

Citrix ShareFile

Usability vs. Manageability



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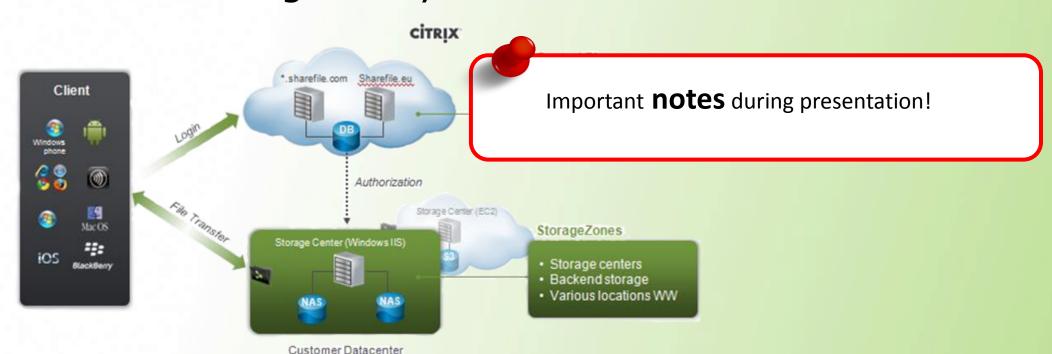


- √ ShareFile introduction:
- √ ShareFile Usability:
- √ ShareFile Manageability:

