

Growing SharePoint from small libraries to large scale repositories and massive archives

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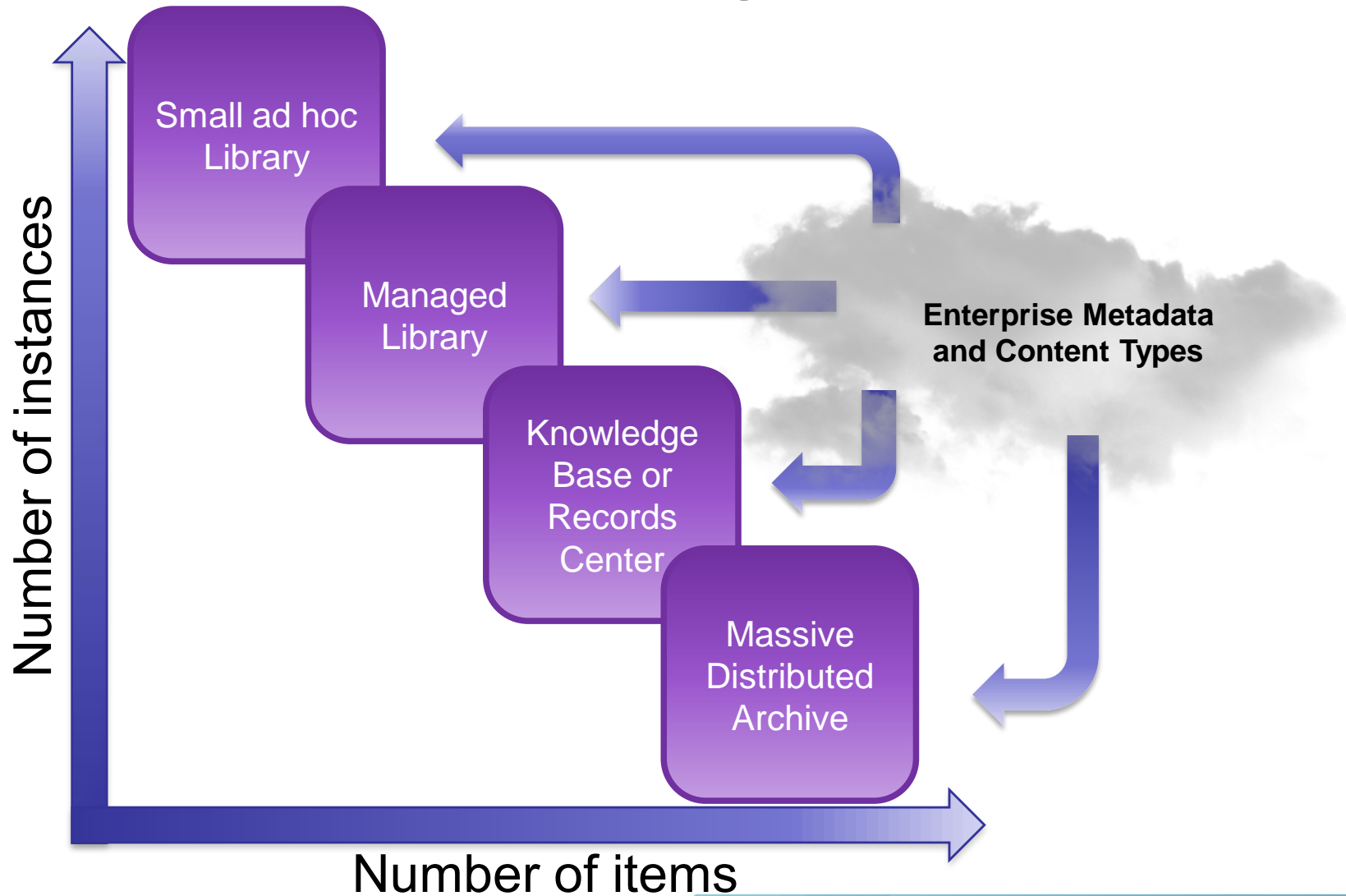
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List Scalability / Agenda



Small ad hoc libraries

▶ Key characteristics

- Average size: up to 200 docs
- Used extensively by projects and teams
- Lots of these created ad hoc throughout the enterprise
- Easy to create
- Libraries not managed

