

# Upgrade from Content Server 9.7x to 10

in one step with no downtime

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#### Introductions





#### **Martin Black**

#### **Director of Sales**

- > 9 years with Syntergy
- > 12 years at Unisys Corporation prior to joining Syntergy
- > Brought Open Text into Unisys as a Partner
- Managed Open Text partnership at Unisys

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#### **Product Manager**

- > 6 years with Syntergy
- Previously an independent consultant and developer for many Open Text customers
- Worked for Open Text as a Quality
  Assurance engineer and in their
  Performance & Scalability lab
- Created the Open Text
  Performance Analyzer product

#### Corporate Profile





- > 14 Years Experience Serving Global 2000 Customers
- > Headquarters in San Diego, CA
- Key Executives and Engineers from Open Text and other Content Management leaders
- > Well Funded and Profitable
- Distributed Staff throughout USA/Canada/Europe
- Open Text Partner, Gold Microsoft Partner & ISV, Metalogix Partner.

- Provider of more than 20 Enhancement Products for Content Server
- Experts in Upgrades/Migrations,
  Content Moving and Replication
- Provide Consulting, Training and Support for our Technologies and Products







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#### Customers

















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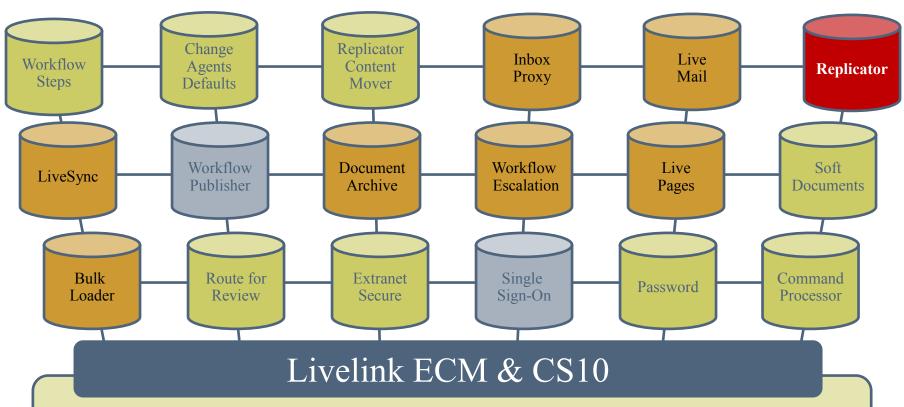




#### **Content Server Modules**







Enhanced Livelink modules enables a seamless experience for employees, customers and partners.



**Support Options** 



Key Feature	Standard North American	International	Premium	Premium 7x24
Coverage Hours	9am-5pm EST (M-F)	9am-5pm GMT (M-F)	4am-8pm EST (M-F)	7x24x360 coverage
Response Times	48 hours	48 hours	12 hours	4 hours
Number of Named Contacts	2	2	4	4
Dedicated telephone "hotline"				Ø
Dedicated support site with alerting capability of new releases		V	V	V
Includes all minor and major product releases/upgrades	$\square$	V	V	$\square$
Utilizes web technology for investigation of customer environment (if required)	$\square$	Ø	Ø	$\square$
Unlimited email tickets, telephone call center	$\square$	V	V	



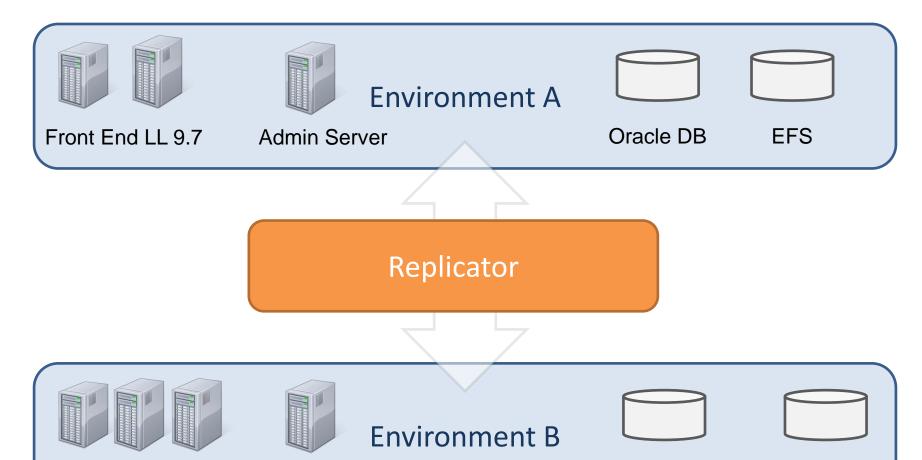
#### Replicator Overview

- Replicator is a LL/Content Server module
- Installed in two or more separate environments
- Users and groups synchronized during initialization
- All or specific content synchronized between environments
- Subsequent additions/changes to synchronized content are replicated
- Bi-directional and one-way replication supported
- Cross-version replication supported (9.2 CS10)\*