Architecture, Editions & Licensing

Clients, Features & Lessons Learned

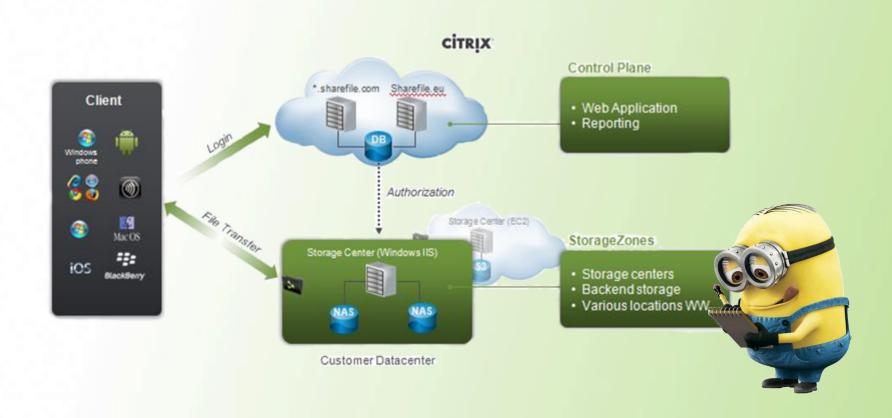
Admin tools & Lessons Learned





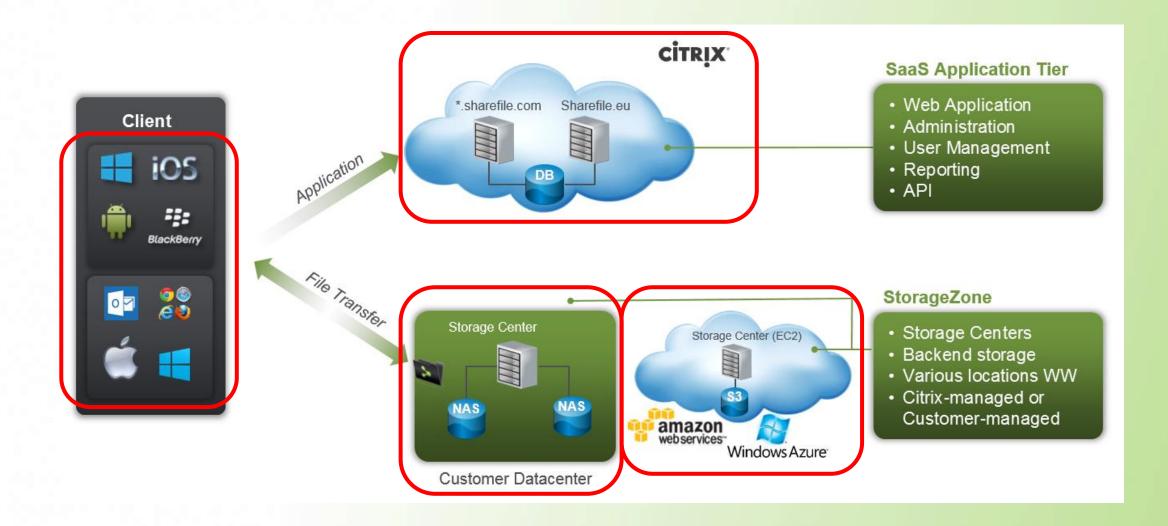


ShareFile Introduction





ShareFile Architecture







ShareFile Editions & Features

ShareFile Feature	Basic	Professional	Corporate	
Storage/Bandwidth	5 GB	10 GB	20 GB	
Employee accounts	2	10	20+	
Unlimited Client Users	x	x	x	
Custom Branding	x	x	x	
Encrypted transfer and storage	x	x	x	
Support				
24/7 Telephone support	x	x	х	
Mobile app				
Browse/download docs from SharePoint/CIFS shares	х	x	х	
Mobile editing (only iOS)	x	x	x	
Mobile Device Security			x	
Desktop app				
Plugin for Microsoft Outlook		x	х	
Desktop Sync		x	x	
Management				
User Management Tool			х	
Enterprise Directory Integration (SAML)				
Store Data On or Off Premises				
IT Managed Follow-Me Data (On-Premise)				
Costs (per month)	\$29.95	\$59.95	\$99.95	

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ShareFile Enterprise License Model

- √ User licensing
 - √ Citrix-managed StorageZones
 - ✓ Annual
 - ✓ Off-premise Citrix managed Cloud Storage
 - ✓ Customer-managed StorageZones
 - ✓ Perpetual or annual
 - ✓ On-premise StorageZone





ShareFile Usability





ShareFile Mobile Apps







iPad





Tablet



Phone









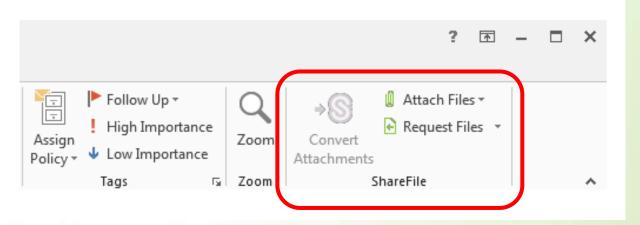
ShareFile Desktop Apps



✓ ShareFile Sync for Windows & Mac



√ ShareFile Plugin for Microsoft Outlook











- √ ShareFile app
 - ✓ Browse, download & view documents
 - √ Send & request files via email
 - ✓ Add users to existing folders
 - √ View files offline











- ✓ StorageZones for ShareFile Data
 - ✓ Personal Folders
 - √ Shared Folders
 - √ Favorite Folders











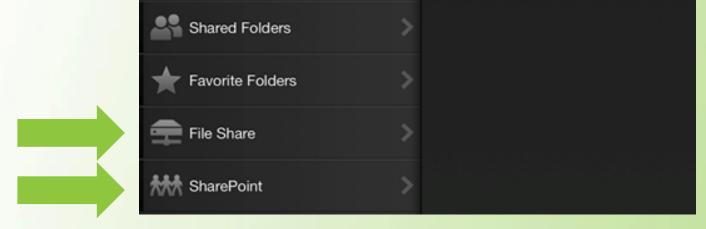
- √ StorageZones Connectors
 - ✓ CIFS/NFS Shares (R/W)
 - √ SharePoint Document Libraries (R/W)





Folders

Connecting to **StorageZone Connectors** is only supported for mobile devices.









- √ ShareFile QuickEdit
 - ✓ Embedded document editor (create, edit & re-upload documents)

are held on snow or ice. These sports along with Nordic combined, ski jumping, and speed



ShareFile FAQs.docx

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File editing is only supported for iOS devices (iPhone & iPad).



