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Class summary

Whether you're planning your first installation or maintaining a global replicated network, this class will walk you through the implementation, configuration, maintenance, and migration of your Vault software implementation. Learn how to properly plan for the growth of your deployment and how to maintain your Vault software to match the evolving needs of your business. As your system grows over time, you will need to migrate from version to version of the product as well as of the SQL and the operating system. Class topics will include capacity planning, disaster recovery, system monitoring, and SQL optimization. Learn from the experts to ensure your Vault software success.



Key learning objectives

At the end of this class, you will be able to:

- Learn how to successfully implement Vault the first time
- Learn tips and tricks from the experts, from basic to advanced configurations
- Learn how to properly maintain your Vault infrastructure to ensure stability and optimize performance
- Learn how to plan and execute a successful migration





Vault Product Line

- Vault Basic
- Vault Workgroup
- Vault Professional
- Vault Office





Vault Feature Comparison

Feature	Autodesk [®] Vault Basic	Autodesk [®] Vault Workgroup	Autodesk® Vault Professional
Autodesk CAD Integration	✓	✓	✓
File Management Tools	✓	✓	✓
Single Workgroup	✓	✓	✓
Fast Searching	✓	✓	✓
Data Reuse Tools	✓	✓	✓
File Revision Control and Lifecycles		✓	✓
Automatic File Naming		✓	✓
Access for Non-CAD Users		✓	✓
File and Folder Security		✓	✓
Reporting		✓	✓
Server Based DWF Publishing		✓	✓
Multi-Site Replication			✓
'Query, View, and Print' Web Client			✓
Custom Objects			✓
Bill of Material Management			✓
Engineering Change Management			✓
Coexist with Enterprise Business Systems			✓
3 rd Party CAD Integrations			✓
Vault Office Compatible		✓	✓



Vault 2016 Application Integrations



AutoCAD Products

- AutoCAD
- AutoCAD LT*
- AutoCAD Mechanical
- AutoCAD Electrical
- AutoCAD Architecture
- AutoCAD P&ID

AutoCAD MEP

- AutoCAD Map 3D
- AutoCAD Plant 3D
- AutoCAD AUD

Digital Prototyping Products

- Alias Automotive, Design, Surface
- Autodesk Inventor, Professional, Publisher
- Inventor LT*
- Autodesk Simulation
 Mechanical, Mechanical WS,
 Multiphysics

 Autodesk Moldflow (Advisor, Synergy)

Media & Entertainment Products

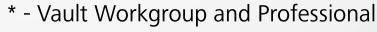
- Autodesk 3DS Max
- Autodesk 3DS Max Design

BIM Products

- AutoCAD Civil 3D
- Autodesk Navisworks Simulate, Manage
- Revit Architecture**
- Revit MEP**
- Revit Structure**

3rd Party Products

- SolidWorks**
- Pro Engineer**
- Microsoft Office
- Microsoft Outlook*
- Microsoft SharePoint**
- MicroStation**



** - Vault Professional only





Vault 2016 System Requirements

Server

- Windows Server 2012 & 2012 R2
- Microsoft SQL Server 2012 & 2014
- Window 7 & 8.1 (Vault Basic Only)

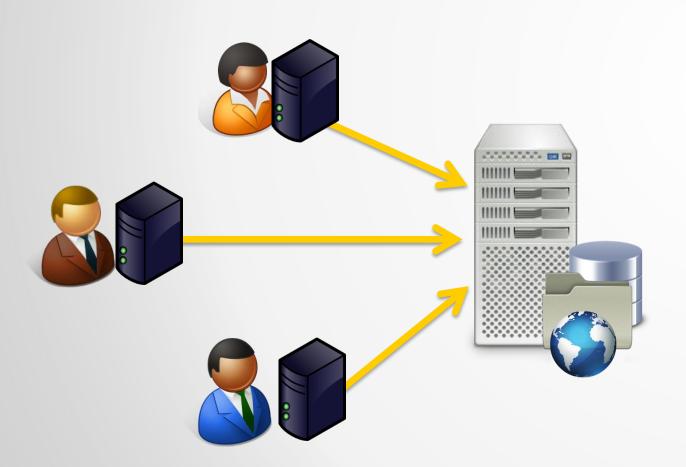
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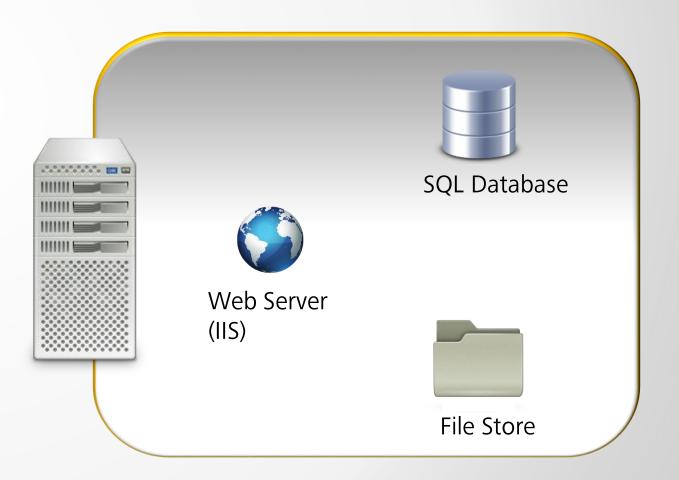
- Retired Server 2008 or 2008 R2
- Retired SQL 2008 R2



Basic Vault Configuration

- One physical server with all Vault components
- Multiple clients connected to share and store files

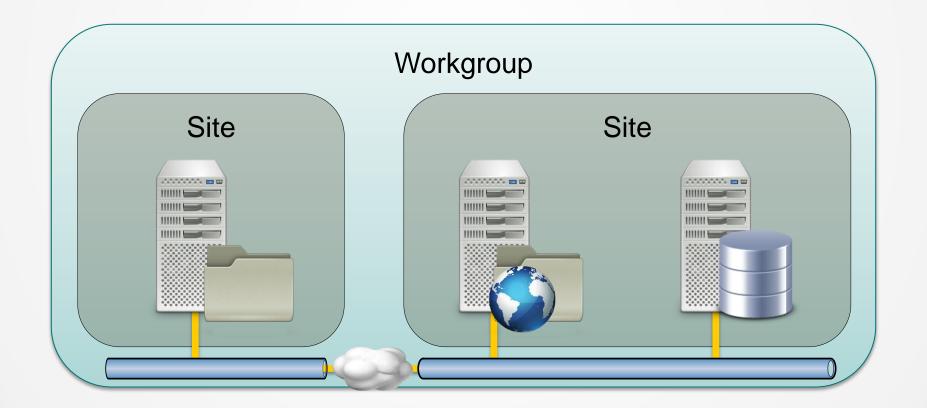






Vault server topologies

- Single Site A location where the Vault server software is installed
- Workgroup Sites connecting to the same SQL database





Vault server topologies

Connected Workgroups (Replication)

- Multiple SQL databases 1 Publisher, 1 to many subscribers
- Publisher the first SQL server configured
- Subscriber SQL servers replicating to the Publisher

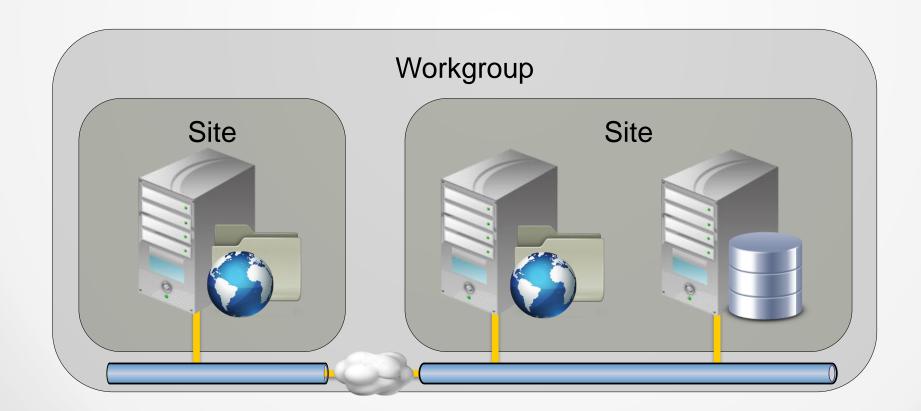




Vault server topologies

Autodesk Vault Filestore Server (AVFS)

- One main site with the Vault Server, SQL & File Store
- Remote locations with File Server











Planning your Server Configuration

- Plan ahead for growth
 - IBM sizing guide available for guidance
 - Can be virtual, physical or cloud.



Database Server (SQL Server)



Application Server (ADMS and IIS)



File Server (Raid, NAS, SAN)



Where is the Metadata?

Microsoft SQL Server – Single Site

- KnowledgeVaultMaster
 - Users
 - Directory
 - Configurations
- Vault databases
 - Metadata/Properties
 - File references
 - Items/BOMS
- Content libraries





Where is the Metadata?

Microsoft SQL Server – Connected Workgroup

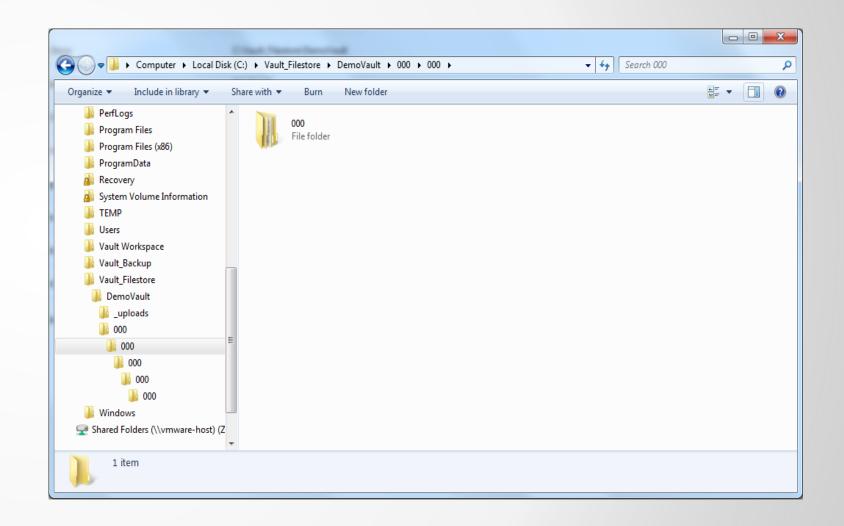
- KnowledgeVaultMaster
- Vault database
- Distributor
 - Ms_merge tables
- Master database
- Msdb database





Where are the files?