Front End CS10

# Replication Scenario



**SQL Server DB** 

**EFS** 

**Admin Server** 

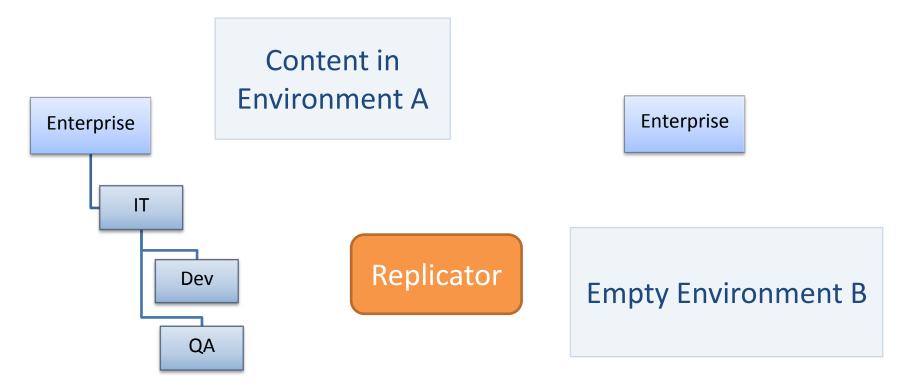


#### Replicating Content

- Replicating a container automatically replicates its child objects
- Replicated objects stay synchronized as long as replication is enabled
- Replication can be configured on the Enterprise or any object below
- Content can be "re-parented" during replication to reorganize folder structure