Only PDF, Word, Excel, PowerPoint & text files can be edited



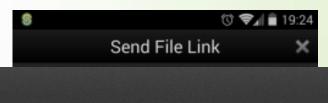


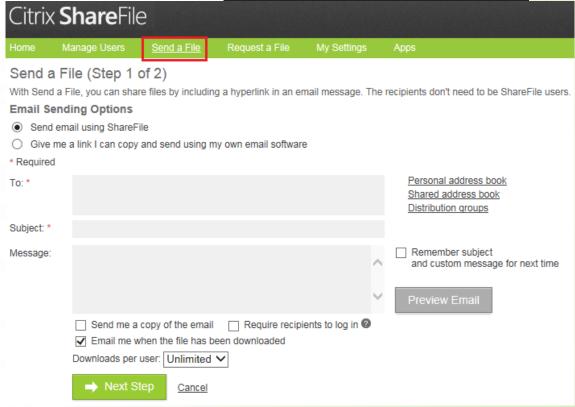
Original with markup





- √ ShareFile Mobile app
- √ ShareFile Web











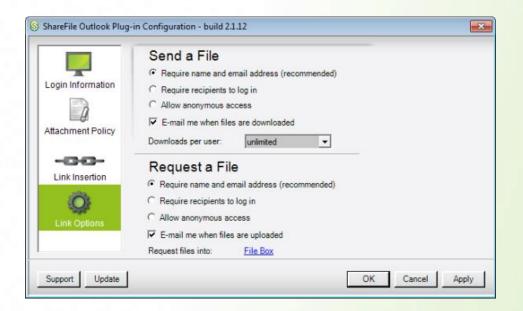


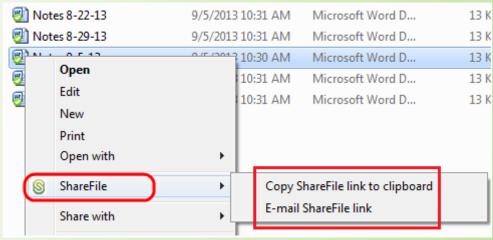




√ ShareFile Explorer/Finder integration

√ ShareFile Outlook plugin





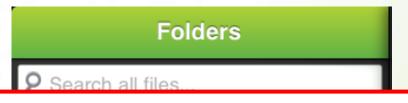






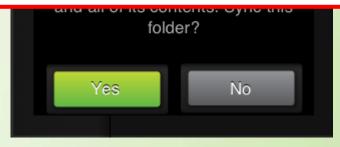
- √ ShareFile mobile app
 - √ Sync is limited to WiFi connections
 - √ Syncs folder and all subfolders





Folder Sync is not supported for StorageZone Connectors











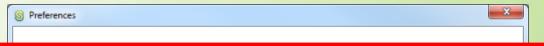


- ✓ ShareFile Sync for Windows
 - ✓ Auto sync My Files & Folders
 - √ Config w/ GPO or custom config file

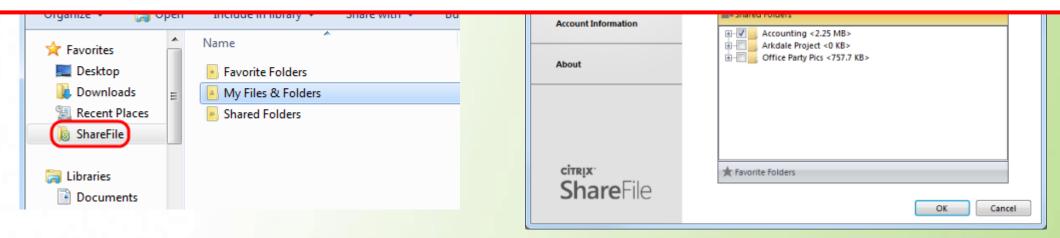
GPO: (HKCU\Software\Policies\Citrix\ShareFile\EnterpriseSync)

File: (%ProgramFiles%\Citrix\ShareFile\Sync\SyncEngine.exe.config)

✓ Explorer integration



Extra **user instructions** might be required when used in **Enterprise** environments





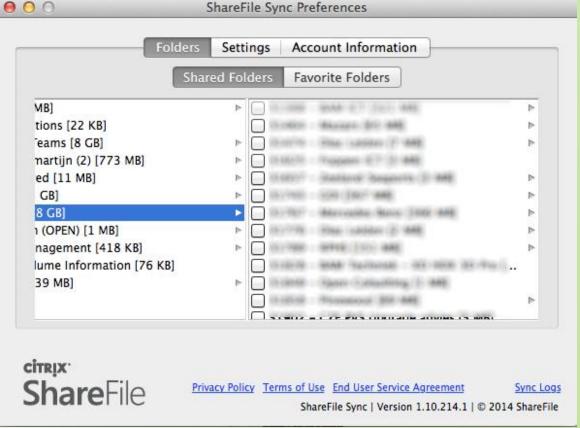






- √ ShareFile Sync for Mac
 - ✓ Auto sync My Files & Folders
 - √ Config w/ plist file
 - √ Finder integration