- Vault Filestore
 - Contains all files
 - All versions
 - 1 for each Vault
 - Files in native format
 - Renamed for organization





Pre-Install SQL



Pre Install SQL Server

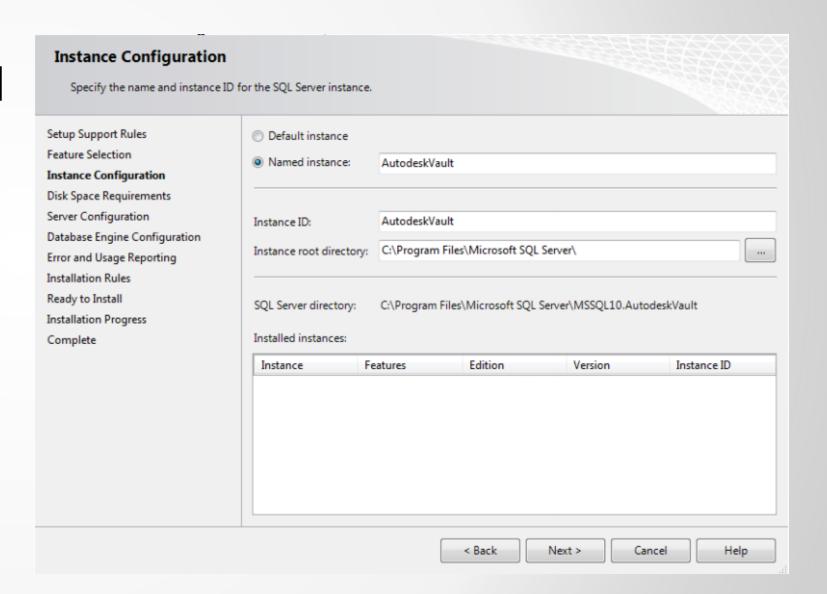
Best Practice

- Always use an instance named AUTODESKVAULT
- Do not install other database applications into the AutodeskVault instance Contact a Microsoft Licensing Specialist regarding SQL licensing questions
- Do not connect directly to the database with other programs
- Do not modify settings unless directed by the Advanced Configuration Guide or Autodesk Product Support



Advanced Configuration Guide

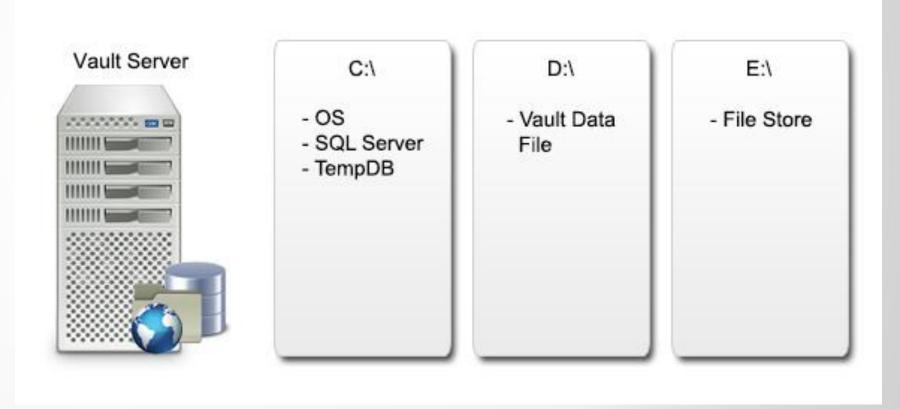
- 2014 Guide is the latest
 - Use for new installations and upgrades
- Use for pre-install and migrations





Multiple Drives

 Increase performance by splitting up I/O request

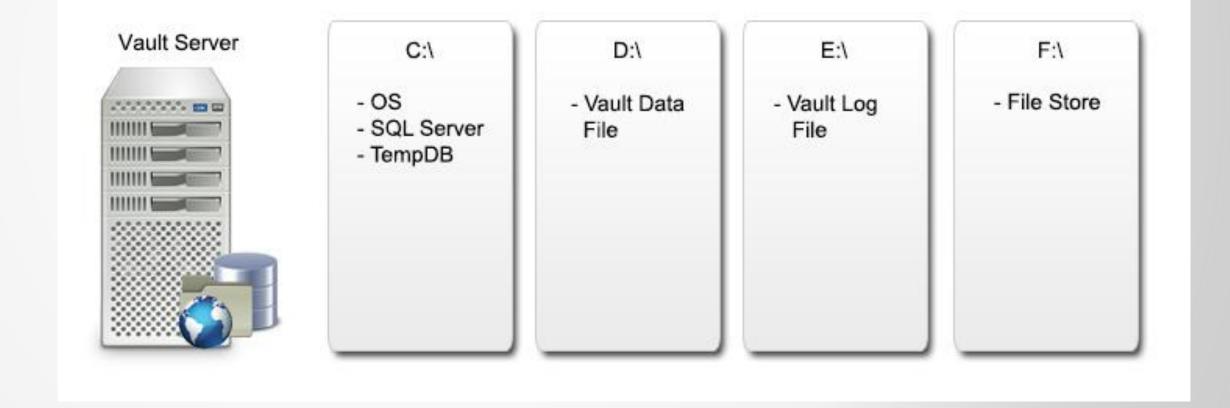


Splitting Database Files

Split MDF & LDF files

Performance for I/O

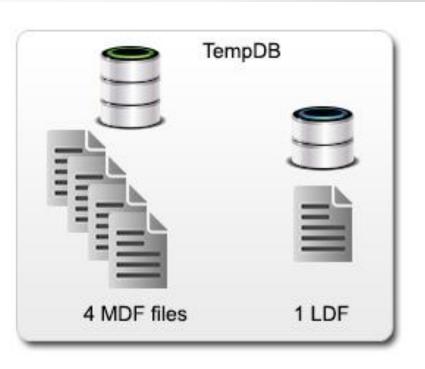
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Multiple TempDB Data Files

- Used for temporary transactions
- One file by default
- One file per CPU core







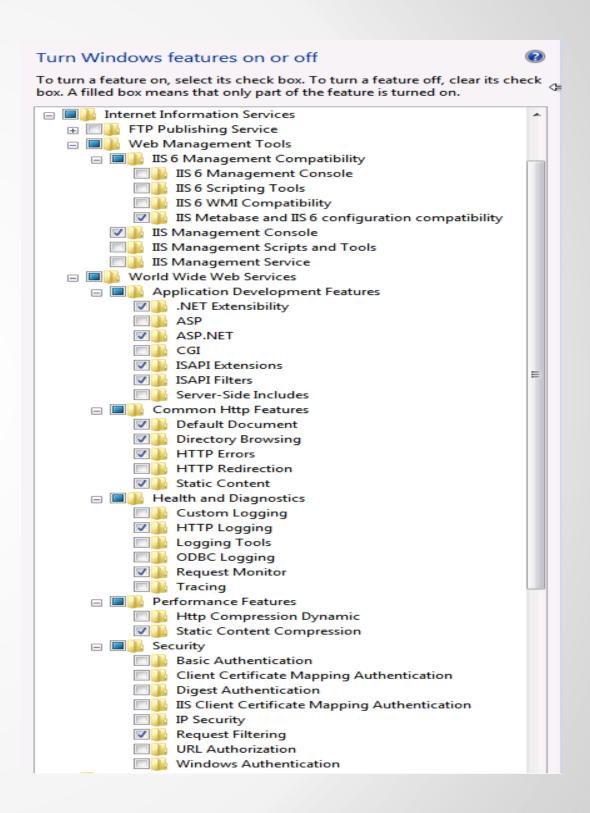
Pre-Install IIS



IIS configuration

- Manually add IIS
 - Use the documented configuration
 - Can also be used to verify post installation

*script in the handout



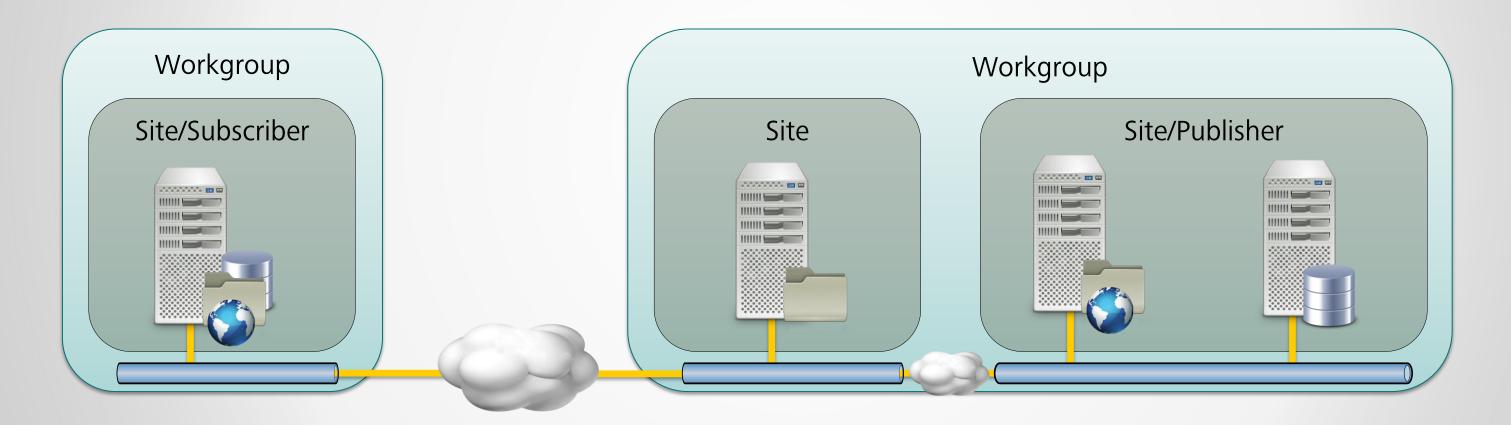


Replication



Terminology

- Publisher the first SQL server configured
- Subscriber SQL servers replicating to the Publisher





Recommendations

- Servers should be in the same domain or two-way trusted domains.
- Servers should be assigned static IP address.
- Use 1 domain user account for replication and snapshot access.