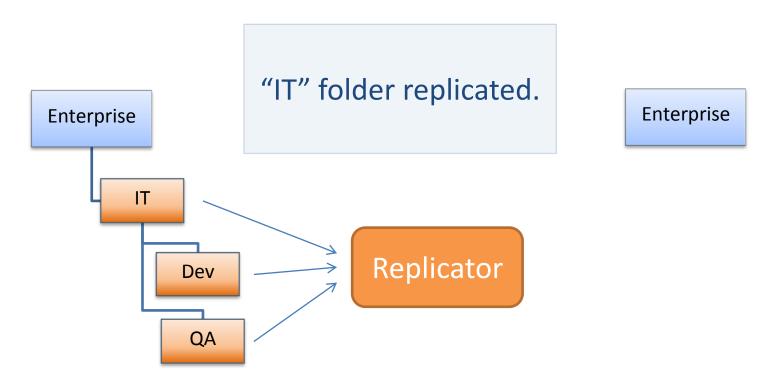


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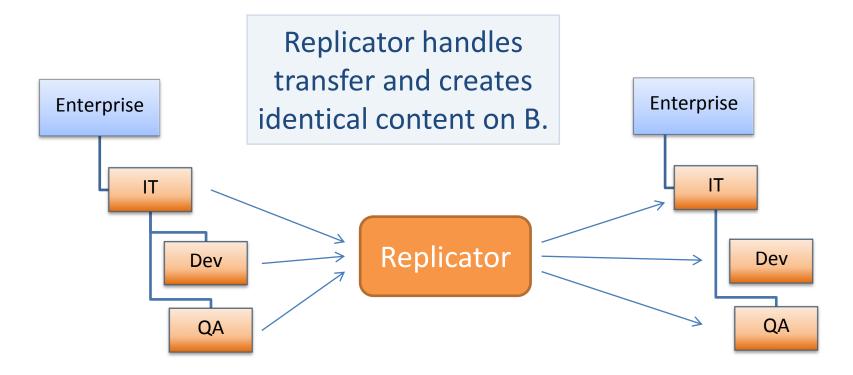
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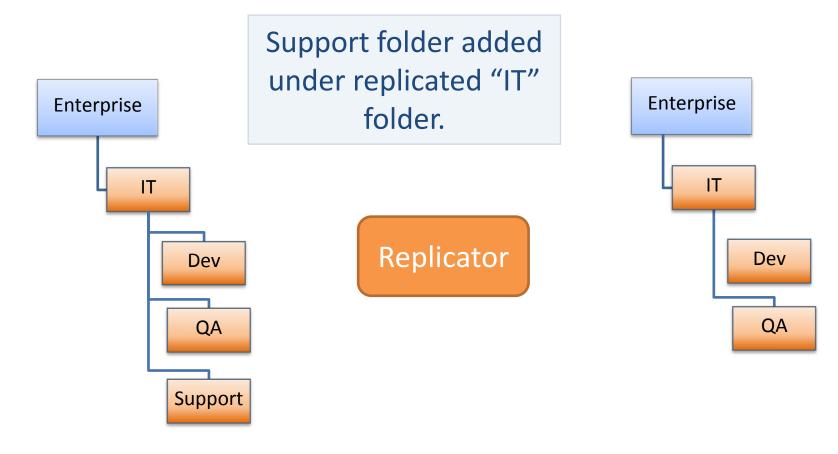
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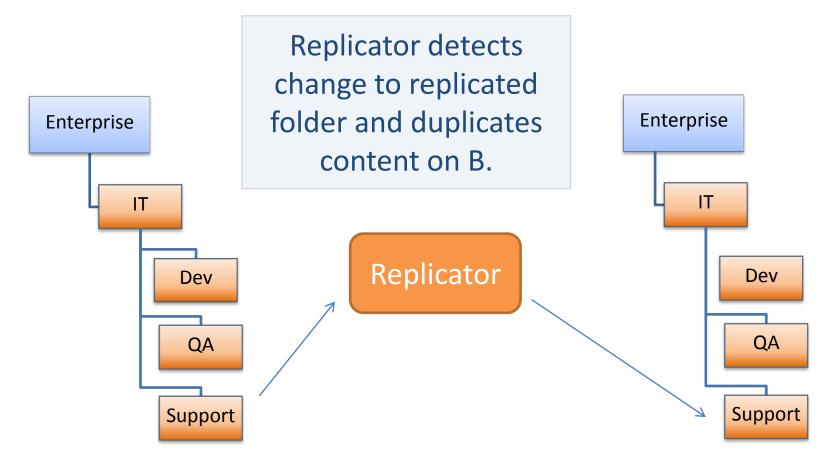
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# Supported Object Types

- Support for basic object types and many optional modules:
  - Documents
  - Compound Docs
  - Folders
  - Categories/Attributes
  - Tasks
  - Projects
  - Communities of Practice
  - Workflow & Forms
    - Maps
    - Templates/Views
    - Forms
    - SQL Storage
    - Multi-server workflow execution and step completion



# **Efficient Transport**

- HTTP/HTTPS used for all communication
- No special firewall requirements
- Meta-data and file content is compressed before transfer
- Flexible options for file transfers allows Replicator to operate on unreliable or slow connections
  - Export file size is configurable
  - Compressed export files can be chunked and transferred for increased reliability
- No network activity unless content changes

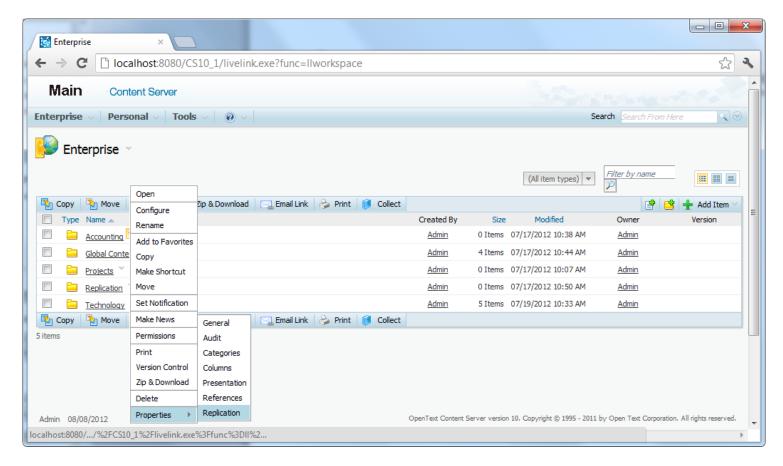


#### **Efficient Activity Detection**

- Activity is detected immediately when changes occur
- Content Server API callbacks used when possible
- Light-weight database triggers used when needed
- Changes are queued and packaged on a configurable schedule
  - Control how often activity is packaged
  - Control how frequently activity is delivered



