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1 Introduction

1.1 What is DIFS?

DIFs is an application for Microsoft Windows which allows you to import data and documents into SharePoint lists and document libraries.

1.2 Why DIFS?

There are a lot of migration tools available that import data into SharePoint and so why develop DIFS?

Many of the available migration tools for SharePoint have a high cost, restrictive licencing model and can be quite limited in their flexibility / ability to address real life scenarios that arise in import / migration projects.

DIFS is free, flexible and leverages other available technologies. It can import from file systems and 100's of OleDB providers. You may use tools like Excel and SQL to cleanse data prior to import and by clever definition of your data sources, SQL statements and configuration files you can achieve complex migration scenarios.

1.3 How does DIFS work?

- 1. You install DIFS on your PC.
- 2. You create a data source to import from such as an Excel spreadsheet or a SQL database table.
- 3. You create an XML based configuration file that tells DIFS how to carry out the import (such as the destination library, credentials and data mappings).
- 4. You run the import to transfer the data.

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1.4 Used DIFS? Worked Great?

Please post your stories, experiences, and let us know of any improvements.

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2 Key Features

Key Features			
SharePoint Versions	SharePoint Server		
	SharePoint Foundation		
	2010,2013 and 2016		
	SharePoint Online		
Authentication	Supports forms based authentication		
Meta data Allows existing file meta data to be imported			
Import Control	Imports can be paused, resumed and cancelled.		
	Import progress is reported to the use interface.		
Exception handling	Exceptions can be saved for correction and reprocessing.		
Save settings	Import settings can be saved and retained for future use.		
Uses Client Object Model	You may run the software on the server or a client PC.		

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3 Installation

3.1 **DIFS**

Run the setup.exe or MSI that you downloaded.

3.2 OleDB Data Source

You will need to ensure that you have the correct 64bit OleDB provider for DIFS installed for the source that you wish to access.

3.2.1 Excel

Try

https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/download/details.aspx?id=13255

or

 $\underline{https://www.google.co.uk/\#q\!=\!excel\!+\!64\!+\!bit\!+\!oledb}\!+$

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4 Examples

4.1 Import from an Excel Source into a SharePoint Online List

4.1.1 Overview

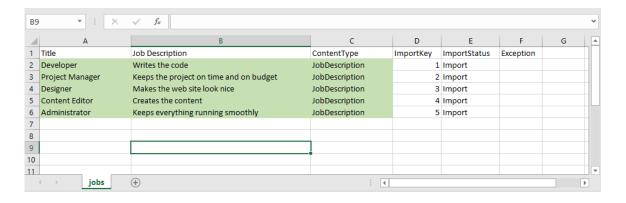
Import list items from an Excel spreadsheet source into a SharePoint Online (Office 365) list.

4.1.2 The Source

The source is an XLSX

Columns define the title, description, content type and control the import.

The worksheet is called "Jobs".



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4.1.3 The Configuration

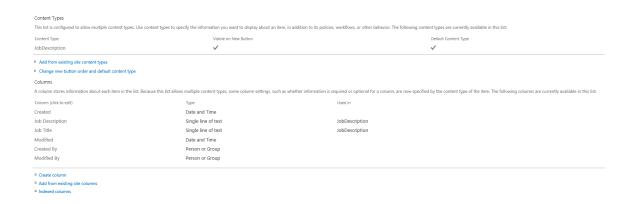
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<DataSetImportSettings xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Source>
    <!-- The source used is OLEDbSelect meaning that DIFS expected to run a SQL select statement against an OleDB data
source. OleDB select will ignore columns like importstatus-->
    <SourceDataSetType>OLEDbSelect</SourceDataSetType>
    <!-- The Connection string uses a microsoft provider to access on Excel spreadsheet-->
    <OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
      <ConnectionString>Provider=Microsoft.ACE.OLEDB.12.0;Data Source=\\vmware-host\Shared
Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\WorkingArea\Examples\JobDescriptions.xlsx;Extended Properties="Excel
12.0 Xml;HDR=YES;IMEX=0";</ConnectionString>
    </OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
    <OleDbTableSourceDataSetSettings />
    <!-- The select statement will get all the jobs from the jobs worksheet -->
    <OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
      <SelectStatement>select * from [jobs$]</SelectStatement>
    </OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
  </Source>
  <Destination>
    <!-- The authentication type is Office365 i.e. online cloud sharepoint, you can load the configuration file to DIFS to
enter and save the credentials in encrypted format -->
    <AuthenticationSettings>
      <AuthenticationType>Office365</AuthenticationType>
      <domain />
      <username></username>
      <encryptedpassed></encryptedpassed>
    </AuthenticationSettings>
    <DestinationItemSettings>
      <!-- The destination you are tell DIFS to make is an item as opposed to a File or Folder -->
      <DestinationItemType>Item
      <!-- If the item already exists then overwrite it -->
      <ItemExistsBehaviour>Overwrite</ItemExistsBehaviour>
      <!-- Map data from your source into SharePoint fields-->
```

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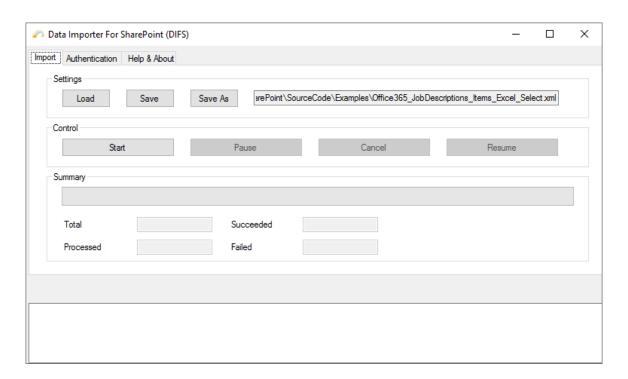
```
<ImportMappings>
        <!-- Map title to title assuming that it is a string -->
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping String">
          <DestinationField>Title/DestinationField>
          <SourceColumn>Title</SourceColumn>
        </ImportMapping>
        <!-- Map job description to job description assuming that it is a string -->
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping String">
          <DestinationField>Job Description/DestinationField>
          <SourceColumn>Job Description</SourceColumn>
        </ImportMapping>
      </ImportMappings>
    </DestinationItemSettings>
    <!-- Tell DIFS exactly where the list is -->
    <DestinationListSettings>
      <DestinationWebUrlRelative>/sites/SPImportHelper</DestinationWebUrlRelative>
      <DestinationFolderUrlRelative>/sites/SPImportHelper/Lists/Items/DestinationFolderUrlRelative>
      <DestinationServerUrl>https://company.sharepoint.com/DestinationServerUrl>
      <DestinationListName>Items/DestinationListName>
    </DestinationListSettings>
    <!-- Tell DIFS about the source you importing from-->
    <SourceColumns>
     <!-- The column in the source which contains the full path of the file being imported. The value entered here is
ignored unless DestinationItemType is Document -->
      <SourceFileNameAndPath>FullName</SourceFileNameAndPath>
      <!-- The column in the source the value of which matches the content type in sharepoint to set on the item. If you
are not using content types on the destination list you can enter an OOTB SharePoint content type such as Item, Document,
Folder -->
      <ContentType>ContentType</ContentType>
      <!-- The column in the source (if application) that contains the subfolder path to import to -->
      <DestinationSubFolder>DestinationSubDirectories/DestinationSubFolder>
      <!-- The column in the source which contains the destination file name. The value entered here is ignored unless
DestinationItemType is Document -->
      <DestinationFileName>DestinationFileName/DestinationFileName>
    </SourceColumns>
  </Destination>
</DataSetImportSettings>
```

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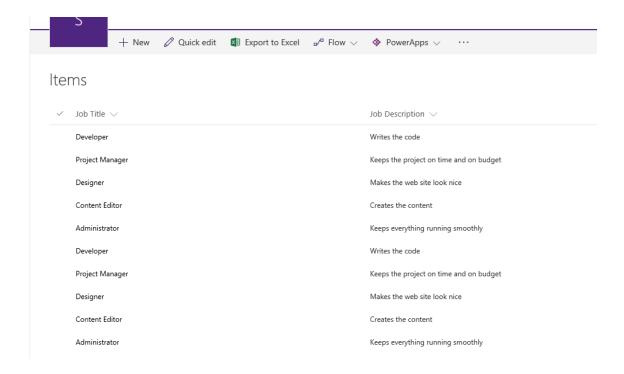
4.1.4 The Destination



4.1.5 The Execution



4.1.6 The Result



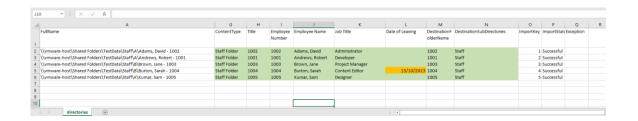
4.2 Create Folders from an Excel Source in a SharePoint Online Library adding meta data

4.2.1 Overview

Create a folder structure suitable for staff records.

Set meta title on the created folders including lookup fields and managed meta data.

4.2.2 The Source



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4.2.3 The Configuration

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<DataSetImportSettings xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Source>
    <!-- The source used is OLEDbSelect meaning that DIFS expected to run a SQL select statement against an OleDB data
source. OleDB select will ignore columns like importstatus-->
    <SourceDataSetType>OLEDbSelect</SourceDataSetType>
    <OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
      <!-- The Connection string uses a microsoft provider to access on Excel spreadsheet-->
      <ConnectionString>Provider=Microsoft.ACE.OLEDB.12.0;Data Source=\\vmware-host\Shared
Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\WorkingArea\Examples\StaffFolders.xlsx;Extended Properties="Excel
12.0 Xml;HDR=YES;IMEX=0";</ConnectionString>
    </OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
    <OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
      <!-- The select statement will get all the directories from the directories worksheet -->
      <SelectStatement>select * from [directories$]/SelectStatement>
    </OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
  </Source>
  <Destination>
    <!-- The authentication type is Office365 i.e. online cloud sharepoint, you can load the configuration file to DIFS to
enter and save the credentials in encrypted format -->
    <AuthenticationSettings>
      <AuthenticationType>Office365</AuthenticationType>
      <domain />
      <username></username>
      <encryptedpassed></encryptedpassed>
    </AuthenticationSettings>
    <DestinationItemSettings>
      <!-- The DestinationItemType you are telling DIFS to make is a Folder as opposed to an Item or Document -->
      <DestinationItemType>Folder
      <!-- If the item already exists then overwrite it -->
      <ItemExistsBehaviour>Overwrite</ItemExistsBehaviour>
      <!-- Map data from your source into SharePoint fields-->
      <ImportMappings>
```