Replication Requirements

- A shared folder on the Publisher where replication snapshots are stored and shared for remote SQL servers.
- A Windows account on the Publisher that has Read/Write permissions to the snapshot share.



Replication Requirements

- Server participating in the replication environment must be able to resolve remote servers by NetBIOS name.
- SQL and http ports need to be open in firewalls for communication between servers.
 - HTTP protocol TCP port 80 by default.
 - SQL Browser Service UDP port 1434.
 - SQL Server TCP (dynamic port).

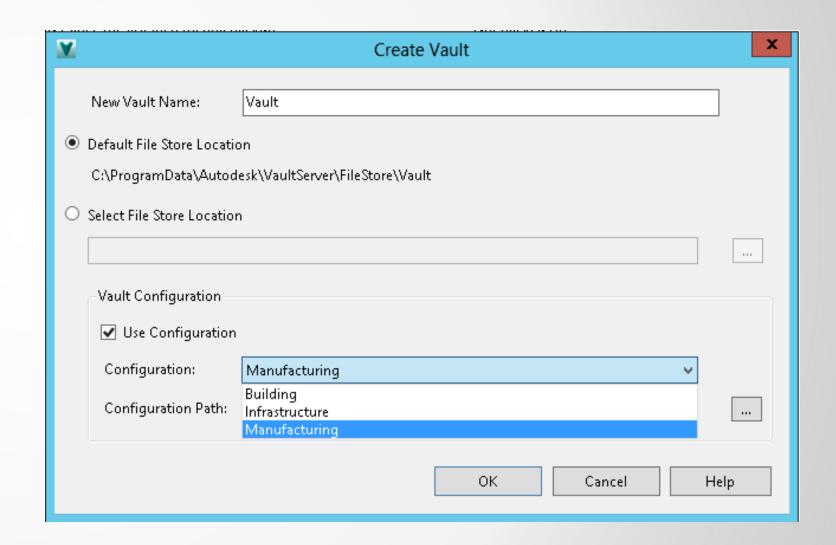


Configuration XML



Vault Configuration Files

- Create a Vault with configuration File
 - Pre-defined Properties,
 lifecycles & categories





Vault Configuration

- Building Creates a vault with inherent properties for Architectural, Engineering, and Construction (AEC) design workflows.
- Infrastructure Creates a vault with inherent properties for Engineering, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure (ENI) design workflows.
- Manufacturing Creates a vault with inherent properties for Manufacturing (MFG) design workflows.
- Custom Use a custom configuration file. Imported from a different Vault



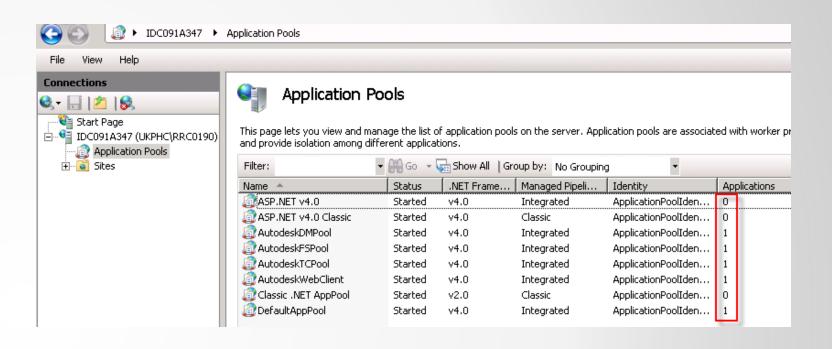
IIS App Pool

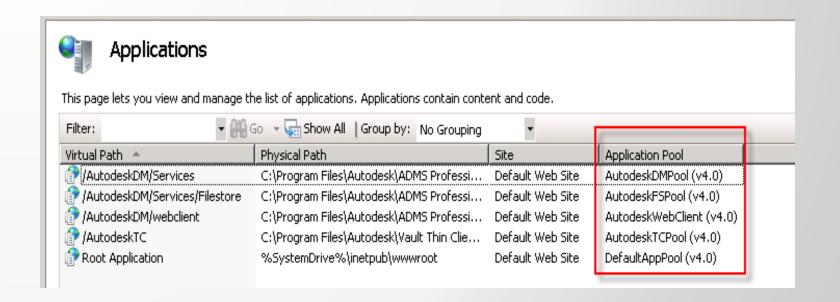


Configuring IIS App Pools

Limit 1x Application to 1x
 App Pool

Create and re-assign as needed

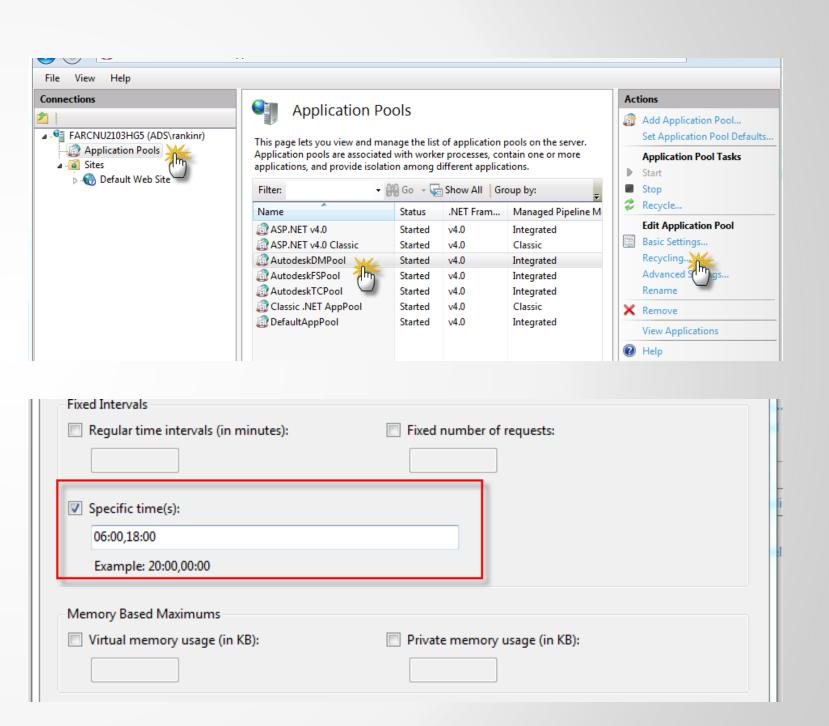






App Pool Recycling

- Set the App Pool to recycle at regular intervals
 - Happens automatically so only adjust if needed
- Frees memory

