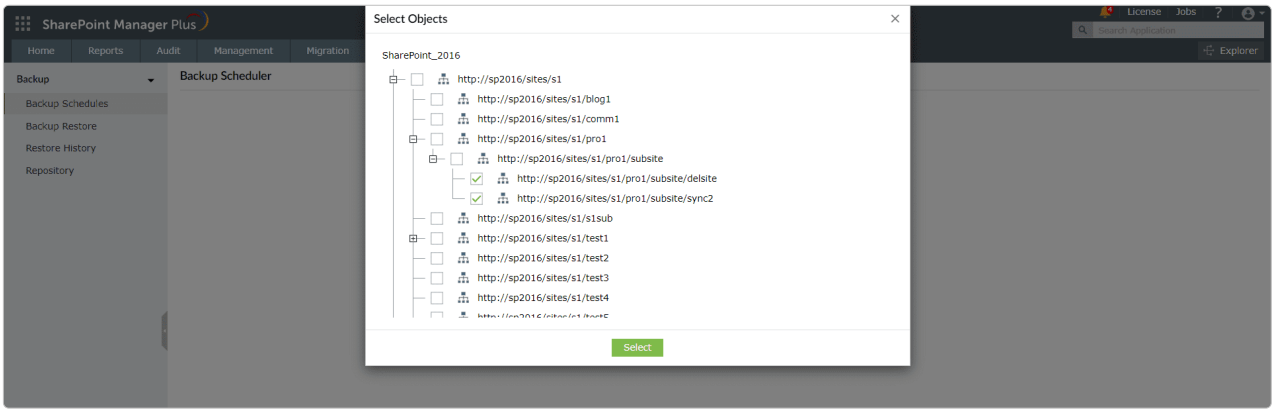
How does SharePoint Manager Plus help you protect critical data?

SharePoint Manager Plus simplifies data backup and restoration on your on-premises environment by helping you back up whole site collections or specific subsites inside a site collection. The backup process can also be automated without any PowerShell commands, helping you save valuable time and ensure consistent backups.

Key benefits

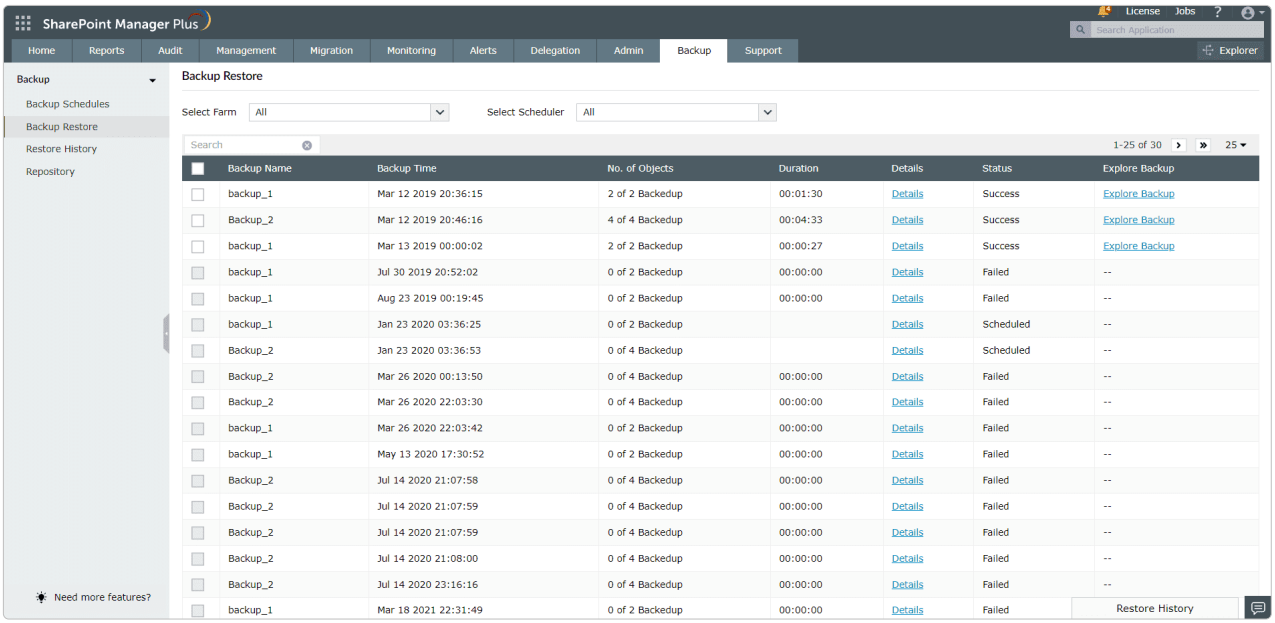
Back up granularly

With SharePoint Manager Plus, you can choose to back up specific sites granularly or the entire site collection. This flexibility helps you back up only the resources that you think are necessary. Select the sites to be backed up and use the scheduling options to back up immediately or at regular intervals.



Restore any backup from the past

As files and documents undergo multiple revisions, you may want to restore to a specific earlier version. With backup history, SharePoint Manager Plus will keep track of all versions of your files, allowing you to restore to the specific version of your choice.



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