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```
<!-- Map title to title assuming that it is a string -->
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping_String">
         <DestinationField>Title/DestinationField>
          <SourceColumn>Title</SourceColumn>
        </ImportMapping>
        <!-- Map Employee Number to EmployeeNumber without conversion. In this instance this works because both are numeric
fields-->
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping Native">
          <DestinationField>EmployeeNumber/DestinationField>
          <SourceColumn>Employee Number</SourceColumn>
        </ImportMapping>
        <!-- Map Employee Name to Employee Name as ManagedMetaDataAutoAdd. In this instance the value in the spreadsheet is
created as a managed meta data term and then the folder tagged with it -->
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping ManagedMetaDataAutoAdd">
          <DestinationField>Employee Name</DestinationField>
          <SourceColumn>Employee Name</SourceColumn>
        </ImportMapping>
        <!-- Map Date of Leaving to DateOfLeaving converting from a string date. In this instance the string is assumed to
be in UK date format-->
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping DateTimeFromString">
          <DestinationField>DateOfLeaving/DestinationField>
          <SourceColumn>Date of Leaving/SourceColumn>
                   <!-- Refer to DateTime.ParseExact on MSDN for more information on ConversionMask (format) and culture
(iformat provider)-->
                   <ConversionMask>dd/MM/yyyy hh:mm:ss</ConversionMask>
                   <Culture>en-GB</Culture>
        </ImportMapping>
        <!-- Map Job Title to Job assuming that job is a look up field and the value of the column job title matches an
entry in it.-->
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping Lookup">
                   <!-- This is the field of type lookup.-->
          <DestinationField>Job</DestinationField>
          <SourceColumn>Job Title
                   <!-- This is the list that contains the lookup values -->
                   <LookupListTitle>Items/LookupListTitle>
                   <!-- This is the field in the lookup list the value of which matches the value in the source column-->
                   <LookupFieldInternalName>Title</LookupFieldInternalName>
```

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```
<!-- This is the CAML value type Text, Number, DateTime, Guid, MultiChoice, Lookup for the field on in the
lookup list that matches the value specified in the source column -->
                          <LookupFieldCAMLType>Text
          </ImportMapping>
       </ImportMappings>
     </DestinationItemSettings>
     <!-- Tell DIFS exactly where the destination list or library is -->
     <DestinationListSettings>
       <DestinationWebUrlRelative>/sites/SPImportHelper</DestinationWebUrlRelative>
       <DestinationFolderUrlRelative>/sites/SPImportHelper/Docs/DestinationFolderUrlRelative>
       <DestinationServerUrl>https://company.sharepoint.com/DestinationServerUrl>
       <DestinationListName>Docs
Docs
Docs</
     </DestinationListSettings>
     <!-- Tell DIFS about the source you importing from-->
     <SourceColumns>
       <!-- The column in the source which contains the full path of the file being imported. The value entered here is
ignored unless DestinationItemType is Document -->
       <SourceFileNameAndPath>FullName</SourceFileNameAndPath>
       <!-- The column in the source the value of which matches the content type in sharepoint to set on the item. If you
are not using content types on the destination list you can enter an OOTB SharePoint content type such as Item, Document,
Folder -->
       <ContentType>ContentType</ContentType>
       <!-- The column in the source (if applicable) that contains the subfolder path (If any) to import to -->
       <!-- This could be, for example, "Staff" or "Staff/Managers" or "Staff/Managers/Retired". The folder must already
exist and can be created using DIFS -->
       <DestinationSubFolder>DestinationSubDirectories/DestinationSubFolder>
       <!-- The column in the source which contains the destination name. The value entered here is ignored unless
DestinationItemType is Document or Folder -->
       <DestinationFileName>DestinationFolderName/DestinationFileName>
     </SourceColumns>
  </Destination>
</DataSetImportSettings>
```

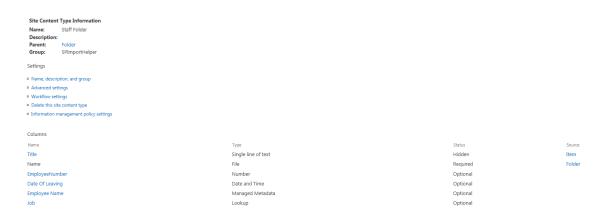
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4.2.4 The Destination

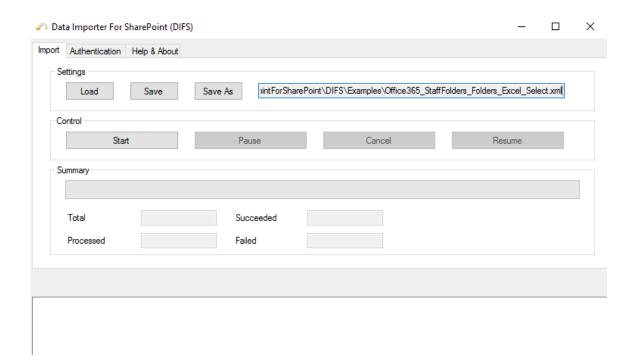
4.2.4.1 Library



4.2.4.2 Content Type

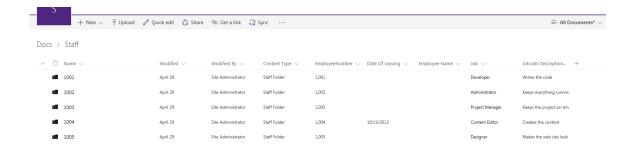


4.2.5 The Execution



4.2.6 The Result

Folders have been created and meta data fields have been set.



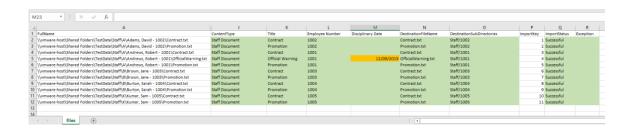
4.3 Import Documents from an Excel Source into a SharePoint Online Library

4.3.1 Overview

An Excel spreadsheet contains a list of documents, the path to each document and associated meta data.

DIFS imports the meta data from the spreadsheet and the associated document into a document library.