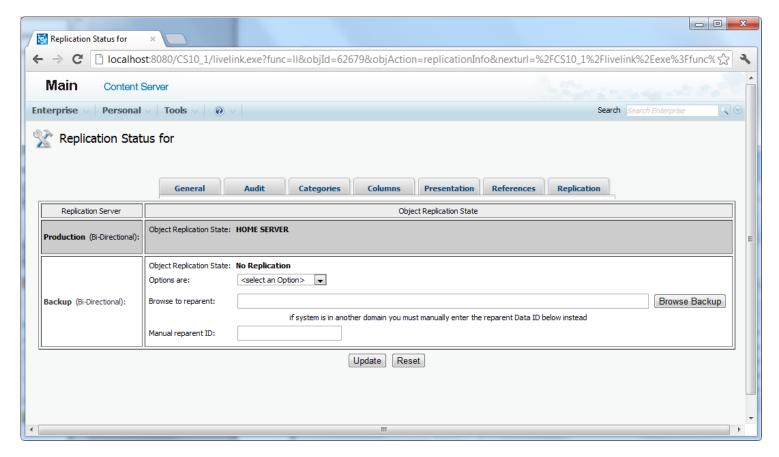
# Replicating Content



Objects in Content Server that support replication have a Replication properties page



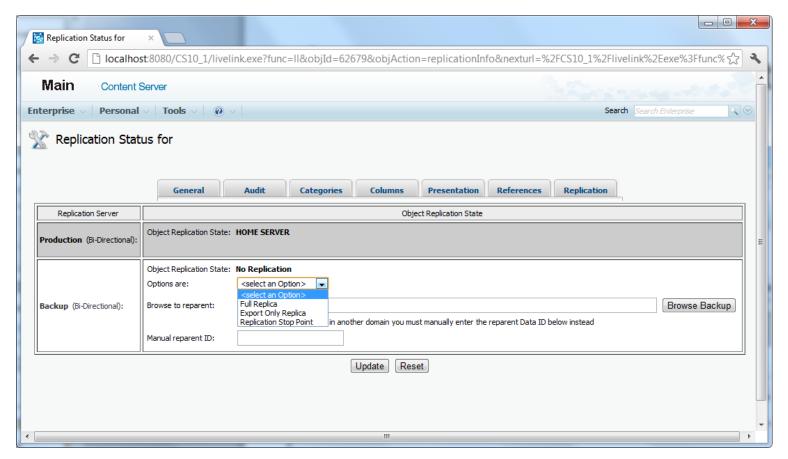
#### Replication Tab



Replication state can be configured for each object



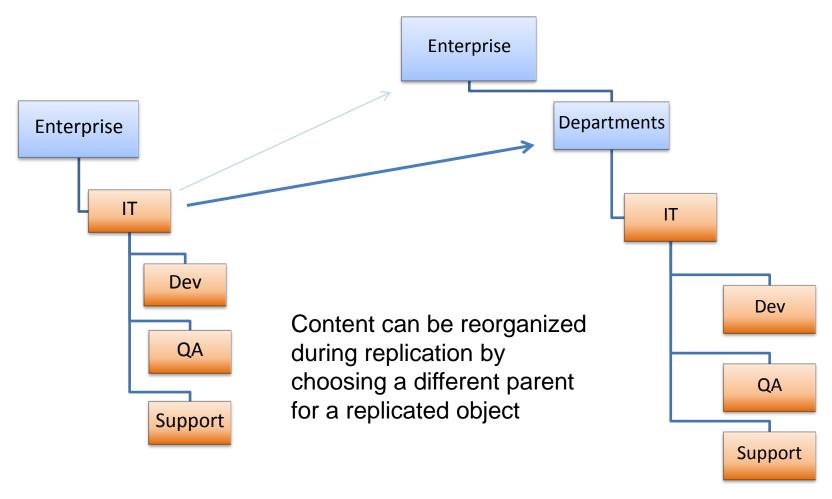
# **Changing Replication State**



Replication states: Full Replica (bi-directional), Export Only Replica, or Stop Point