On-Demand Sync



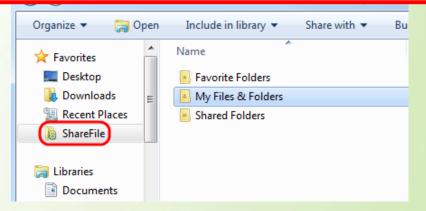
- √ ShareFile On-Demand Sync
 - √ Same look & feel as Windows Sync
 - ✓ Uses Windows reharse point files

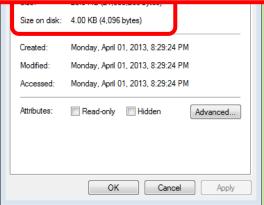
VINTES feat using 1 KB placeholder for each file



ShareFile Sync for Windows 2.10 is On-Demand certified for XenApp & XenDesktop and prevents automatic full file downloads which can cause capacity issues on PVS or MCS.

ShareFile Sync for Windows 2.13 is not certified for XenApp & XenDesktop









Lessons Learned on Usability



✓ Mobile:

- √ Features differ per mobile OS
 - ✓ No file edit for Android/Windows
- ✓ Folder Sync only with WiFi & ShareFile Data
 - ✓ No Folder sync for StorageZone connectors

✓ Desktop:

- √ Sync behavior differs per client
 - ✓ On-demand Sync only for XenDesktop/XenApp
 - ✓ Auto-sync of root folder by default (My Files & Folders)
- ✓ No support for StorageZone Connectors
 - √ "Sync" client Windows/Mac doesn't support CIFS Share integration









ShareFile Manageability

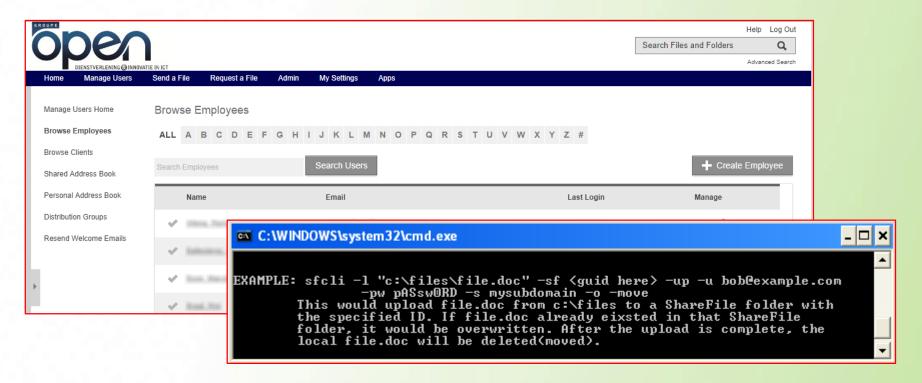




ShareFile Management Tools



- √ ShareFile Control Plane (hosted by Citrix)
- √ ShareFile Command Line Interface (SFCLI)



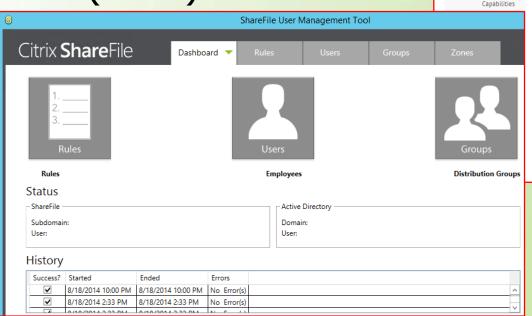


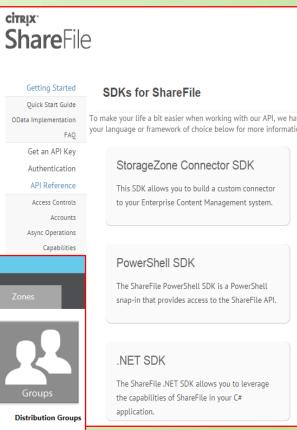


ShareFile Management Tools



- ✓ Application Programming Interface (API)
 - **✓** REST
 - ✓ PowerShell SDK
 - ✓.NET SDK
- ✓ User Management Tool (UMT)