4.3.2 The Source



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4.3.3 The Configuration

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<DataSetImportSettings xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Source>
    <!-- The source used is OLEDbSelect meaning that DIFS expected to run a SQL select statement against an OleDB data
source. OleDB select will ignore columns like importstatus-->
    <SourceDataSetType>OLEDbSelect</SourceDataSetType>
    <OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
      <!-- The Connection string uses a microsoft provider to access an Excel spreadsheet-->
      <ConnectionString>Provider=Microsoft.ACE.OLEDB.12.0;Data Source=\\vmware-host\Shared
Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\WorkingArea\Examples\StaffDocuments.xlsx;Extended Properties="Excel
12.0 Xml;HDR=YES;IMEX=0";</ConnectionString>
    </OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
    <OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
      <!-- The select statement will get all the documents from the files worksheet -->
      <SelectStatement>select * from [files$]</SelectStatement>
    </OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
  </Source>
  <Destination>
    <!-- The authentication type is Office365 i.e. online cloud sharepoint, you can load the configuration file to DIFS to
enter and save the credentials in encrypted format -->
    <AuthenticationSettings>
      <AuthenticationType>Office365</AuthenticationType>
      <domain />
      <username></username>
      <encryptedpassed></encryptedpassed>
    </AuthenticationSettings>
    <DestinationItemSettings>
      <!-- The DestinationItemType you are telling DIFS to make is a Document as opposed to an Item or Folder -->
      <DestinationItemType>Document/DestinationItemType>
      <!-- If the item already exists then overwrite it -->
      <ItemExistsBehaviour>Overwrite</ItemExistsBehaviour>
      <!-- Map data from your source into SharePoint fields-->
      <ImportMappings>
```

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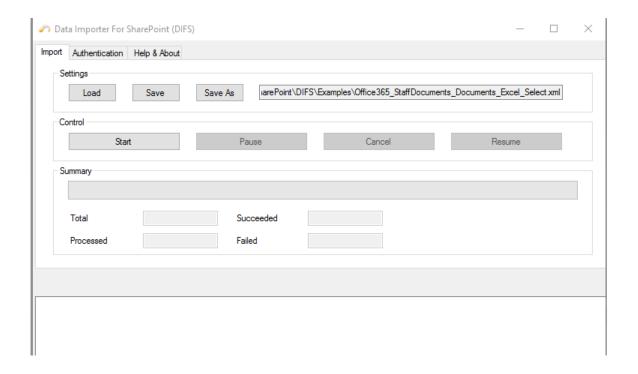
```
<!-- Map title to title assuming that it is a string -->
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping String">
         <DestinationField>Title/DestinationField>
         <SourceColumn>Title</SourceColumn>
        </ImportMapping>
        <!-- Map Employee Number to EmployeeNumber -->
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping String">
          <DestinationField>EmployeeNumber/DestinationField>
          <SourceColumn>Employee Number</SourceColumn>
        </ImportMapping>
      </ImportMappings>
    </DestinationItemSettings>
    <!-- Tell DIFS exactly where the destination list or library is -->
    <DestinationListSettings>
      <DestinationWebUrlRelative>/sites/SPImportHelper/DestinationWebUrlRelative>
      <DestinationFolderUrlRelative>/sites/SPImportHelper/Docs/DestinationFolderUrlRelative>
      <DestinationServerUrl>https://company.sharepoint.com/DestinationServerUrl>
      <DestinationListName>Docs/DestinationListName>
    </DestinationListSettings>
    <!-- Tell DIFS about the source you importing from-->
    <SourceColumns>
      <!-- The column in the source which contains the full path of the file being imported. The value entered here is
ignored unless DestinationItemType is Document -->
      <SourceFileNameAndPath>FullName</SourceFileNameAndPath>
      <!-- The column in the source the value of which matches the content type in sharepoint to set on the item. If you
are not using content types on the destination list you can enter an OOTB SharePoint content type such as Item, Document,
Folder -->
      <ContentType>ContentType</ContentType>
      <!-- The column in the source (if applicable) that contains the subfolder path (If any) to import to -->
      <!-- This could be, for example, "Staff" or "Staff/Bob Smith" or "Staff/1001". The folder must already exist and can
be created using DIFS -->
      <DestinationSubFolder>DestinationSubDirectories/DestinationSubFolder>
      <!-- The column in the source which contains the destination name. The value entered here is ignored unless
DestinationItemType is Document or Folder -->
      <DestinationFileName>DestinationFileName/DestinationFileName>
    </SourceColumns>
  </Destination>
</DataSetImportSettings>
```

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4.3.4 The Destination

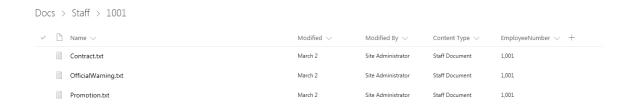


4.3.5 The Execution



4.3.6 The Result

The staff documents are all in the correct folders.



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4.4 Create Document Sets from an Excel Source in SharePoint Online Library

4.4.1 Overview

Create a document set for each employee for their yearly review.

4.4.2 The Source

Content Type	Description	Title	Em plo yee Nu mb er	Emplo yee Name	Destinati onFolder Name	Destinatio nSubDirect ories
Staff	All documents for	Adams, David				
Docum	Adams, David Yearly	Yearly Staff	100	Adams		
ent Set	Staff Appraisal	Appraisal	2	, David	1002	Appraisals
Staff	All documents for	Andrews,		Andre		
Docum	Andrews, Robert Yearly	Robert Yearly	100	ws,		
ent Set	Staff Appraisal	Staff Appraisal	1	Robert	1001	Appraisals
Staff	All documents for	Brown, Jane				
Docum	Brown, Jane Yearly	Yearly Staff	100	Brown,		
ent Set	Staff Appraisal	Appraisal	3	Jane	1003	Appraisals
Staff	All documents for	Burton, Sarah				
Docum	Burton, Sarah Yearly	Yearly Staff	100	Burton		
ent Set	Staff Appraisal	Appraisal	4	, Sarah	1004	Appraisals
Staff	All documents for	Kumar, Sam				
Docum	Kumar, Sam Yearly Staff	Yearly Staff	100	Kumar		
ent Set	Appraisal	Appraisal	5	, Sam	1005	Appraisals

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4.4.3 The Configuration

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<DataSetImportSettings xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
 <Source>
   <SourceDataSetType>OLEDbSelect</SourceDataSetType>
   <OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
     <ConnectionString>Provider=Microsoft.ACE.OLEDB.12.0;Data Source=\\vmware-host\Shared
Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\WorkingArea\Examples\StaffDocumentSets.xlsx;Extended
Properties="Excel 12.0 Xml;HDR=YES;IMEX=0";</ConnectionString>
   </OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
   <OleDbTableSourceDataSetSettings />
   <OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
     <SelectStatement>select * from [directories$]/SelectStatement>
   </OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
 </Source>
 <Destination>
   <AuthenticationSettings>
     <AuthenticationType>Office365</AuthenticationType>
     <domain />
     <username></username>
     <encryptedpassed></encryptedpassed>
   </AuthenticationSettings>
   <DestinationItemSettings>
     <!-- Document sets can be created in the same way as folders-->
     <DestinationItemType>Folder
     <ItemExistsBehaviour>Overwrite</ItemExistsBehaviour>
     <ImportMappings>
       <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping_String">
         <DestinationField>Title/DestinationField>
         <SourceColumn>Title</SourceColumn>
       </ImportMapping>
```

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```
<!-- Each document set has a description field. Since there are multiple description fields in SharePoint we will
use the internal name-->
            <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping String">
               <DestinationField>DocumentSetDescription/DestinationField>
               <SourceColumn>Description</SourceColumn>
            </ImportMapping>
            <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping Native">
               <DestinationField>EmployeeNumber/DestinationField>
               <SourceColumn>Employee Number</SourceColumn>
            </ImportMapping>
            <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping ManagedMetaDataCSOM">
               <DestinationField>Employee Name/DestinationField>
               <SourceColumn>Employee Name</SourceColumn>
            </ImportMapping>
         </ImportMappings>
      </DestinationItemSettings>
      <DestinationListSettings>
         <DestinationWebUrlRelative>/sites/SPImportHelper/DestinationWebUrlRelative>
         <DestinationFolderUrlRelative>/sites/SPImportHelper/Docs/DestinationFolderUrlRelative>
         <DestinationServerUrl>https://company.sharepoint.com/DestinationServerUrl>
         <DestinationListName>Docs
Docs