Small ad hoc libraries

▶ Examples

- Library for storing a management team's work in progress docs
- A library spun up for collaborating within a particular project
- A library on your my site for sharing docs with colleagues

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SMALL AD HOC LIBRARIES

Medium sized managed libraries

▶ Key characteristics

- Average size: hundreds or thousands of docs
- Structured/Managed library
- Managed by one or a few subject owners
- Possibly one library per department
- Usually too big to find content without structured/planned navigation
- Content is important and is reasonably static, so users are willing to file correctly

Medium sized managed libraries

▶ Examples

- RFP Response library for a sales force
- Spec library for an engineering team
- Brand images repository for marketing
- Official documents of HR department

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MEDIUM SIZED MANAGED LIBRARIES

Large scale repositories

▶ Key characteristics

- Average size: millions to tens of millions of docs
- Managed by a dedicated team of content stewards
- Users feel like they are handing off content to the archive
- Mostly finished work product, meant for broad consumption
- Virtual folders will help users to find what they are looking for

Large scale repositories

▶ Examples

- Corporate records archive
- Knowledge management repository
- Centralized best practices repository

List throttling

- ▶ Sets limits on how severely users can put the beat down on your servers
- ▶ Limits the amount of rows that can be retrieved for a list or library at any one time
- ▶ Example:
 - A list with thousands of items
 - A view that would return all items in the list
 - List throttling won't allow such a request to execute
 - Hit on the server is alleviated
 - User gets a message that his request exceeds the throttle limit for this list

List throttling

- ▶ Examples of when list throttling will kick in:
 - Viewing data in a list or library
 - Sorting a large list on a non-indexed column
 - Deleting a web with large flat lists
 - When developing solutions while using for instance `SPList.Items` (depending on settings)

List throttling - options

- ▶ In Web Application general settings:
 - List View Threshold –maximum number of items that can be retrieved in one request. Default: 5,000. Smallest: 2,000.
 - Object Model Override –to enable retrieving items through the object model, up to the List view threshold for auditors and administrators
 - List View Threshold for Auditors and Administrators –only relevant when Object Model Override is yes and only via the object model
 - List View Lookup Threshold – only relevant for lookups
 - Daily Time Window for Large Queries –block of time during the day when list throttling limits are not enforced

List throttling - exceptions

▶ Scenario 1:

- Box administrator on the WFE
- At least Read rights to the list data

▶ Scenario 2:

- Using object model SPList class
- `SPList.EnableThrottling = False`

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LARGE SCALE REPOSITORIES

Massive distributed archives

▶ Key characteristics

- Average size: hundreds of millions of docs
- Managed by a dedicated team for the archive
- Content usually gets added by automated processes
- Lots of process automation to deal with high volume
- Backend systems, not users, are primary submitter
- Logical organization and hierarchy is key

Massive distributed archives

▶ Essential new features

- Content Organizer
- Enterprise Metadata / Taxonomy Term Store
- Content Type Syndication