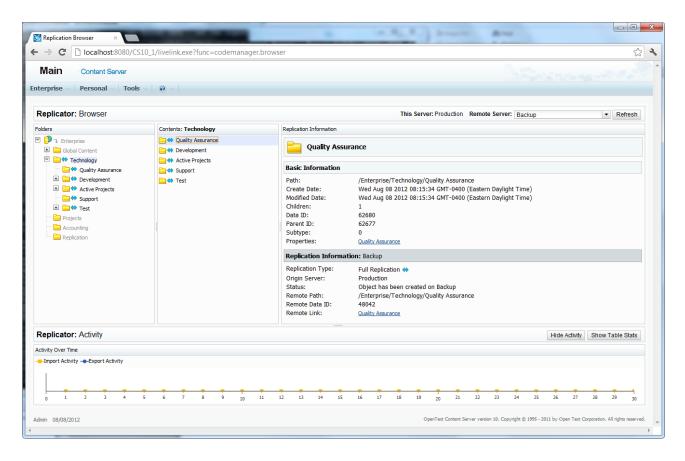


#### **Re-Parent Options**





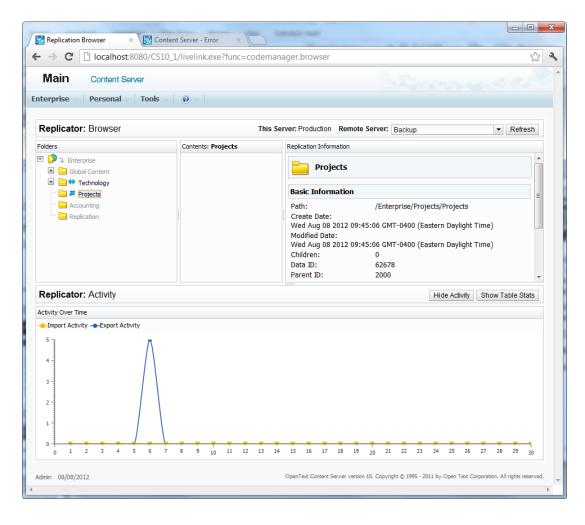
#### Replication Browser



All replicated objects can be easily displayed using the Replicator Browser



#### Real-time Information



Built-in dashboard displays import and export activity in realtime



# **Upgrades Made Easy**

- Standard upgrade to CS10 can be very complicated
  - Many steps must be performed during upgrade
  - May need to convert to UTF-8
  - Upgrade must occur during maintenance window
  - Upgrade complexity and time can mean production outages or tough go/no-go decisions
  - Testing must be done during upgrade window or during test upgrades
  - Upgrade from versions prior to 9.7.1 not directly possible



# Standard Upgrade Steps

- Perform UTF-8 conversion if using Latin-1 (non-trivial)
- If Livelink version < 9.7.1, upgrade to Livelink 9.7.1 (non-trivial)</li>
- Build Content Server 10 environment
- Production outage begins
- Take database snapshot and transfer to new system
- Image EFS and transfer to new system
- Copy search index (unless rebuilding)
- Update database
  - Point to new EFS location via SQL
  - Other changes recycle bin, etc.
- Perform upgrade
- Post-upgrade steps (rebuild or restore index, etc)
- Test (if time remains)
- Change DNS to point to CS10
- Production outage ends
- All steps should ideally happen twice for upgrade testing



#### Replicator Upgrade Steps

- Build Content Server 10 environment
- Install Replicator module in LL (9.2 to 9.7.1) and Content Server
- Initialize replication
- Wait for systems to synchronize
- Test
- Change DNS to point to CS10
- No production outage
- Both systems can be live simultaneously



# Upgrade with Flexibility

- Upgrade directly to CS10 from 9.2, 9.5, 9.6 or 9.7x
- No need for production outage or large maintenance windows
- UTF-8 conversion is automatic if necessary
- Testing can occur as system is synchronizing
- Consolidate or split environments while upgrading
  - Move multiple environments to one large CS10
  - Split large system into multiple smaller systems during upgrade
- Modify storage or DB as part of upgrade (switch storage providers, change DB platform, etc.)
- Built-in options for audit cleanup and version cleanup



#### A Few Upgrade Details

- Search index is built during replication so index migration is unnecessary
- Replication may take longer than normal upgrade in some cases but does not require production outage
- Replicator does not support all optional modules
- Custom modules may need custom migration



#### Alternate Upgrade Method

- Build duplicate 9.7.1 environment
- Copy EFS, search index and database
- Initialize replication between duplicate environments
- Disable Replicator outbound traffic
- Perform upgrade to CS10 on duplicate system
- Enable replication traffic and changes will be synchronized
- Switch DNS entries









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