Docs</pre
      </DestinationListSettings>
      <SourceColumns>
         <SourceFileNameAndPath>FullName</SourceFileNameAndPath>
         <ContentType>ContentType</ContentType>
         <DestinationSubFolder>DestinationSubDirectories/DestinationSubFolder>
         <DestinationFileName>DestinationFolderName/DestinationFileName>
      </SourceColumns>
   </Destination>
</DataSetImportSettings>
```

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4.4.4 The Destination

4.4.4.1 Content Type

A document set content type.

Site Content Type Information

Name: Staff Document Set

Description:

Parent: Document Set Group: SPImportHelper

Settings

- Name, description, and group
- Advanced settings
- Workflow settings
- Delete this site content type
- Document Set settings
- Information management policy settings

Columns

Name Type

Title Single line of text

Name File

Description Multiple lines of text
Employee Name Managed Metadata

EmployeeNumber Number

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Which deploys some standard documents.

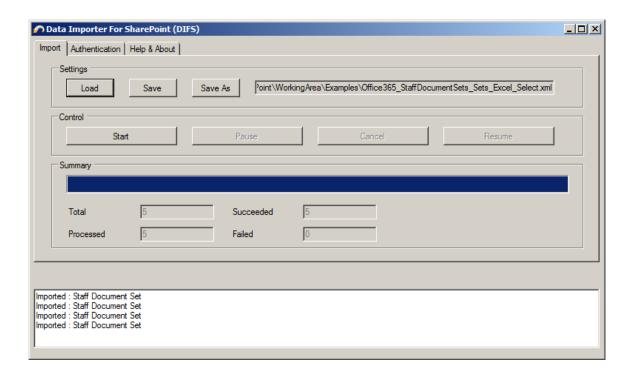
Default Content

If you want new Document Sets that are created from this content type to include specific items, upload those items here and specify their content types. To create a folder in the document set where one or more items will be stored, type or paste a name in the Folder box.



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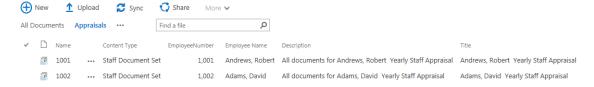
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4.4.6 The Result

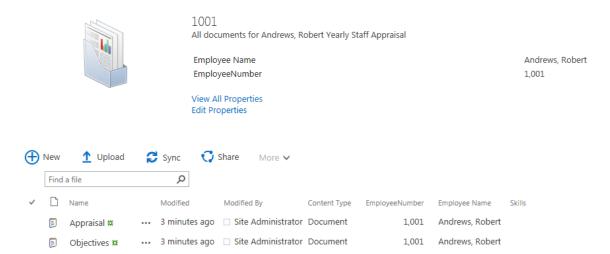
The document sets are created.

Docs - Appraisals



Each document set auto-populates

Appraisals > 1001



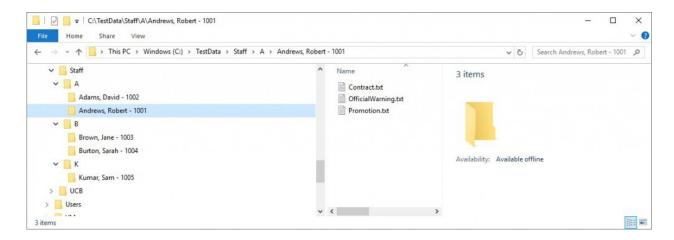
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4.5 File System Migration – Staff Records

4.5.1 Scenario

Our theoretical scenario mirrors what is so often encountered when dealing with file shares.

We have a basic file structure. At the outer nodes the files are stored. The "meta data" is inferred by the location of the file in this structure as shown below.



The file share is the only data source. There is no Staff Database. If there was then this might be handled differently with that database providing some of the data.

The example has you have now seen is for some Staff Records. Such records need to be stored in a compliant manner and retention scheduling is key to ensure that we retain only the correct records for each staff member. The requirement in this post is vastly simplified in comparison to most Staff Record scenarios but it serves to illustrate the concepts very well.

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4.5.2 Why Migrate

Be clear on why you are migrating the data into SharePoint before you start the migration process. You may need to design the migration process to ensure that the desired benefits are achieved.

In our scenario the key drivers are;

- Compliance Specifically data retention scheduling.
- Efficiency Consolidation into SharePoint.
- Efficiency Ease of use.
- Efficiency Process automation.

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4.5.3 Design and Implement the Destination

Before you execute migration you need to have a destination to migrate into.

This is key for two reasons;

- Migrating a live file share which is being updated is harder to manage.
- Until you have designed and implemented the destination you won't necessarily know how to define the import sources, in this example the two Excel spreadsheets.

For our scenario we have implemented;

- A record centre /sites/Staff/Records.
- A record library Records
- A top level folder "Staff"
- A content type for each staff folder "Staff Folder" which has a date of leaving field and retention action set from that date.
- A content type for each staff record "Staff Record" which has an employee number field.
- A content type for each disciplinary record "Staff Disciplinary Record" which has an
 Disciplinary Date and retention action set from that date because these records are
 kept for a shorter period of time.

It is sometimes useful to catalogue the file shares as part of this design process. This will give you an insight into the scenarios that your destination will need to cope with. The file shares can then be re-catalogued for migration at a later date.

4.5.4 Catalogue the File Share

To catalogue the file share we can use a PowerShell script.

You can run the script either from a PC as a user with access to the file share OR from the server hosting the file share. The script below will audit both the files in the file share and the directories, each to separate CSV files.

```
Function Audit-File($file)
{
    Write-Host "Auditing: " $file.FullName;
```

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```
$file | add-member -name "Owner" -membertype noteproperty -value (get-acl $_.fullname).owner;
  $file | Add-Member -Name "Action" -MemberType NoteProperty -Value "Copy";
  return $file
Function Audit-Files($source, $destination)
  Get-ChildItem -Recurse $source | ?{-not $..PSIsContainer} | ForEach-Object {Audit-File $_} | Sort-Object fullname | Select
FullName, CreationTime, LastWriteTime, Length, Owner, BaseName, Name, Extension, Action, Content Type, Title, Meta 1, Meta 2, De
stinationFileName,DestinationWebUrl,DestinationLibraryName,DestinationSubDirectories | Export-Csv -Force -
NoTypeInformation $destination
}
Function Audit-Directory($folder)
  Write-Host "Auditing: " $folder.FullName;
  $folder | add-member -name "Owner" -membertype noteproperty -value (get-acl $_.fullname).owner;
  $folder | Add-Member -Name "Files" -MemberType NoteProperty -Value ($_.GetFiles().Count).ToString();
  $folder | Add-Member -Name "Directories" -MemberType NoteProperty -Value ($_.GetDirectories().Count).ToString();
  $folder | Add-Member -Name "Action" -MemberType NoteProperty -Value "Create";
  return $folder;
}
Function Audit-Directories($source, $destination)
  Get-ChildItem -Recurse $source | ?{$_.PSIsContainer} | ForEach-Object {Audit-Directory $_} | Sort-Object fullname |
FullName, Creation Time, Last Write Time, Owner, Files, Directories, Action, Content Type, Title, Meta 1, Meta 2, Destination File Name,
DestinationWebUrl,DestinationLibraryName,DestinationSubDirectories | Export-Csv -Force -NoTypeInformation
}
Audit-Files "\vmware-host\Shared Folders\TestData\files.csv" "\vmware-host\Shared Folders\TestData\files.csv"
```

Audit-Directories "\vmware-host\Shared Folders\TestData\Staff\" \vmware-host\Shared Folders\TestData\directories.csv

The CSV files will contain the basic information that is available from the file system.

Tip: Try and use UNC paths instead of mapped drive letters when cataloguing file shares.

If you are unsure how to execute PowerShell scripts then pop "how to execute a powershell script" into your favourite search engine.

4.5.5 Prepare the Excel Spreadsheets

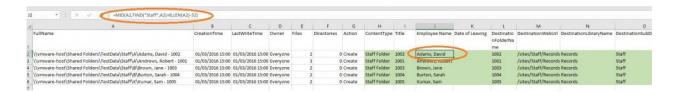
The CSV files can be imported to Excel and turned into a spreadsheet.

This will enable us to automate the population of meta data that is so important to the success of migration projects

4.5.5.1 Folders

In Excel we can easily populate some extra columns (shown here in green).