Provisioning Users & Groups



- √ ShareFile Control Plane
 - ✓ Add from Excel sheet (Users only)



Be aware of the ShareFile Control Plane timeouts when adding large amounts of users

```
"Name": "Name".
"Password": "password",
                                             "IsShared":true.
"StorageQuotaLimitGB":50,
                                             "Contacts":[{"Email":"user.one@domain.com"},{"Email":"user.two@domain.com"}]
"Preferences":
                                                               Add Contacts to Group
"CanResetPassword":true,
                                            Creates a new group
"CanViewMySettings":true
                                                               POST https://account.sf-api.com/sf/v3/Groups(id)/Contacts
                                                               [{"Email": "user.one@domain.com"}, {"Id": "abcd"}]
"DefaultZone":
                                                               Adds a list of contacts to a group The contact list may contain either contact ID (same as <u>User</u> ID) or Email.
"Id": "zoneid"
"IsAdministrator": false,
"CanCreateFolders": false,
"CanUseFileBox": true,
"CanManageUsers": false
```





Provisioning Users & Groups

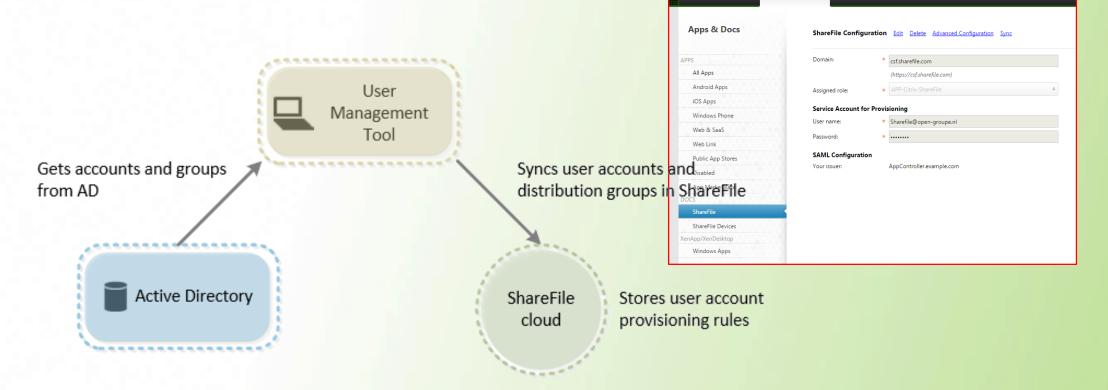


✓ XenMobile AppController Management Console (AMC)

XenMobile App Controller

Apps & Docs

✓ User Management Tool (UMT)