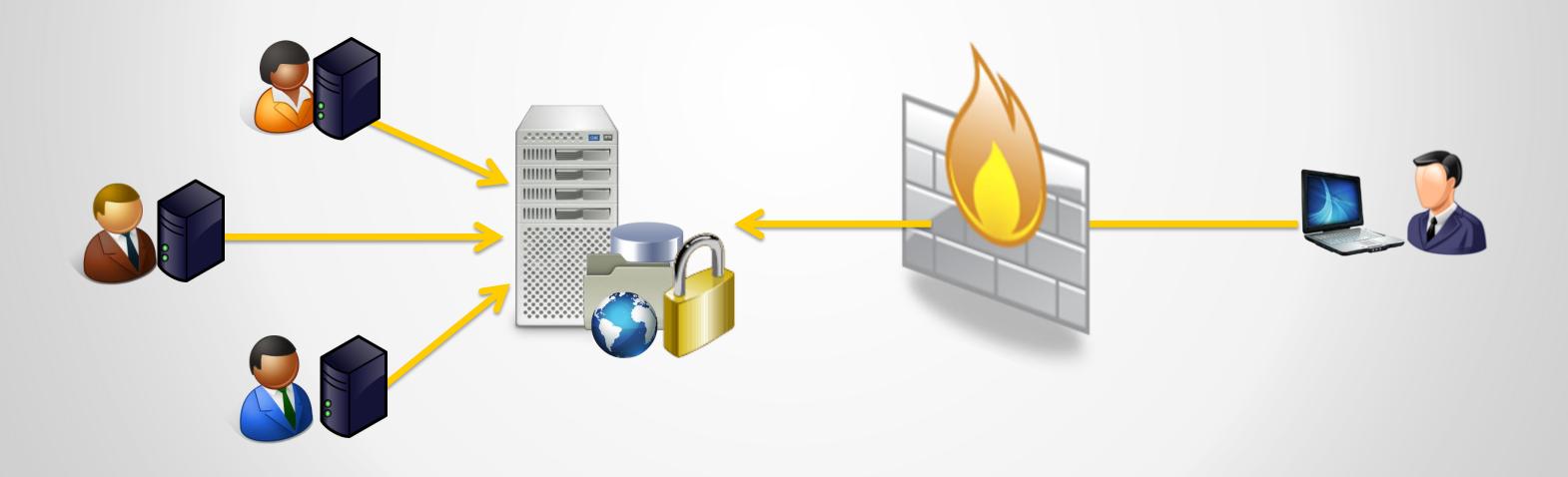




SSL Configuration

SSL Configuration

 Secure Socket Layer (SSL) Certificate can be used to secure the connection





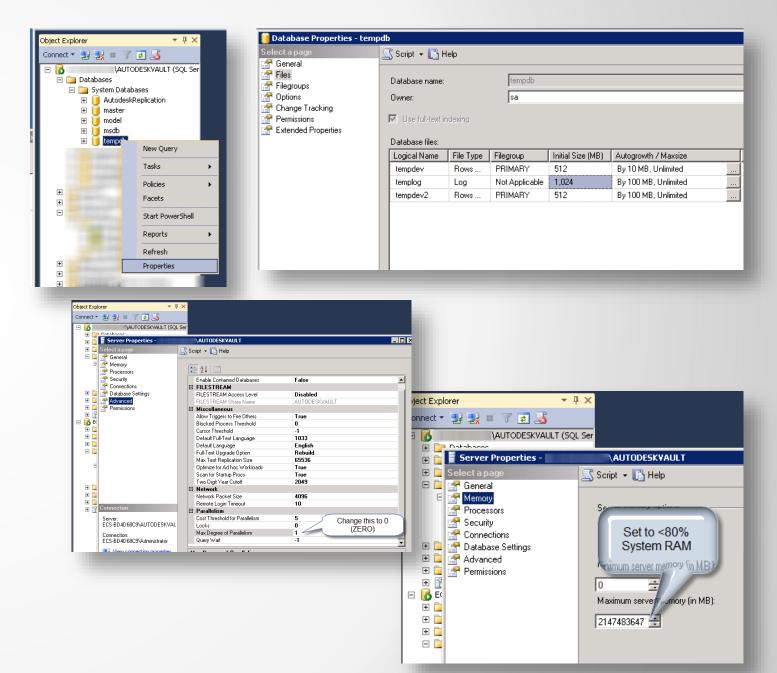
SQL Performance



SQL Configuration

SQL Performance

- Tempdb files
 - Tempdb files to equal half of the total processors on the server not to exceed 8 (eight)
 - Tempdb 512 or 1024 mb each
 - Templog needs to be the sum value of all tempdb files
 - Autogrowth 100mb (min)
- Other Settings
 - Max Degree of Parallelism
 - Set to 0
 - SQL Max Server Memory
 - Set to 50-80% the total available RAM of the server

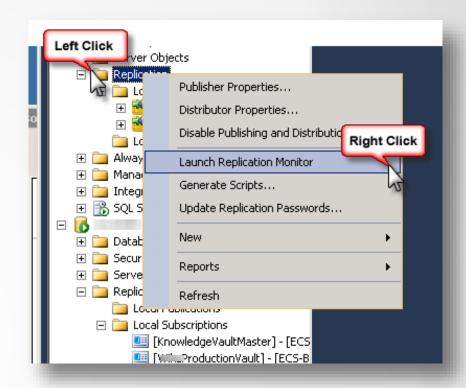


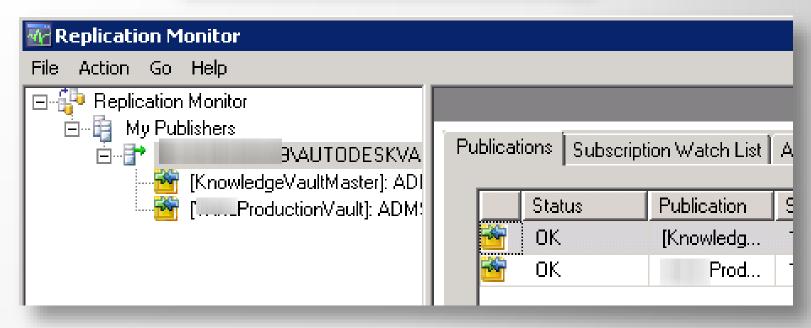


SQL Configuration

SQL Replication

- Replication Monitor
 - Monitor will typically look like this.
 - Exceptions in a healthy state are when SQL transactions are occurring in a high latency environment, you may see an error.
 - Allow it time to clear
 - Check again
- If error, you have 14 days from initial error before data is no longer able to replicate
 - This means item, change order data and files may be lost from affected subscribers
 - Increase retention period
 - From publisher, subscribers and failed subscriber,
 3rd party backup ADMS
 - Get all new data to local user workspace checked in by local users since replication failure







Database Optimization

Logical Name	Initial Size (MB)	Autogrowth
KnowledgeVaultMaster		By 10MB, unrestricted growth
KnowledgeVaultMaster_log		By 10 percent, unrestricted growth
<vault></vault>		By 100MB, unrestricted growth
<vault>_log</vault>	500	By 10 percent, unrestricted growth
<custom_library></custom_library>		By 25 MB, unrestricted growth
<custom_library>_log</custom_library>		By 10 percent, unrestricted growth
<standard_library></standard_library>		By 25 MB, unrestricted growth
<standard_library>_log</standard_library>		By 10 percent, unrestricted growth

Note: A blank cell in the above table indicates that the default setting should not be changed. Grey cells, indicate default values and should be set to the above if they are different



Administration



Server Tasks

Task	Description
File Store Validation	Compares database metadata against the file store to determine if all of the files in the database exist in the file store.
File Store Replication Note: Vault Professional Only	Copies files that exist on one site's file store to another site's file store where the specific files do not exist. This process is scheduled by the user.
File Store Cleanup Note: Vault Professional Only	The file store cleanup process compares each file store against the SQL database and removes files which have been deleted from the data management environment.
Update Statistics	Runs Update Statistics on the SQL database. This process improves query performance, which in turn improves vault performance.
ECO Email Notification Note: Vault Professional Only	Sends email notifications that have been saved in a queue. Automatic Email notifications must be enabled.
ERP Packaging Note: Vault Professional Only	Communicates with an existing ERP system. ERP Integration must be enabled.
Property Re-indexing	Extracts properties from a bulk of files and updates the database with the new information. This operation can be started and stopped by the user. If the operation is stopped and restarted later, it will start with the last file processed.
Search Indexing	Takes properties from the database into the indexer for the first time. This indexing yields faster results when the user searches the database on specific properties.



Server Tasks

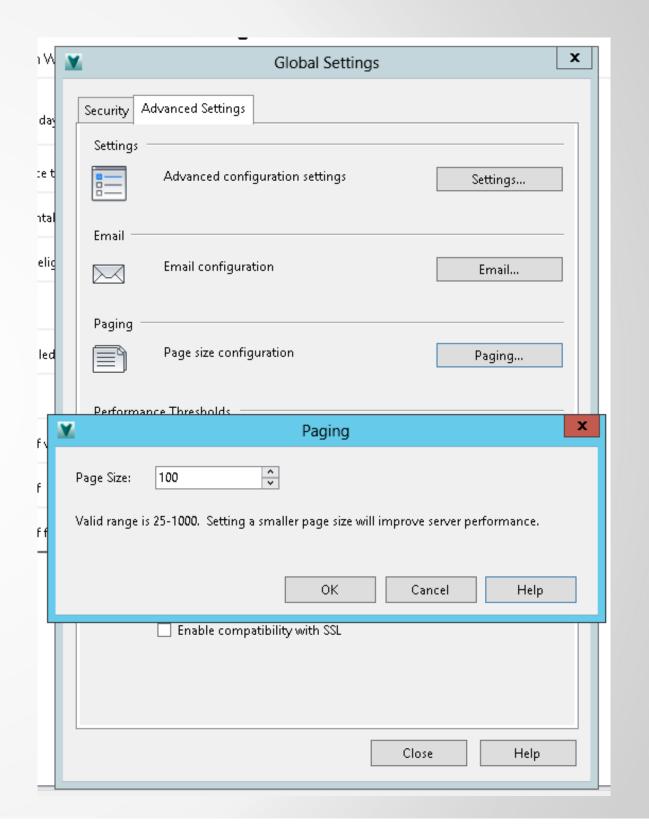
Task	Description
Content Indexing Service	Extracts the full text contents from existing files in the vault, allowing full content searching. This process only runs if full-content searching is enabled.
Search Index Optimization	Updates the indexing engine which helps return search results quickly. When the process is running, the indexer is locked. This process runs during off hours to prevent user down time.
Content Indexing Service Update	Adds newly created and updated content to the vault server's search index. This process runs every twenty minutes once full content searching is enabled.
Item Lock Cleanup Note: Vault Professional Only	When the vault server and the SQL server perform different actions on the database, it will apply locks to prevent data collision.

ADMS Console, select Tools > View Server Tasks



Paging Size

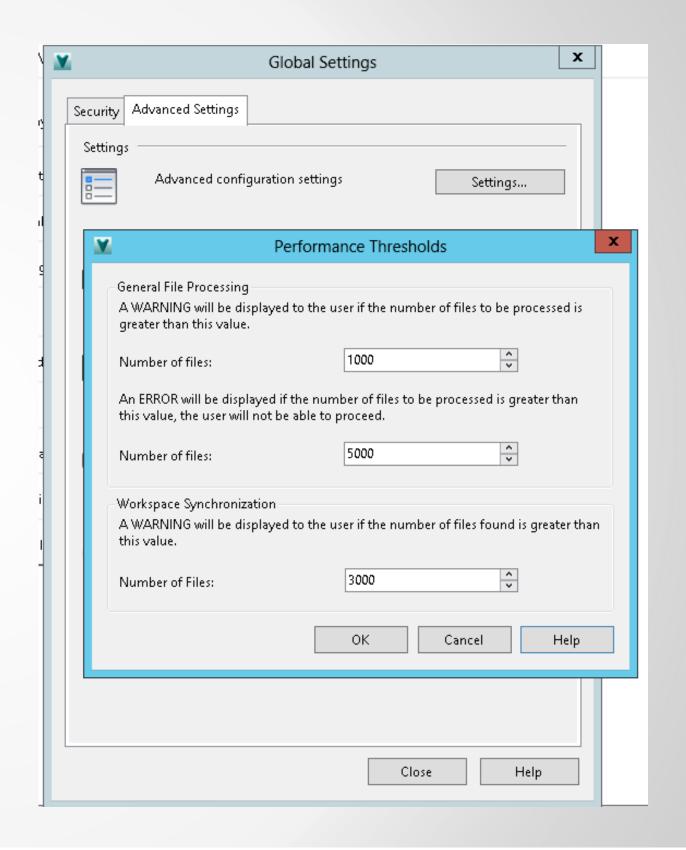
- Controls the number of rows of data displayed per page.
- Improve server and client performance





Performance Thresholds

- Warns user when working on large quantity of files
- Smaller number increases server performance