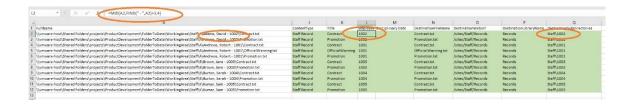
Here we are going to create an import source which will create a folder of content type "Staff Folder" for each staff member. This is going to have the Date of Leaving (which will drive retention schedules) and the staff name as meta data. The employee name and the employee number will be extracted from the folder name from the file system using an Excel formula.



4.5.5.2 Files

In Excel we can easily populate some extra columns shown in green.

Here we are going to create an import source which will import all of the files for the Staff. The employee number is extracted from the folder name which will tell us destination folder and the set some meta data against each document. This is extracted from the folder path.



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4.5.6 Get User Input

One of the strengths of Excel is that most users will have skills in using it.

What this enables us to do is use it to capture from the user base any additional data and permit the users to generally cleanse the data.

Tip: Give the users some guidance notes on how the Excel spreadsheets should be completed.

4.5.6.1 Folders

Here the user has completed the date of leaving field which in turn will allow SharePoint to manage the retention schedule accordingly.

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Action	ContentType	Title	Employee Name	Date of Leaving	Destinatio nFolderNa me	DestinationWebUrl	DestinationLibraryName
Create	Staff Folder	1002	Adams, David		1002	/sites/Staff/Records	Records
Create	Staff Folder	1001	Andrews, Robert		1001	/sites/Staff/Records	Records
Create	Staff Folder	1003	Brown, Jane		13	/sites/Staff/Records	s Records
Create	Staff Folder	1004	Burton, Sarah	13/10/2013	1004	/sites/Staff/Records	s Records
Create	Staff Folder	1005	Kumar, Sam		1005	/sites/Staff/Records	s Records

4.5.6.2 Files

Here the user has spotted that one file is a disciplinary document. They have therefore changed the disciplinary date and content type accordingly.



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4.5.7 Preparation Complete

Once preparation is complete you should have a set of Excel spreadsheets.

This should be double checked and quality controlled before you commence the migration process but the core work is done.

You can now create the folder structure in SharePoint - Create Folders from an Excel Source in a SharePoint Online Library adding meta data.

You can then import the documents into that folder structure - Import Documents from an Excel Source into a SharePoint Online Library,

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4.6 Import from / Migrate Legacy Document Management Systems

4.6.1 The Source

4.6.1.1 Introduction

Most document management systems are built to the same basic architecture.

The meta data is stored in a database – typically SQL or Oracle.

The documents themselves are stored on file server(s).

With a bit of work to decode the schema it is frequently possible to perform a migration directly into SharePoint using DIFS.

This section works through an example for a document management system (DMS) with a very simple schema used for storing shipping contracts.

The same approach will work for more complex schemas as such as OpenText LiveLink.

Some DM systems require you to access the documents via an API. Talk to the DIFS developers in this instance for assistance.

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4.6.1.2 Schema

The DMS has two tables "Documents" and "Versions".

We can look at those tables.

```
use DMSystem
select top 10
ID,
TITLE,
field10,
field16
from Documents

select top 10
OBJECT_ID,
FilePath
from versions
```

ID		TITLE	field10	field16
		Contract Cost		
	1042	Agreement	Shipping	FALKLAND I
		Contract Cost		
	1043	Agreement	Shipping	ST HELENA
		Contract Cost		
	1045	Agreement	Shipping	ASCENSION
		Contract Cost		
	1047	Agreement	Shipping	BAHAMAS
		Contract Cost		
	1052	Agreement	Shipping	GHANA
		Contract Cost		
	1056	Agreement	Shipping	GAMBIA
		Contract Cost		
	1086	Agreement	Shipping	UGANDA
		Contract Cost		
	1088	Agreement	Shipping	UGANDA
		Contract Cost		
	1089	Agreement	Shipping	ZIMBABWE
		Contract Cost		
	1090	Agreement	Shipping	ZIMBABWE

OBJECT_I

D FilePath

124895 \\vmware-host\Shared

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Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\SourceCode\Example s\Test.pdf \\vmware-host\Shared Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\SourceCode\Example 124896 s\Test.pdf \\vmware-host\Shared Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\SourceCode\Example s\Test.pdf 124904 \\vmware-host\Shared Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\SourceCode\Example 125003 s\Test.pdf \\vmware-host\Shared Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\SourceCode\Example s\Test.pdf 125134 \\vmware-host\Shared Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\SourceCode\Example 125135 s\Test.pdf \\vmware-host\Shared Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\SourceCode\Example 125137 s\Test.pdf \\vmware-host\Shared Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\SourceCode\Example 125138 s\Test.pdf \\vmware-host\Shared Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\SourceCode\Example 125139 s\Test.pdf \\vmware-host\Shared Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\SourceCode\Example 125172 s\Test.pdf

Ok so this is an easy one to work out.

The ID relates the two tables.

The **Documents** table stores the meta data and the **Versions** table stores the pointers to the files.

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4.6.1.3 Create an Import Source

Run a SQL command to create a single ImportSource table that contains all the information that DIFS needs to process the Import.

```
select TITLE, filename, field10, field16, FilePath,
'Contracts' as DestinationSubDirectories,
'Contract' as ContentType,
Versions.ID as ImportKey,
CAST('Import' as varchar(255)) as ImportStatus,
CAST(null as varchar(255)) as Exception
into ImportSource
from Documents, Versions
where documents.ID = versions.Object_ID
order by Versions.ID
```

We can have a look at our new table.

```
select top 10 * from ImportSource
```

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	na	ld	d1		Directo	ntT	rtK	Sta	pti
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4.6.2 The Configuration

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<DataSetImportSettings xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
 <Source>
   <!-- The source used is OLEDbTable-->
   <SourceDataSetType>OLEDbTable
   <!-- The Connection string uses a SQL Server data set-->
   <OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
<ConnectionString>Provider=SQLNCLI10;Server=127.0.0.1\SharePoint;Database=DMSystem;Trusted_Connection=yes;
   </OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
   <!-- We will use the ImportSource table-->
   <OleDbTableSourceDataSetSettings>
     <TableName>ImportSource</TableName>
   </OleDbTableSourceDataSetSettings>
 </Source>
 <Destination>
   <!-- The authentication type is current because we are using SharePoint Server On-Premises and running the import as a
user with sufficient permissions -->
   <AuthenticationSettings>
     <AuthenticationType>Current
     <domain />
     <username></username>
     <encryptedpassed></encryptedpassed>
   </AuthenticationSettings>
   <DestinationItemSettings>
     <!-- The DestinationItemType you are telling DIFS to make is an item as opposed to a File or Folder -->
     <DestinationItemType>Document/DestinationItemType>
     <!-- If the item already exists then overwrite it -->
     <ItemExistsBehaviour>Overwrite</ItemExistsBehaviour>
     <!-- Map data from your source into SharePoint fields-->
     <ImportMappings>
       <!-- Map title to title assuming that it is a string -->
       <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping String">
         <DestinationField>Title/DestinationField>
```

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```
<SourceColumn>Title</SourceColumn>
        </ImportMapping>
        <!-- Field10 is the contract type -->
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping String">
          <DestinationField>ContractType/DestinationField>
          <SourceColumn>Field10</SourceColumn>
        </ImportMapping>
        <!-- Field16 is the country -->
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping String">
          <DestinationField>Country/DestinationField>
          <SourceColumn>Field16</SourceColumn>
        </ImportMapping>
      </ImportMappings>
    </DestinationItemSettings>
    <!-- Tell DIFS exactly where the destination list or library is -->
    <DestinationListSettings>
      <DestinationWebUrlRelative>/sites/SPImportHelper/DestinationWebUrlRelative>
      <DestinationFolderUrlRelative>/sites/SPImportHelper/Docs/DestinationFolderUrlRelative>
      <DestinationServerUrl>http://productdev</DestinationServerUrl>
      <DestinationListName>Docs
    </DestinationListSettings>
    <!-- Tell DIFS about the source you importing from-->
    <SourceColumns>
     <!-- The column in the source which contains the full path of the file being imported. The value entered here is
ignored unless DestinationItemType is Document -->
      <SourceFileNameAndPath>filepath/SourceFileNameAndPath>
      <!-- The column in the source the value of which matches the content type in sharepoint to set on the item. If you
are not using content types on the destination list you can enter an OOTB SharePoint content type such as Item, Document,
Folder -->
      <ContentType>ContentType</ContentType>
      <!-- The column in the source (if applicable) that contains the subfolder path (If any) to import to -->
     <!-- This could be, for example, "Staff" or "Staff/Managers" or "Staff/Managers/Retired". The folder must already
exist and can be created using DIFS -->
      <DestinationSubFolder>DestinationSubDirectories/DestinationSubFolder>
      <!-- The column in the source which contains the destination name. The value entered here is ignored unless
DestinationItemType is Document or Folder -->
      <DestinationFileName>filename/DestinationFileName>
    </SourceColumns>
```