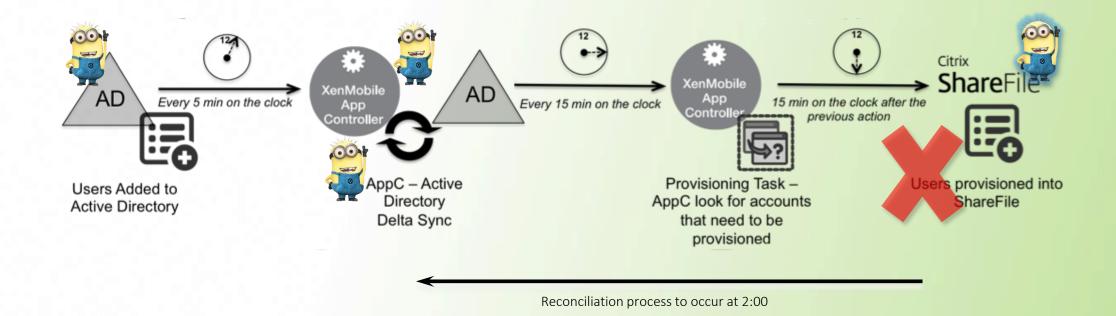






Provisioning Users w/ XenMobile







Check out the **blogpost** from **Citrix** at

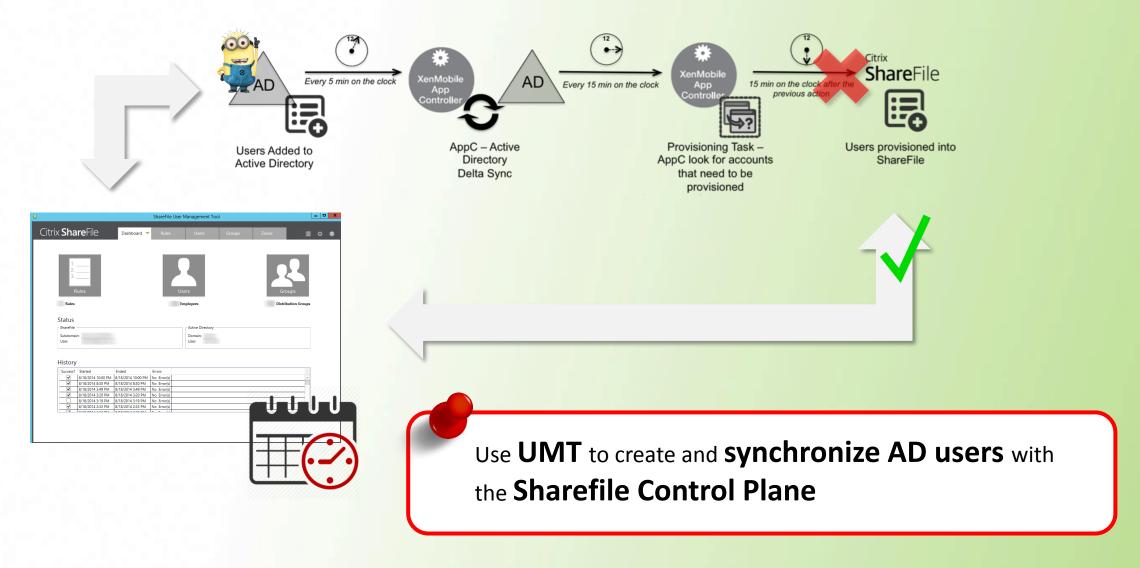
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Provisioning Users w/ UMT a/ XenMobile







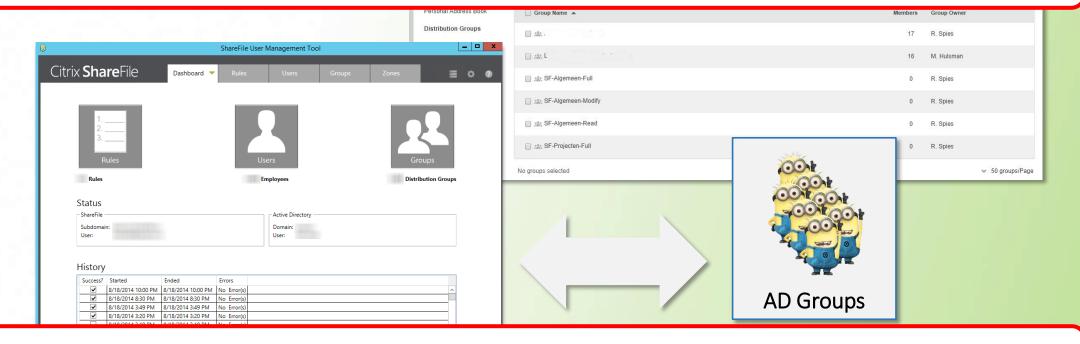


Provisioning Groups w/ UMT





UMT requires groups and users to be created by UMT!



Use UMT to synchronize ShareFile distribution groups with Active Directory groups!





Set Folder & File Access Rights



√ ShareFile Control Plane

✓API

	This Folder is Shared With 💉						
	Name		Download	Download Alerts Upload	I Upload Alerts	Delete	Admin
	💤 Superl	sers	~	✓		*	~
	SF-Exp	ertiseTeam-Full	*	✓		*	
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ap:	SF-Exp	ertiseTeam-Read	*				
з:/	van der	Berg, Jaco (Groupe OPEN Nederland) (Owner)	✓	✓		*	~

Create AccessControl

```
POST https://account.sf-ap
"Principal": { "url": "https:
"CanUpload":true,
"CanDownload":true,
"CanView":true,
"CanDelete":true,
"CanManagePermissions":true,
"Message": "Message"
```

Creates a new Access Controls entry for a given Item. Access controls can only define a single Principal, which can be either a Group or User. The 'Principal' element is specified as an object - you should populate either the URL or the ID reference.