Properties And Indexing



Types of Indexing

Property File Re-Indexing

Search Indexes

Full Content Indexing



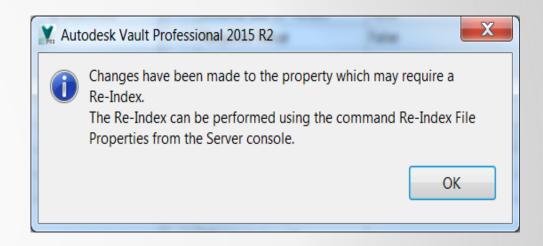
Property File Re-Index

When

- A Read Mapping has been added/modified to an existing UDP
- A property with Read Mappings has been re-enabled

These property changes queue a property Compliance check

number of files can become noncompliant





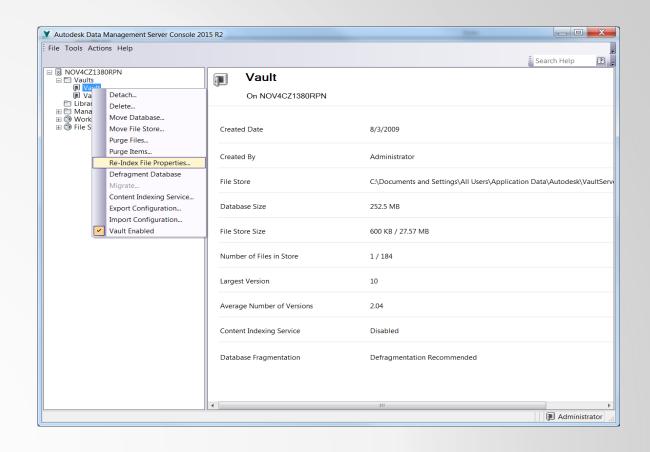
Property File Re-Index

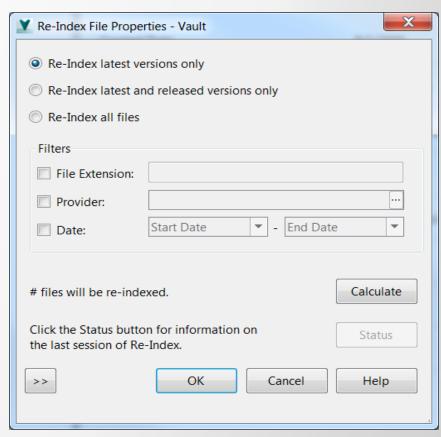
Executed from within ADMS Console

What it Does

- Re-applies the Read Mappings and updates the UDP values for each file
- Updates <u>existing</u> versions of the files
- UDPs will be become property compliant
- Search indexes built for the property values

A Property File Re-Index does <u>not</u> add newly created UDPs









Search Indexes

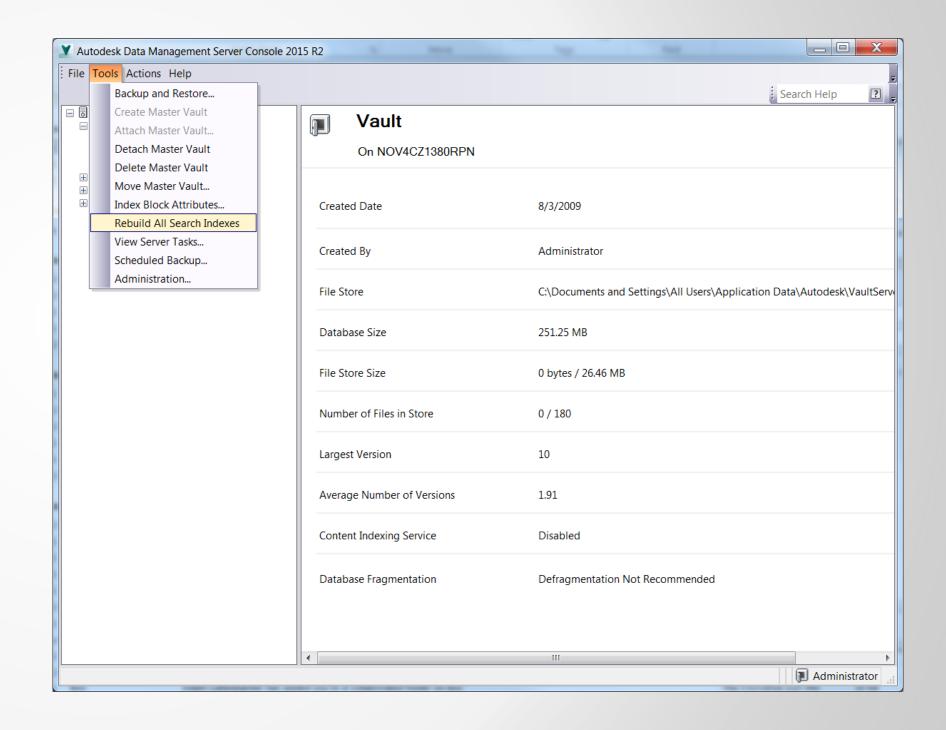
- Properties extracted from the database
- Faster searching in Vault
- Token searches





Rebuild Search Indexes

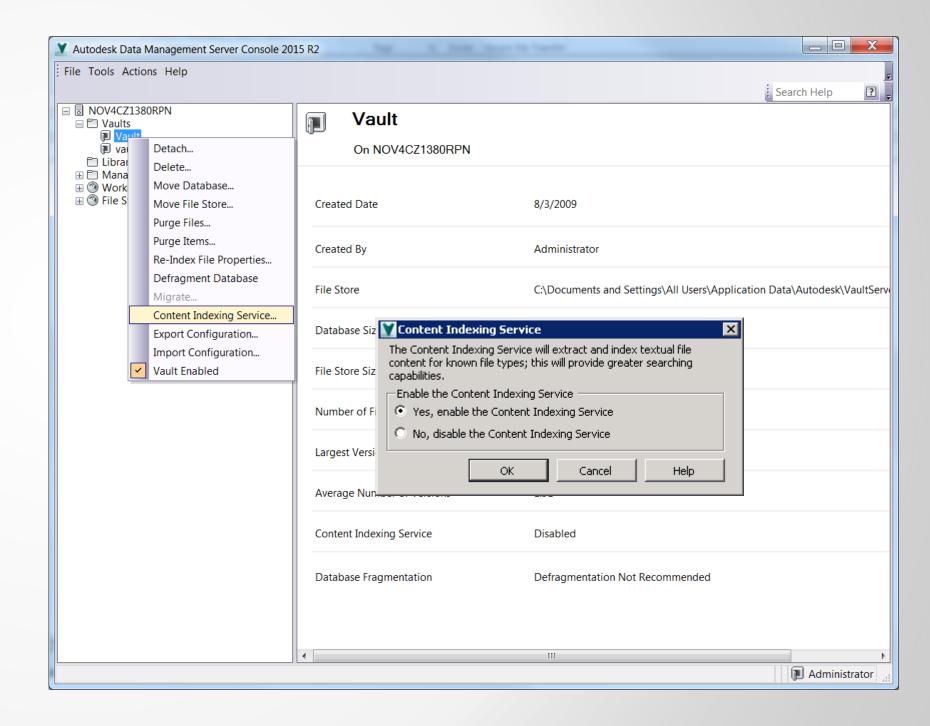
- Not the same as Rebuild Property Indexes
- Maintenance ran automatically
- Run per site basis





Content Indexing

- Extracts the full text contents from existing files
- Added to Lucene
- Enabled per Vault







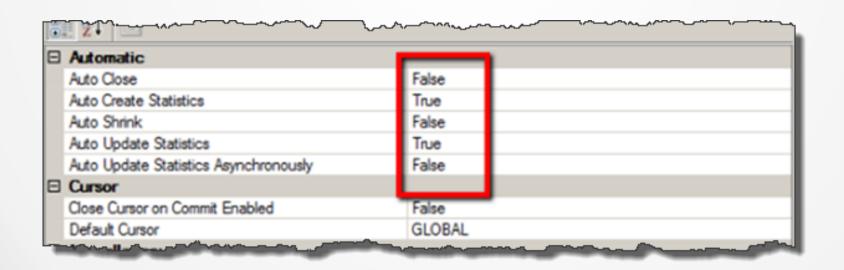
SQL Maintenance Plan

- Create a SQL Maintenance Plan (Advanced Configuration Guide)
 - Keeps the database healthy
 - Shrinks the database
 - Reorganizes and rebuilds indexes



SQL Maintenance Plan

- Performed inside of SQL Management Studio
 - Recovery Model set to Simple
 - Compatibility Level set to SQL 2012 for Vault 2016
 - Also with SQL 2014



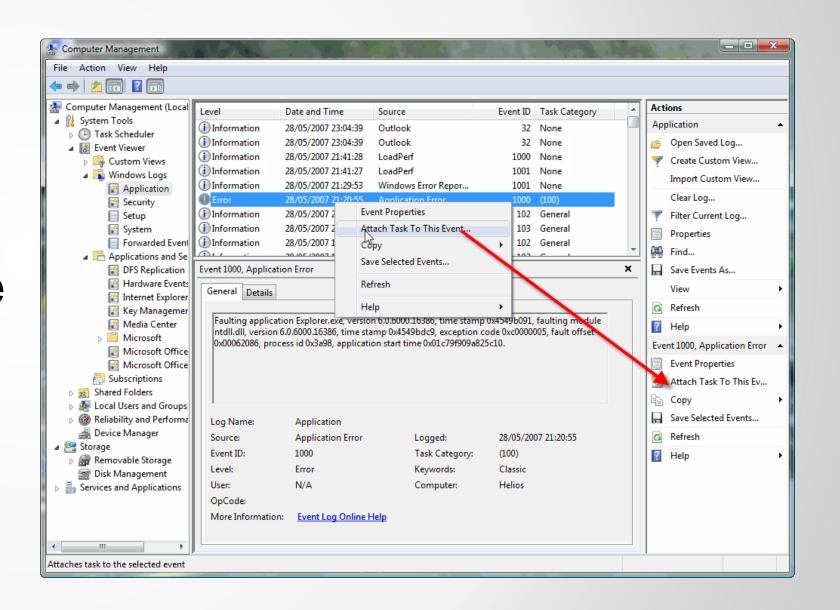


Monitoring



Built-in windows apps

- Event viewer
 - Configure to send email alerts on errors
- Performance monitor
 - Monitor system performance
 - CPU usage
 - Mem usage
 - Disk capacity
 - View trends over time