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```
</Destination>
</DataSetImportSettings>
```

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4.6.4 The Destination

4.6.4.1 Content Type

Site Content Type Information

Name: Contract

Description:

Parent: Document
Group: SPImportHelper

Settings

- Name, description, and group
- Advanced settings
- Workflow settings
- Delete this site content type
- Document Information Panel settings
- Information management policy settings

Columns

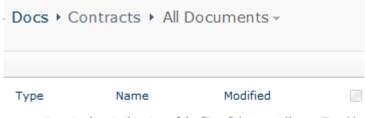
Name Type

Title Single line of text
ContractType Single line of text
Country Single line of text

- Add from existing site columns
- Add from new site column
- □ Column order

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4.6.4.2 Library / Folder



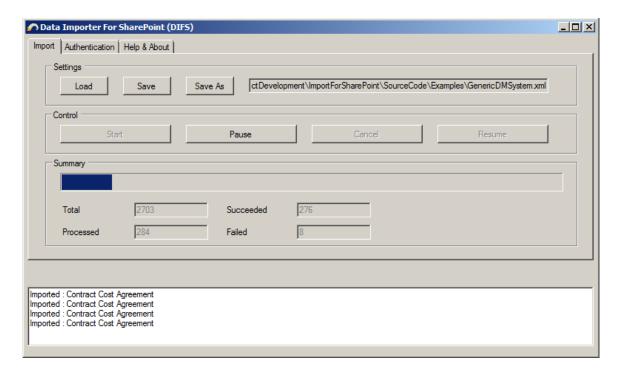
e are no items to show in this view of the "Docs" document library. To add a

Add document

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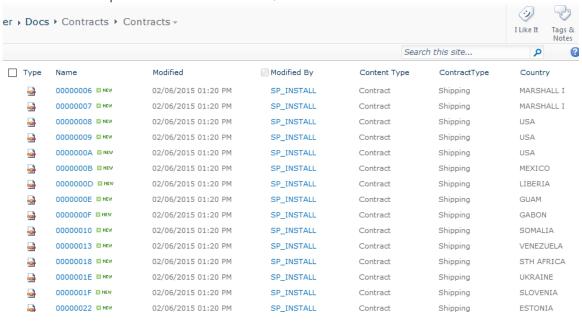
4.6.5 The Execution

DIFS will show progress as files are imported.



4.6.6 The Result

The files are imported into SharePoint / SharePoint online.



4.7 Import Documents from an Excel Source into OneDrive for Business

4.7.1 Overview

An Excel spreadsheet contains a list of documents, the path to each document and associated meta data.

DIFS imports the meta data from the spreadsheet and the associated document into OneDrive for Business.

4.7.2 The Source

	ContentTy		DestinationFileNa
FullName	pe	Title	me
\\vmware-host\Shared			
Folders\TestData\Generic\Test.pdf	Document	Test1	Test1.pdf
\\vmware-host\Shared			
Folders\TestData\Generic\Test.pdf	Document	Test2	Test2.pdf
\\vmware-host\Shared			
Folders\TestData\Generic\Test.pdf	Document	Test3	Test3.pdf
\\vmware-host\Shared			
Folders\TestData\Generic\Test.pdf	Document	Test4	Test4.pdf
\\vmware-host\Shared			
Folders\TestData\Generic\Test.pdf	Document	Test5	Test5.pdf
\\vmware-host\Shared			
Folders\TestData\Generic\Test.pdf	Document	Test6	Test6.pdf
\\vmware-host\Shared			
Folders\TestData\Generic\Test.pdf	Document	Test7	Test7.pdf
\\vmware-host\Shared			
Folders\TestData\Generic\Test.pdf	Document	Test8	Test8.pdf
\\vmware-host\Shared			
Folders\TestData\Generic\Test.pdf	Document	Test9	Test9.pdf
\\vmware-host\Shared		Test1	
Folders\TestData\Generic\Test.pdf	Document	0	Test10.pdf
\\vmware-host\Shared		Test1	
Folders\TestData\Generic\Test.pdf	Document	1	Test11.pdf

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4.7.3 The Configuration

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<DataSetImportSettings xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Source>
    <SourceDataSetType>OLEDbSelect</SourceDataSetType>
    <OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
      <ConnectionString>Provider=Microsoft.ACE.OLEDB.12.0;Data Source=\\vmware-host\Shared
Folders\Projects\ProductDevelopment\ImportForSharePoint\WorkingArea\Examples\OneDrive.xlsx;Extended Properties="Excel 12.0
Xml;HDR=YES;IMEX=0";</ConnectionString>
    </OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
    <OleDbTableSourceDataSetSettings />
    <OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
      <SelectStatement>select * from [files$]</SelectStatement>
    </OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
  </Source>
  <Destination>
    <AuthenticationSettings>
      <AuthenticationType>Office365</AuthenticationType>
      <domain />
      <username>me@company.onmicrosoft.com</username>
      <encryptedpassed> /encryptedpassed>
    </AuthenticationSettings>
    <DestinationItemSettings>
      <DestinationItemType>Document/DestinationItemType>
      <ItemExistsBehaviour>Overwrite</ItemExistsBehaviour>
      <ImportMappings>
        <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping String">
          <DestinationField>Title/DestinationField>
          <SourceColumn>Title</SourceColumn>
       </ImportMapping>
      </ImportMappings>
    </DestinationItemSettings>
```

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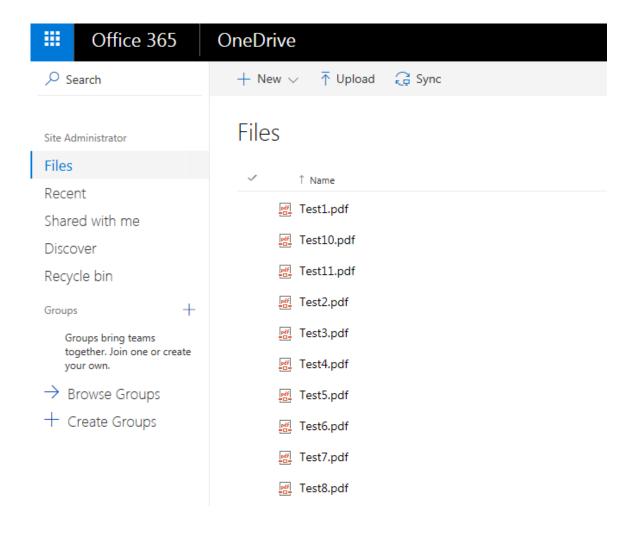
```
<DestinationListSettings>
     <DestinationWebUrlRelative>/personal/me_company_onmicrosoft_com/pertinationWebUrlRelative>
     <DestinationFolderUrlRelative>/personal/david_company_onmicrosoft_com/Documents/DestinationFolderUrlRelative>
     <DestinationServerUrl>https://company-my.sharepoint.com/DestinationServerUrl>
     <DestinationListName>Documents/DestinationListName>
   </DestinationListSettings>
   <SourceColumns>
     <SourceFileNameAndPath>FullName</SourceFileNameAndPath>
     <ContentType>ContentType</ContentType>
     <DestinationSubFolder>DestinationSubDirectories/DestinationSubFolder>
     <DestinationFileName>DestinationFileName/DestinationFileName>
     <Publish>Publish</Publish>
     <CheckInComment>CheckInComment
     <PublishComment>PublishComment</PublishComment>
   </SourceColumns>
 </Destination>
</DataSetImportSettings>
```

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4.7.4 The Destination

User's OneDrive for business "Files".

4.7.5 The Result



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5 Source Configuration

The Source section of the XML configuration file defines the source to Import from.

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5.1 SourceDataSetType

Defines how to get the source data set.

5.1.1 **OLEDbTable**

You can define a data source as being a table using OLEDbTable. This allows each row to be updated after import as successful or otherwise along with anyException data. This is useful for large imports.

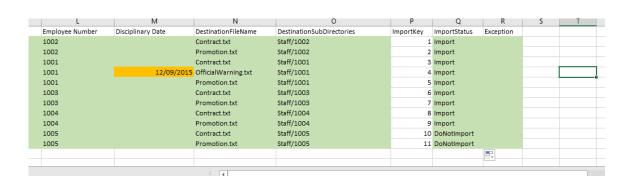
Below the table that we are telling DIFS to use is a worksheet "Clients" in an excel spreadsheet.