Upload & Migrate Data



✓ SFCLI

```
✓ C:\> sfcli -encrypt pa$$w0rd
  C:\> {MNq9SdDMiOZR4iXm}
  C:\> sfcli -up -l <localpath> -sf <sfpath> -u <user> -pw {MNq9SdDMiOZR4iXm} -s <sfsubdomain> -recurse
```

✓ API

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Upload File

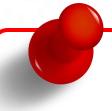
POST https://account.sf-api.com/sf/v3/Items(id)/Upload?method=method&various...

Prepares the links for uploading files to the target Folder. This method returns an Upload Specific the upload method, provider, and resume parameters passed to the upload call. The Method dete uploads use a single HTTP POST message to the ChunkUri address provided in the response. A do not support Resume. Streamed uploads use multiple HTTP POST calls to the ChunkUri address index, offset and hash to the end of the ChunkUri address. Index is a sequential number represen represents the byte offset for the block; and hash contains the MD5 hash of the block. The last H parameter. Threaded uploads use multiple HTTP POST calls to ChunkUri, and can have a number must append index, offset and hash to the end of ChunkUri, as explained in Streamed. After all of

Import the ShareFile sync engine module:

Import-Module "C:\Program Files\Citrix\ShareFile\Sync\SFSyncEngine.dll"

Listing Available Commands



Check out the **blogpost** from **Helge Klein** at

https://helgeklein.com/blog/2014/01/configuring-citrix-sharefile-sync-powershell

all uploaders: the result code for the HTTP POST calls to Chunk and Finish Uri can either be a 40 indicating some kind of error; or 200 with a Content Body of format 'ERROR:message'. Successfu Body, or with Body of format 'OK'.

Cmdlet	Remove-SyncJob	SFSyncEngine
Cmdlet	Get-SyncJobState	SFSyncEngine
Cmdlet	Get-SyncJobs	SFSyncEngine
Cmdlet	Get-HomeFolderId	SFSyncEngine
Cmdlet	Get-FolderLink	SFSyncEngine
Cmdlet	Get-FolderIdByName	SFSyncEngine
Cmdlet	Get-FileLink	SFSyncEngine
Cmdlet	Add-SyncJob	SFSyncEngine







- ✓On-premise Data:
 - ✓ Connectors
 - √ ShareFile Data

- => Daily Operations
- => Backup the persistentstorage folder
- ✓ Meta data (SF Control Plane)
 - ✓ Archived by ShareFile

Storage layout

You are responsible for backing up your StorageZones Controller local file storage.

ShareFile archives the corresponding file metadata that resides in the ShareFile cloud for 3 years.

```
\au24183e-b147-437e-9128-e7d03634a142
\fi3d85dc_1d6c_49b0_8faa_1f36ef3d83b5
\fi7d5cbb_93c8_43f0_a664_74f27e72bc83
\fi47cd7e_64c4_47be_beb7_1207c93c1270
```





Lessons Learned on Manageability



- ✓ Managing users & groups:
 - ✓ Use UMT to sync users and groups from Active Directory
 - ✓ Disable user synchronization within XenMobile AppController
 - ✓ Minimize the number of distribution groups
 - ✓ Large amount of distribution groups slows down the adding users

✓ Managing data:

- √ Transferring large amount of data takes time
 - ✓ plan ahead!
- √ Think about Backup & Restore
 - √ User recovery is 7 days
 - √ Citrix Managed Storage is 30 days (Citrix support)
- √ Check out storage limits for folders/files
 - ✓ ShareFile creates GUIDs for all objects
 - √ Change MaxDirSize on NetApp









Lessons Learned on Manageability



- √1000+ ShareFile Users:
 - ✓ Contact Citrix for their Success Management Program
- ✓ Tools:
 - ✓ Separate tools for management tasks (UMT, PowerShell, API)
 - ✓ Large environments need API



The default tooling for ShareFile is not yet sufficient









One More Thing ...





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ShareFile Community Tools

√ Sharefile Explorer



Downloads available on www.SF-GURU.com



















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