Built-in windows notifications

- Event Based notifications
 - Job Processor
 - Modify config file
 - Attach task to Event





3rd Party tools

- Nagios
- PRTG
- HP SIM
- SCOM/MOM
- App Dynamics
- Splunk









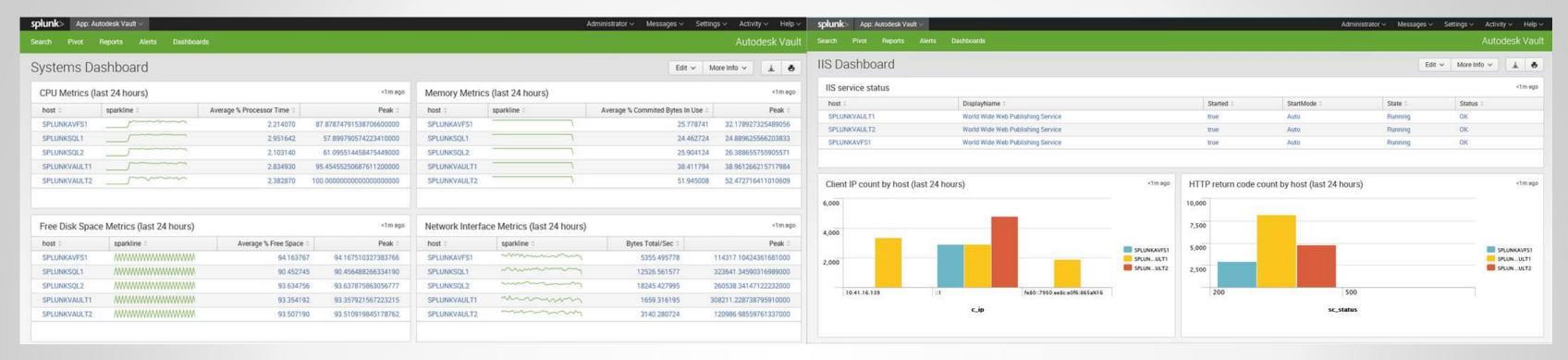




Splunk for monitoring Vault

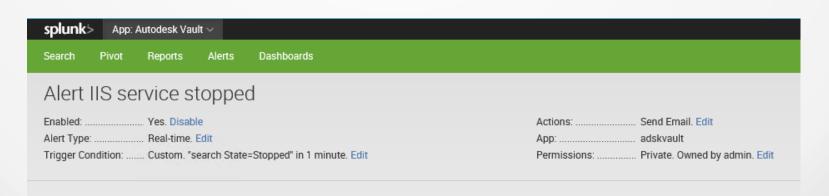


Dashboard View













IP Auditing



IP Auditing in ADMS

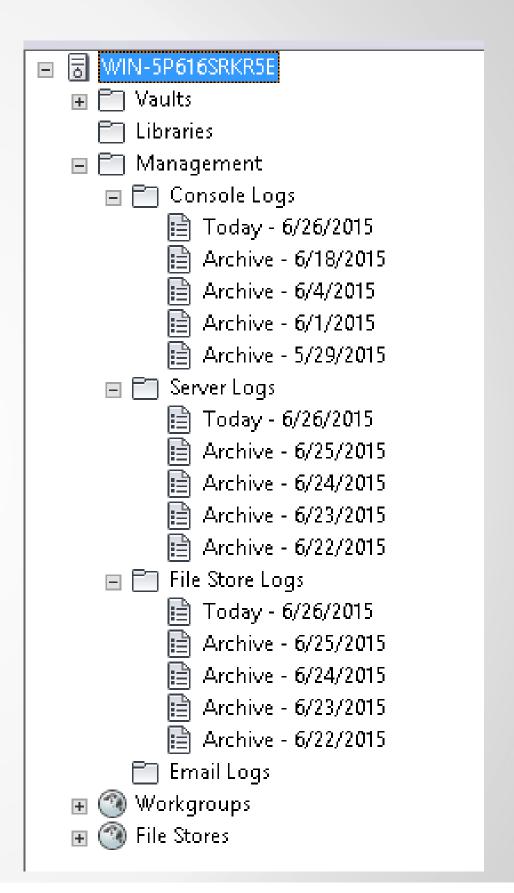
- Modification to web.config
 - Logs what files are deleted
 - Logs what files are downloaded = "Get"

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            </listeners>
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          </trace>
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          <!-- To receive general trace messages change the value to the
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              appropriate level. "1" gives error messages, "2" gives errors
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              and warnings, "3" gives more detailed error information, and
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              "4" gives verbose trace information -->
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Log File Management

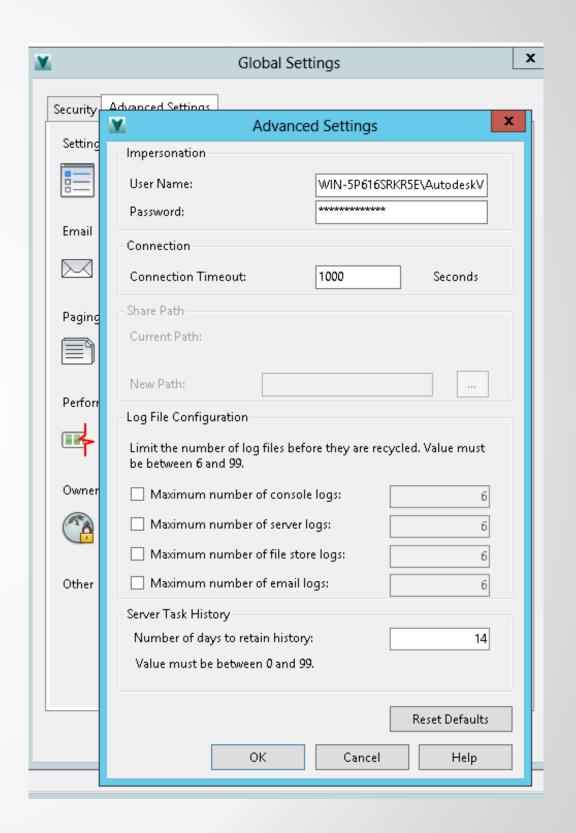
- In the ADMS Console
- New log every day
 - C:\ProgramData\Autodesk\Vault
 Server\FileStore
- Moved by editing the web.config file





Log File Management

- No maximum number by default.
- Set maximum to save disc space



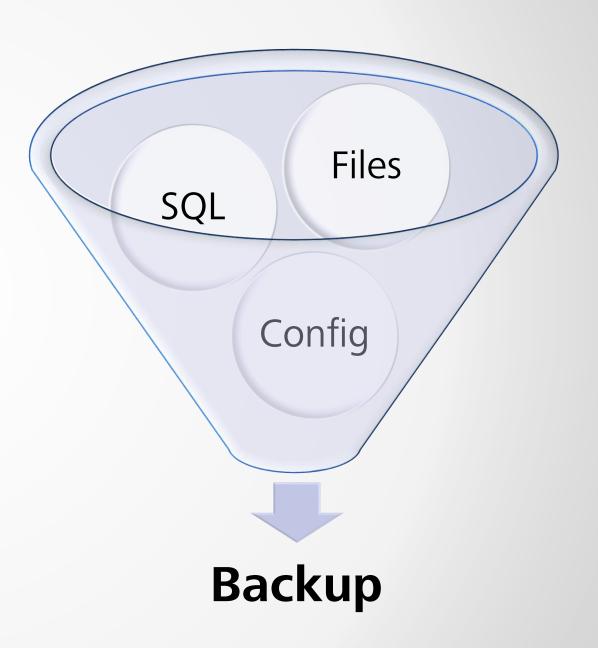


Backups



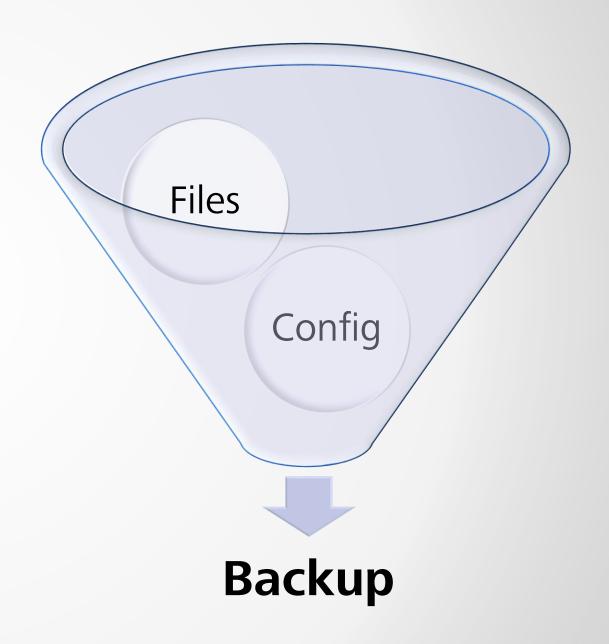
What to Backup - Single Site

- All Vault databases
 - KnowledgeVaultMaster
 - Vaults
 - Libraries
- FileStore
- Optional:
 - connectivity.ADMSConsole.exe.config
 - web.config



What to Backup – Multisite AVFS

- All Vault File Stores
 - Full backup of the entire filestore
- Optional:
 - Program Files
 - Config files





What to Backup - Connected Workgroup

Publisher

- All Vault databases (KnowledgeVaultMaster, Vaults and Libraries)
- The distribution database (AutodeskReplication)
- SQL Master and MSDB databases
- SQL Master Key
- Folder where the SQL Replication Snapshot is located

Optional:

- ADMS program files
- Vault filestore
- connectivity.ADMSConsole.exe.config and web.config



What to Backup - Connected Workgroup

Subscriber

- All Vault databases (KnowledgeVaultMaster, Vaults and Libraries)
- SQL Master and MSDB databases
- Folder where the SQL Replication Snapshot is located

Optional:

- ADMS program files
- Vault filestore
- connectivity.ADMSConsole.exe.config and web.config



3rd Party Backup

The software used for backup should have the following capabilities:

- A SQL server backup agent for backing up and restoring the databases.
- Restore the SQL Master and MSDB databases.
- Verify the backed up database or file.
- Work within a replicated SQL server environment.
- Send e-mail alerts to administrators. (Recommended, not required).
- Back up and restore the databases and file store with security settings.