The table must contain columns ImportKey, ImportStatus, Exception.

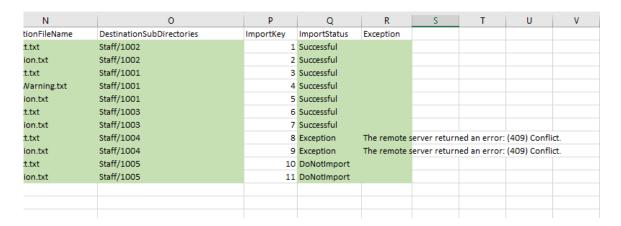
ImportKey must be unique.

In the example below only the first 10 rows will be considered for import since only they have the importstatus "Import".

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After you have run the import the spreadsheet will be updated.



You can then correct the causes of the Exception, change the ImportStatus back to Import and re-run.

5.1.2 **OLEDbSelect**

You can define a data source as simply the results of a select statement using OLEDbSelect.

```
<Source>
```

<!-- The source used is OLEDbSelect meaning that DIFS expected to run a SQL select statement against an OleDB data source. OleDB select will ignore columns like importstatus-->

<SourceDataSetType>OLEDbSelect</SourceDataSetType>

<!-- The Connection string uses a microsoft provider to access an Excel spreadsheet-->

<OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>

<ConnectionString>Provider=Microsoft.ACE.OLEDB.12.0;Data Source=\\vmwarenost\Shared

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```
scriptions.xlsx;Extended Properties="Excel 12.0
Xml;HDR=YES;IMEX=0";</ConnectionString>
    </OleDbSourceDataSetSettings>
    <OleDbTableSourceDataSetSettings />
    <!-- The select statement will get all the jobs from the jobs worksheet -->
    <OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
        <SelectStatement>select * from [jobs$]</SelectStatement>
        </OleDbSelectSourceDataSetSettings>
        <Source>
```

5.2 ConnectionString

This is any valid OleDB connection string.

A google of OleDB connection string will give us example connection strings for 100's of different providers.

DIFS is most commonly used with Excel or SQL Server.

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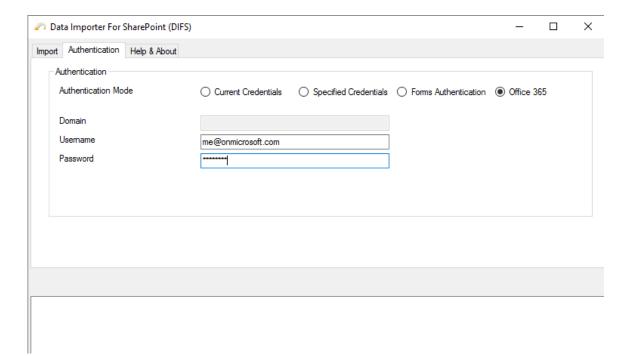
6 Destination Configuration

The Source section of the XML configuration file defines the destination location, authentication, data mapping etc.

6.1 AuthenticationSettings

This tells DIFS how to authenticate to SharePoint.

Since credentials are encrypted the easiest way to configure authentication is from the DIFS user interface – authentication tab.



Once entered you can save the configuration file from the Import tab if required.

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6.2 **DestinationItemSettings**

6.2.1 DestinationItemType

This tells DIFS the base type – Item, Document or Folder – so DIFS knows the basic action to execute.

The content type to set on the item is defined elsewhere.

6.2.2 ItemExistsBehaviour

This setting controls what happens when a file already exists.

As such it also governs how you may import multiple versions. This can be useful when migrating from legacy systems which had version control and where you wish to re-produce that in SharePoint.

The effective that it has is determined by what versioning setting a SharePoint document library has.

The table below shows the files we are uploading – each source is targeted to the same destination TestA.txt.

FullName	ContentType	Title	DestinationFileName
<u>Version1.txt</u>	Document	Version 1	TestA.txt
<u>Version2.txt</u>	Document	Version 2	TestA.txt
<u>Version3.txt</u>	Document	Version 3	TestA.txt
Version4.txt	Document	Version 4	TestA.txt

The table below shows the SharePoint setting will determine the end result.

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ItemExistsBehaviour	Library	Effec	t	
Overwrite	Major Versions	No. ↓	Modified	
		4.0	10/6/2016 7:00 A	M
			Title	Version 4
		3.0	10/6/2016 7:00 A	M
			Title	Version 3
		2.0	10/6/2016 7:00 A	M
			Title	Version 2
		1.0	10/6/2016 6:59 A	AM
			Title	Version 1
Overwrite	Minor Version	No.↓	Modified	
		0.4	10/6/2016 7:00 A	M
			Title	Version 4
		0.3	10/6/2016 7:00 AM	
			Title	Version 3
		0.2	10/6/2016 7:00 AM	
			Title	Version 2
		0.1	10/6/2016 6:59 A	M
			Title	Version 1
Overwrite	No Versioning	Single	e version – Versior	n 4
DoNotOverwrite	Major Versions	No. ↓	Modified	
		1.0	10/6/2016 6:59	AM
			Title	Version 1
DoNotOverwrite	Minor Version	No.	Modified	
		0.1	10/6/2016 6:59	AM
			Title	Version 1
DoNotOverwrite	No Versioning	Single	e version – Versior	n 1

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6.2.3 ImportMappings

Using ImportMappings allows you to set column / field values on the destination items.

String	Take the string equivalent of SourceColumn and set DestinationField to that value.
	<pre><importmapping xsi:type="ImportMapping_String"></importmapping></pre>
	<destinationfield>Title</destinationfield>
	<sourcecolumn> Title</sourcecolumn>
DateTimeFromString	Take the string value of SourceColumn, convert it to DateTime
	using the specified culture and format. Set DestinationField to
	that value.
	<pre><importmapping xsi:type="ImportMapping_DateTimeFromString"></importmapping></pre>
	<pre><destinationfield>DateOfLeaving</destinationfield></pre>
	<sourcecolumn>Date of Leaving</sourcecolumn> <conversionmask>dd/MM/yyyy hh:mm:ss</conversionmask>
	<culture>en-GB</culture>
	Refer to DateTime.ParseExact on MSDN for more information on</th
	ConversionMask (format) and culture (iformat provider)>
Lookup	Take the value of SourceColumn. Find that value in the
	LookUpList. Set DestinationField to the id of that item.
	<pre><importmapping xsi:type="ImportMapping_Lookup"></importmapping></pre>
	This is the field of type lookup
	<destinationfield>Job</destinationfield> <sourcecolumn>Job Title</sourcecolumn>
	This is the list that contains the lookup values
	<lookuplisttitle>Items</lookuplisttitle>
	This is the field in the lookup list the value of which</th
	matches the value in the source column> <lookupfieldinternalname>Title</lookupfieldinternalname>
	This is the CAML value type Text,Number,DateTime,Guid,MultiChoice,Lookup</p
	for the field on in the lookup list that matches the value specified in the
	source column>
	<lookupfieldcamltype>Text</lookupfieldcamltype>
ManagedMetaDataAutoAd	Find the term set which DestinationField is linked to. Find a term
d	in that set matching the value in SourceColumn. Set
	DestinationField to that term id.
	If the term does not exist DIFS will try and create it.

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"Andrews, Robert" would become. Staff Adams, David Andrews, Robert If the term set is nested use, for example, a source value of "Managers\Andrews, Robert" or "UK\Staff\Managers\ Andrews, Robert" May not work for SharePoint Online. <ImportMapping</pre> xsi:type="ImportMapping_ManagedMetaDataAutoAdd"> <DestinationField>Employee Name</DestinationField> <SourceColumn>Employee Name</SourceColumn> /ImportMapping> Find the term set which DestinationField is linked to. Find a term ManagedMetaDataCSOM in that set matching the value in SourceColumn. Set DestinationField to that term id. Supports Single and Multi-value fields. Multi-value fields should be separated by a semi colon. The mapping will find the term (e.g. SQL) anywhere in a nested term set and will set the item to the value of the first matching term it finds. Will not work on SharePoint 2010. Title Employe **Employee Name** Skills e Number 1002 1002 Adams, David SharePoint 1001 1001 Andrews, Robert SharePoint;SQL Would become: Content Type V EmployeeNumber V Employee Name V Skills V Staff Folder 1.001 Andrews, Robert SharePoint SQL 1,002 SharePoint Staff Folder Adams, David <ImportMapping xsi:type="ImportMapping_ManagedMetaDataCSOM">

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	<pre></pre>
Native	Get the value of SourceColumn and set destination with no conversion. This assumes that the source and destination have the same data type, e.g.both Numeric or both DateTime or that they are close enough that .Net can automatically cast the value, e.g. Integer to Numeric.
	<pre><importmapping xsi:type="ImportMapping_Native"></importmapping></pre>
User	Get the value of SourceColumn, get the user object for that person in SharePoint. Set DestinationField (which must be a person field of course) to that value.
	The value of Source could be "Bob Smith" or his email eg Bob.Smith@company.onmicrosoft.com should also work.
	<pre><importmapping xsi:type="ImportMapping_User"> <destinationfield>Client Manager</destinationfield> <sourcecolumn>ClientManager</sourcecolumn> </importmapping></pre>

6.3 SourceColumns

This section defines the columns that appear in the source data that tell DIFS how to create the item in SharePoint.

In all instances the value of the setting is the name of the column in the source data.

I.e.

<SourceFileNameAndPath>FullName</SourceFileNameAndPath>

Infers...

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FullName	ContentType
\\vmware-host\Shared Folders\TestData\Generic\Versions\Version1.txt	Document

The columns only need to be in your source data set if they are Mandatory. So for example SourceFileNameAndPath is mandatory for importing documents but not folders or items.

6.3.1 SourceFileNameAndPath

The name of the column in the source data which provides the full path to the file being imported.

Mandatory for documents.

6.3.2 ContentType

The name of the column in the source data which provides the name of the content type to set the item to.

Mandatory.

6.3.3 DestinationSubFolder

The name of the column in the source data which provides the sub folder into which to import the item.

6.3.4 DestinationFileName

The name of the column in the source data which provides the destination file name / folder name of the item to create in SharePoint. The values in that column cannot include any characters which are invalid for SharePoint such as ?!\ etc.

Mandatory for documents and folders.

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6.3.5 Publish

The name of the column in the source data which contains the value "Yes" when the item is to be published. This column is particularly useful if you are trying to produce a specific version history in SharePoint.

To use the Publish column the destination library must have minor versions enabled.

The ItemExistsBehaviour must be set to overwrite.

Working with this configuration:

```
<SourceColumns>
  <SourceFileNameAndPath>FullName</SourceFileNameAndPath>
  <ContentType>ContentType</ContentType>
  <DestinationSubFolder>DestinationSubDirectories</DestinationSubFolder>
  <DestinationFileName>DestinationFileName</DestinationFileName>
  <Publish>Publish</Publish>
  </SourceColumns>
```

And with this source data:

FullName
\\vmware-host\Shared
Folders\TestData\Generic\Versions\Version1.txt
\\vmware-host\Shared
Folders\TestData\Generic\Versions\Version2.txt
\\vmware-host\Shared
Folders\TestData\Generic\Versions\Version3.txt
\\vmware-host\Shared
Folders\TestData\Generic\Versions\Version4.txt

Content		DestinationFil	Publi
Type	Title	eName	sh
Docume	Versio		FALS
nt	n 1	TestA.txt	Е
Docume	Versio		TRU
nt	n 2	TestA.txt	Е
Docume	Versio		FALS
nt	n 3	TestA.txt	Е
Docume	Versio		TRU
nt	n 4	TestA.txt	Е

You will end up with this version history:

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2.0 10/11/2016 1:13 AM

Title Version 4

1.1 10/6/2016 7:00 AM

Title Version 3

1.0 10/11/2016 1:13 AM

Title Version 2

0.1 10/6/2016 6:59 AM

Title Version 1

Where the publish column is forcing the item to be published it becomes a major version.

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6.3.6 PublishComment

The name of the column in the source data which contains the value to use as the PublishComment.

The following source data:

	Cont	- 1	Destina	Pu	B 11:10	
	entT	Titl	tionFile	bli	PublishCommen	CheckInCommen
FullName	ype	e	Name	sh	t	t
					Publish	Check in
\\vmware-host\Shared	Doc	Ver		FA	comment for	comment for
Folders\TestData\Generic\V	ume	sio	TestA.tx	LS	Version 1 of	Version 1 of
ersions\Version1.txt	nt	n 1	t	Ε	TestA.txt	TestA.txt
					Publish	Check in
\\vmware-host\Shared	Doc	Ver			comment for	comment for
Folders\TestData\Generic\V	ume	sio	TestA.tx	TR	Version 2 of	Version 2 of
ersions\Version2.txt	nt	n 2	t	UE	TestA.txt	TestA.txt
					Publish	Check in
\\vmware-host\Shared	Doc	Ver		FA	comment for	comment for
Folders\TestData\Generic\V	ume	sio	TestA.tx	LS	Version 3 of	Version 3 of
ersions\Version3.txt	nt	n 3	t	Ε	TestA.txt	TestA.txt
					Publish	Check in
\\vmware-host\Shared	Doc	Ver			comment for	comment for
Folders\TestData\Generic\V	ume	sio	TestA.tx	TR	Version 4 of	Version 4 of
ersions\Version4.txt	nt	n 4	t	UE	TestA.txt	TestA.txt

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Will produce the following version history.

Version h	istory			
Delete All Ver	sions Delete Minor Version	5		
No.↓ Modifie	i	Modified By	Size	Comments
This is the cu	rent published major version			
2.0 10/11/	2016 3:32 AM	☐ Site Administrator	< 1 KB	Publish comment for Version 4 of TestA.txt
Title	Version 4			
1.1 10/6/2	016 7:00 AM	☐ Site Administrator	< 1 KB	Check in comment for Version 3 of TestA.txt
Title	Version 3			
1.0 10/11/	2016 3:32 AM	☐ Site Administrator	< 1 KB	Publish comment for Version 2 of TestA.txt
Title	Version 2			

☐ Site Administrator

6.3.7 CheckInComment

Title Version 1

0.1 10/6/2016 6:59 AM

The name of the column in the source data which contains the value to use as the Check InC omment.

< 1 KB Check in comment for Version 1 of TestA.txt

The following source data:

	Cont	-	Destina	Pu	B 11:10	
	entT	Titl	tionFile	bli	PublishCommen	CheckInCommen
FullName	ype	е	Name	sh	t	t
					Publish	Check in
\\vmware-host\Shared	Doc	Ver		FA	comment for	comment for
Folders\TestData\Generic\V	ume	sio	TestA.tx	LS	Version 1 of	Version 1 of
ersions\Version1.txt	nt	n 1	t	Ε	TestA.txt	TestA.txt
					Publish	Check in
\\vmware-host\Shared	Doc	Ver			comment for	comment for
Folders\TestData\Generic\V	ume	sio	TestA.tx	TR	Version 2 of	Version 2 of
ersions\Version2.txt	nt	n 2	t	UE	TestA.txt	TestA.txt
					Publish	Check in
\\vmware-host\Shared	Doc	Ver		FA	comment for	comment for
Folders\TestData\Generic\V	ume	sio	TestA.tx	LS	Version 3 of	Version 3 of
ersions\Version3.txt	nt	n 3	t	Ε	TestA.txt	TestA.txt
					Publish	Check in
\\vmware-host\Shared	Doc	Ver			comment for	comment for
Folders\TestData\Generic\V	ume	sio	TestA.tx	TR	Version 4 of	Version 4 of
ersions\Version4.txt	nt	n 4	t	UE	TestA.txt	TestA.txt

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Will produce the following version history.

Version history

Delete All	Versions	Delete Minor	Versions

N	o.↓ Modified		Modified By	Size	Comments
T	his is the curre	nt published major versior	1		
2.	2.0 10/11/2016 3:32 AM		☐ Site Administrator	< 1 KB	Publish comment for Version 4 of TestA.txt
	Title	Version 4			
1.	1.1 10/6/2016 7:00 AM		☐ Site Administrator	< 1 KB	Check in comment for Version 3 of TestA.txt
	Title	Version 3			
1.	1.0 10/11/2016 3:32 AM		☐ Site Administrator	< 1 KB	Publish comment for Version 2 of TestA.txt
	Title	Version 2			
0.1 10/6/2016 6:59 AM		6 6:59 AM	☐ Site Administrator	< 1 KB	Check in comment for Version 1 of TestA.txt
	Title	Version 1			

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