For more information, see Using 3rd Party Tools to Backup/Restore Autodesk Vault.



Restore



Single Vault Site Backup\Restore

- Restore sequence
 - Install the Autodesk Vault server software
 - Install of the hot fixes and/or services packs that were installed on the original server
 - Restore the databases
 - Restore the file stores in there original file store location



Single Vault Site Backup\Restore

- Post restore steps
 - Open ADMS Console to verify all databases can be seen
 - Migrate databases if necessary
 - Open the command prompt to <installdir>\Autodesk\ADMS [Edition] 20XX\ADMS Console directory.
 - type: Connectivity.ADMSConsole.exe -VUusername -VPpassword –Ovalidatefilestore
 - Check console log file for results
 - Replace missing files from other backups



Restoring a Publisher

- Publisher Restore
 - Restore a server with the same name and SQL version as the original.
 - Install Vault Server and apply all service packs and hot fixes as the original server.
 - Create the SQL snapshot share and apply user permissions to the share.
 - Restore the Master and MSDB system databases.
 - Restore the vault and library databases.
 - Restore the distribution database and snap shot share location.
- The backup used for the restore should be no older than 14 days. If older than 14 days, all subscribers will need to be reinitialized and data will be lost.



Restoring a Subscriber

- Subscriber Restore
 - Restore a server with the same name and SQL version as the original.
 - Install Vault Server and apply all service packs and hot fixes as the original server.
 - Restore the Master and MSDB system databases.
 - Restore the vault databases and file store
 - Run a file store validation command. Restore any missing files from a previous backup.
- The backup used for the restore should be no older than 14 days. If older than 14 days, the subscriber will need to be reinitialized.

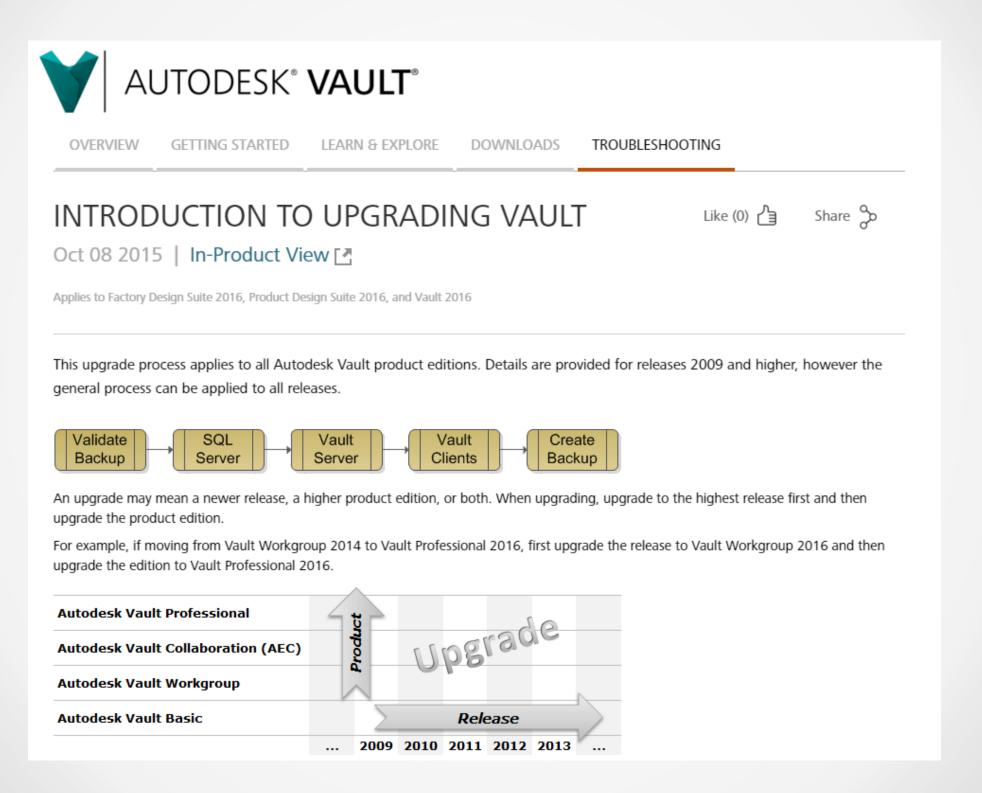




Planning

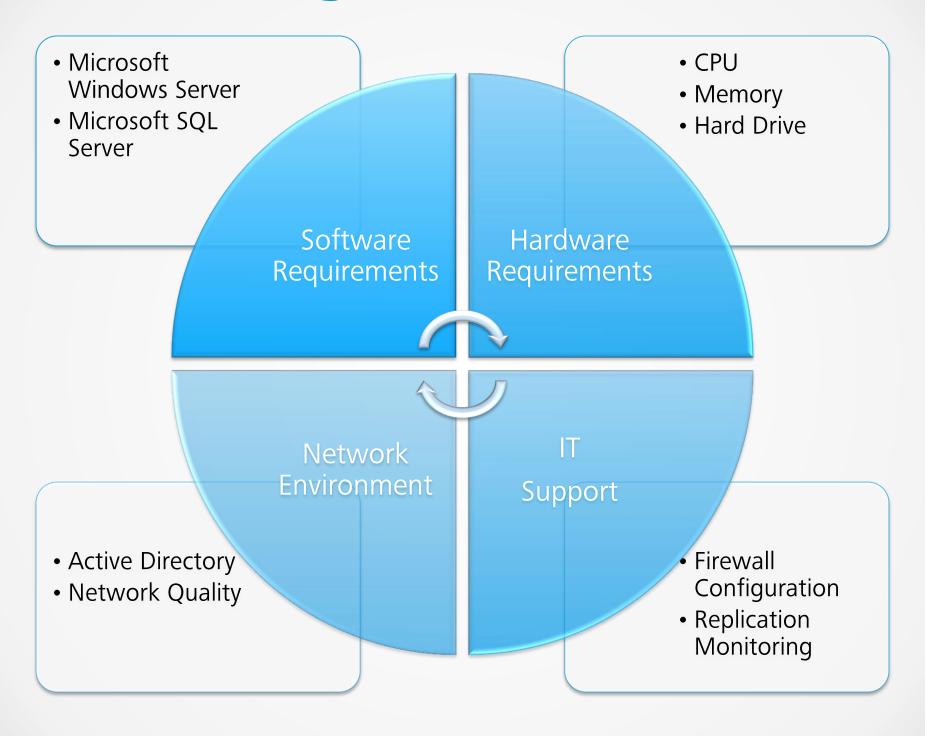


Vault Upgrade Guide





Deployment Planning





Process for Upgrading

Validate
Backup

SQL
Server

Vault
Server

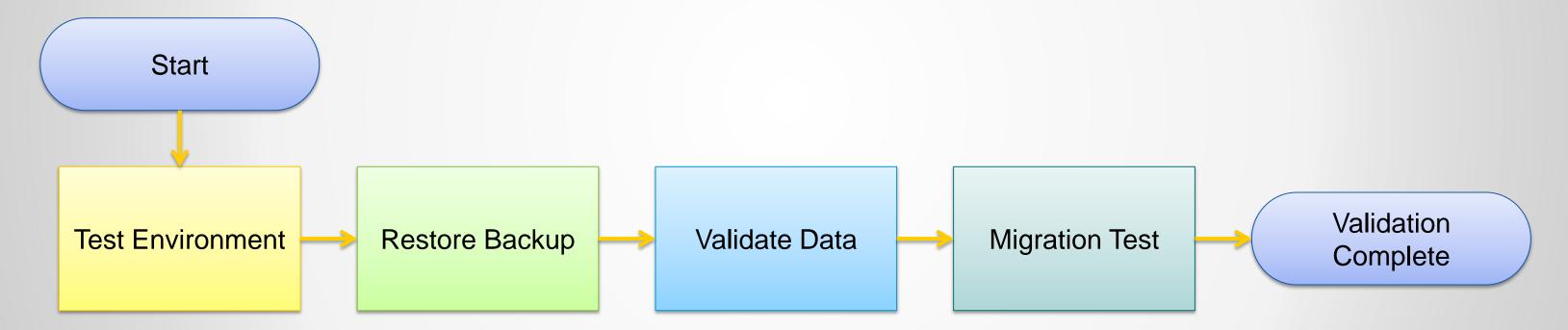
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Validate your process

- Very Important Stage
- Resolve problem before continuing





Test Environment



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- Used to practice upgrade\migration
 - Upgrade timing
 - Migration timing
- Quality testing
 - Validate migration
 - Test new features
 - Test existing workflows



Test Environment

- Similar CPU, memory and disk space
- Operating system, service packs/updates & settings
- Same SQL Server edition & updates
- Other application

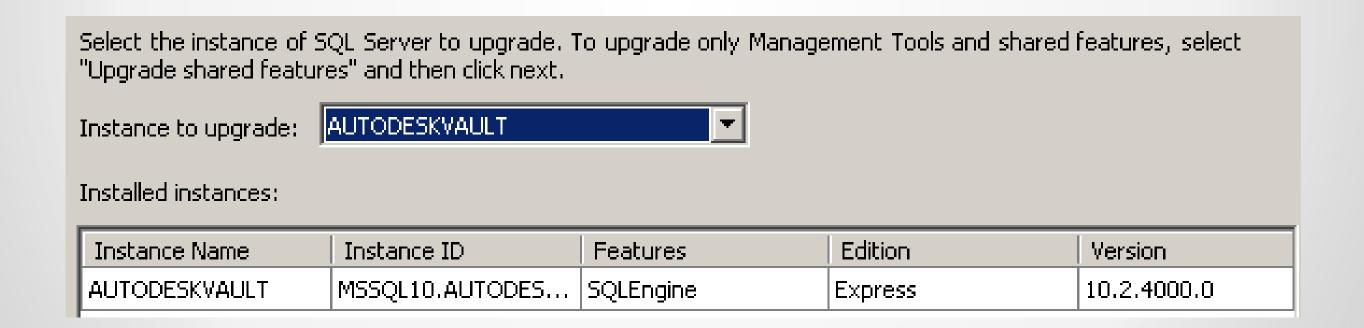


Migration and Upgrading



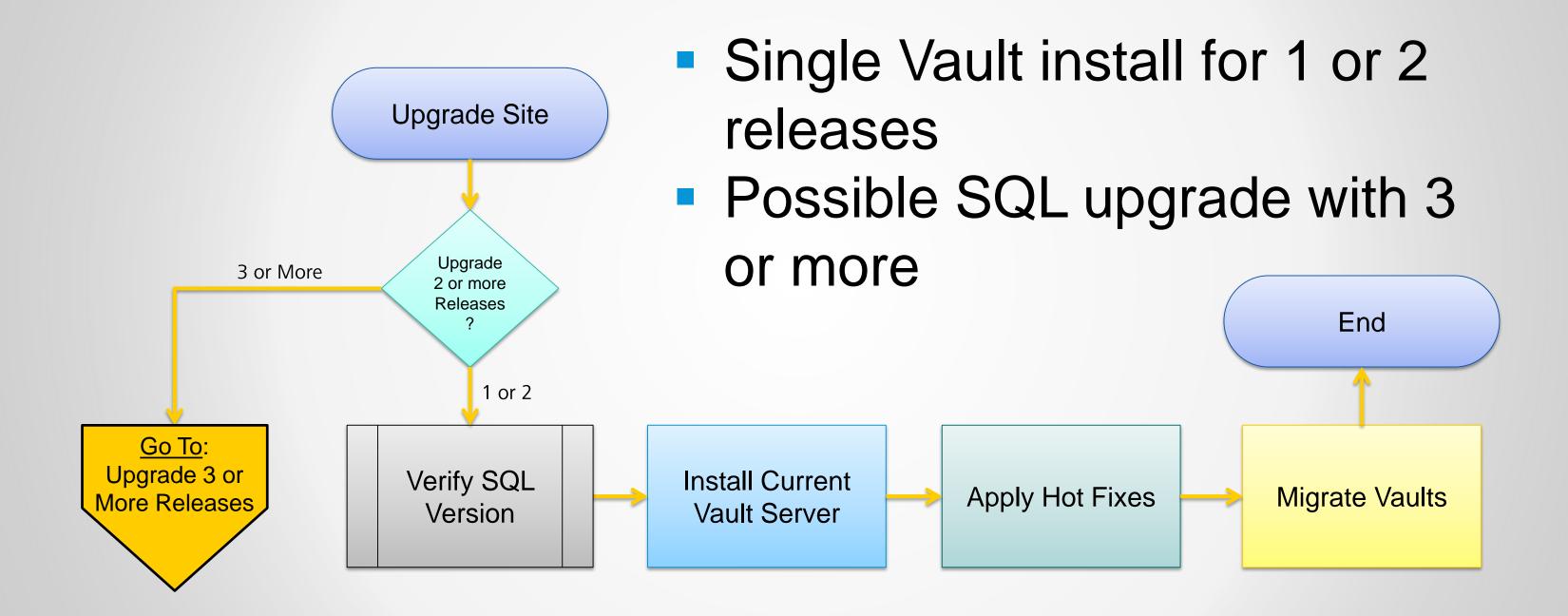
Upgrading SQL Server

- Migrate the AutodeskVault SQL instance
 - Follow process in the Advanced Configuration Guide
 - Update with latest supported hotfixes and service packs



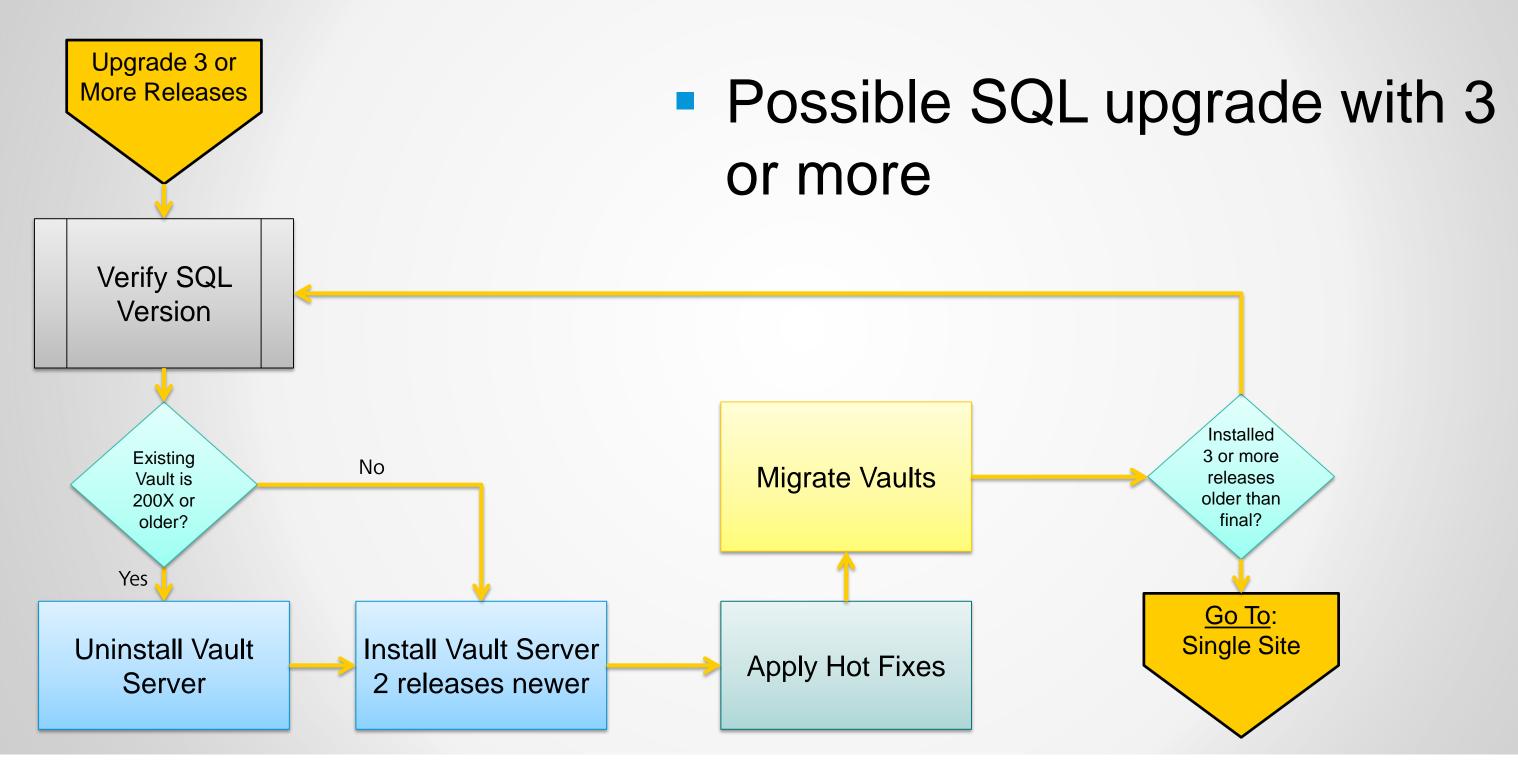


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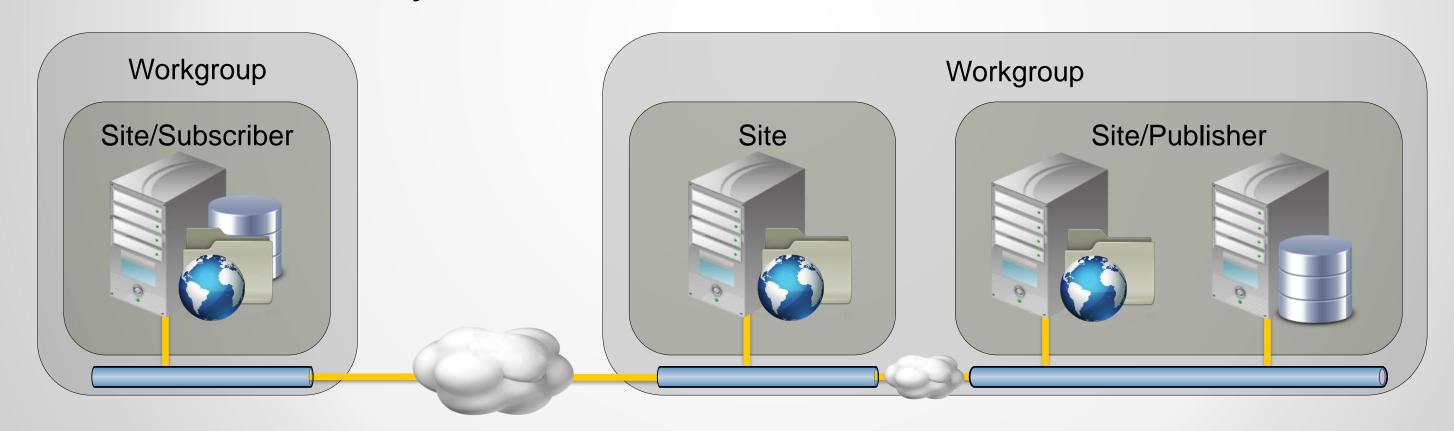


Vault Server



Upgrading Connected Workgroups

- All Subscribers must be online
- Publisher first
 - Site closest to SQL Server
- Other sites in any order





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