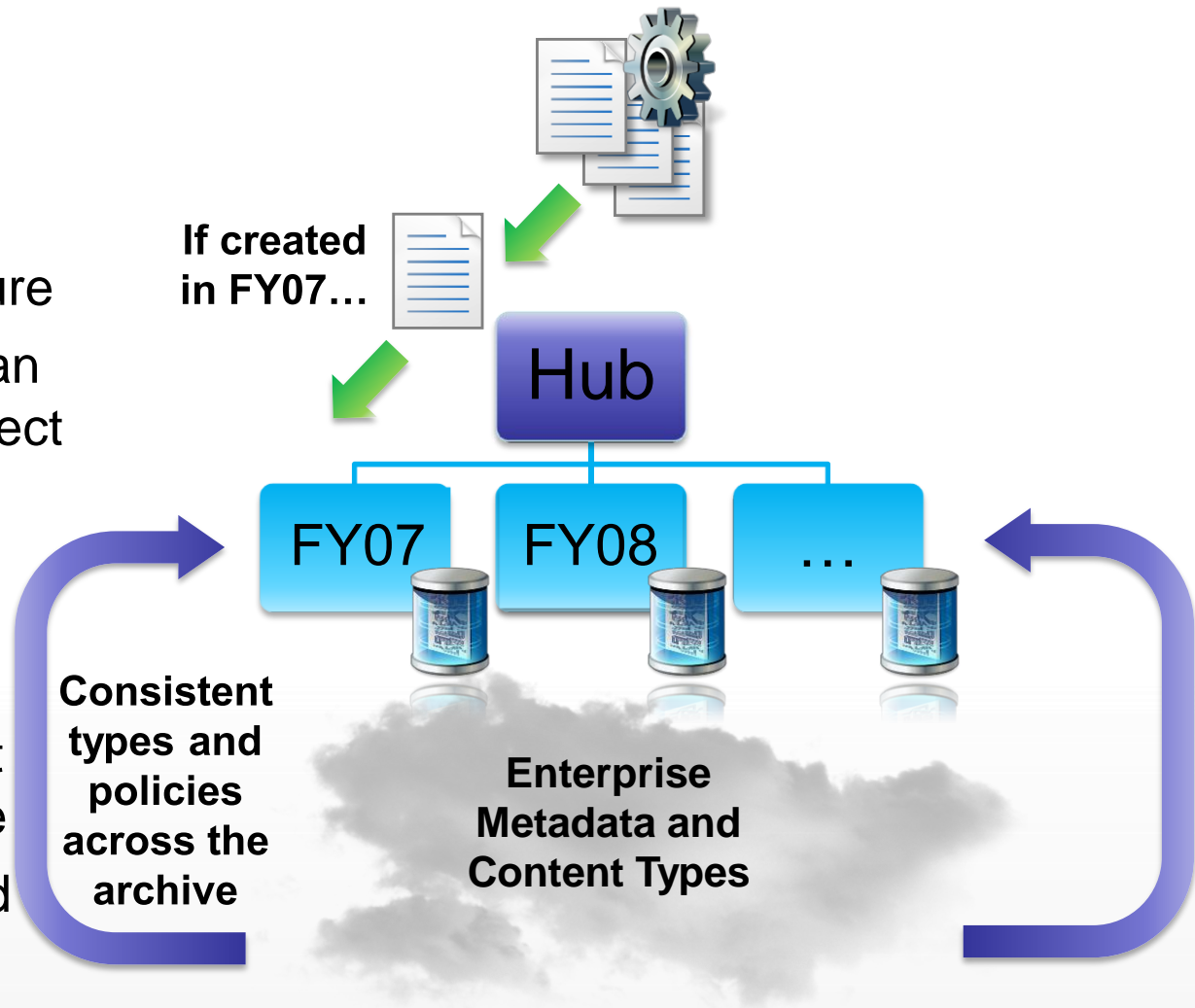
Massive distributed archives

▶ Examples

- Archive for a large government agency
- Yearly archive of insurance forms

Massive distributed archives

- ▶ Scale is achieved with a distributed architecture
- ▶ Content organizer can route content to correct site collection in the archive
- ▶ Content type syndication enables central management of distributed archive
- ▶ FAST search is used to retrieve content



Content Organizer

- ▶ Routing Feature
- ▶ Automatically routes documents to different libraries and folders
- ▶ Can be used to automatically create new folders after a certain # documents have been added
- ▶ No user intervention required
- ▶ Does not work for lists, just libraries
- ▶ DropOff folder created when “Content Organizer” site feature is enabled

Content Organizer Settings

- ▶ Redirect Users to the Drop Off Library
- ▶ Sending to another site enables documents to be redirected to other sites, or even site collections
- ▶ Folder Partitioning to automatically distribute documents across folders
- ▶ Duplicate Submissions to add new versions, or add unique characters to the filename
- ▶ Preserving context to keep audit logs and properties

Content Organizer Rules

- ▶ Rules primarily based on content types
- ▶ Conditions can be added based on document properties
- ▶ Target Location can either be a library in the current site, or a different site or site collection
- ▶ Target location sites need to:
 - Have the content organizer feature activated
 - Be registered in Central Administration
 - Have the content type available

Content Type Syndication

- ▶ Synchronizes content types across site collections
- ▶ Select site collection as content type hub in central administration
- ▶ Set managed metadata service proxy to consume content types from content type store
- ▶ Turn on publishing for content types in hub
- ▶ Run timer jobs to make content types available in other sites

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**MASSIVE, DISTRIBUTED
ARCHIVE**

Back End Scale Improvements

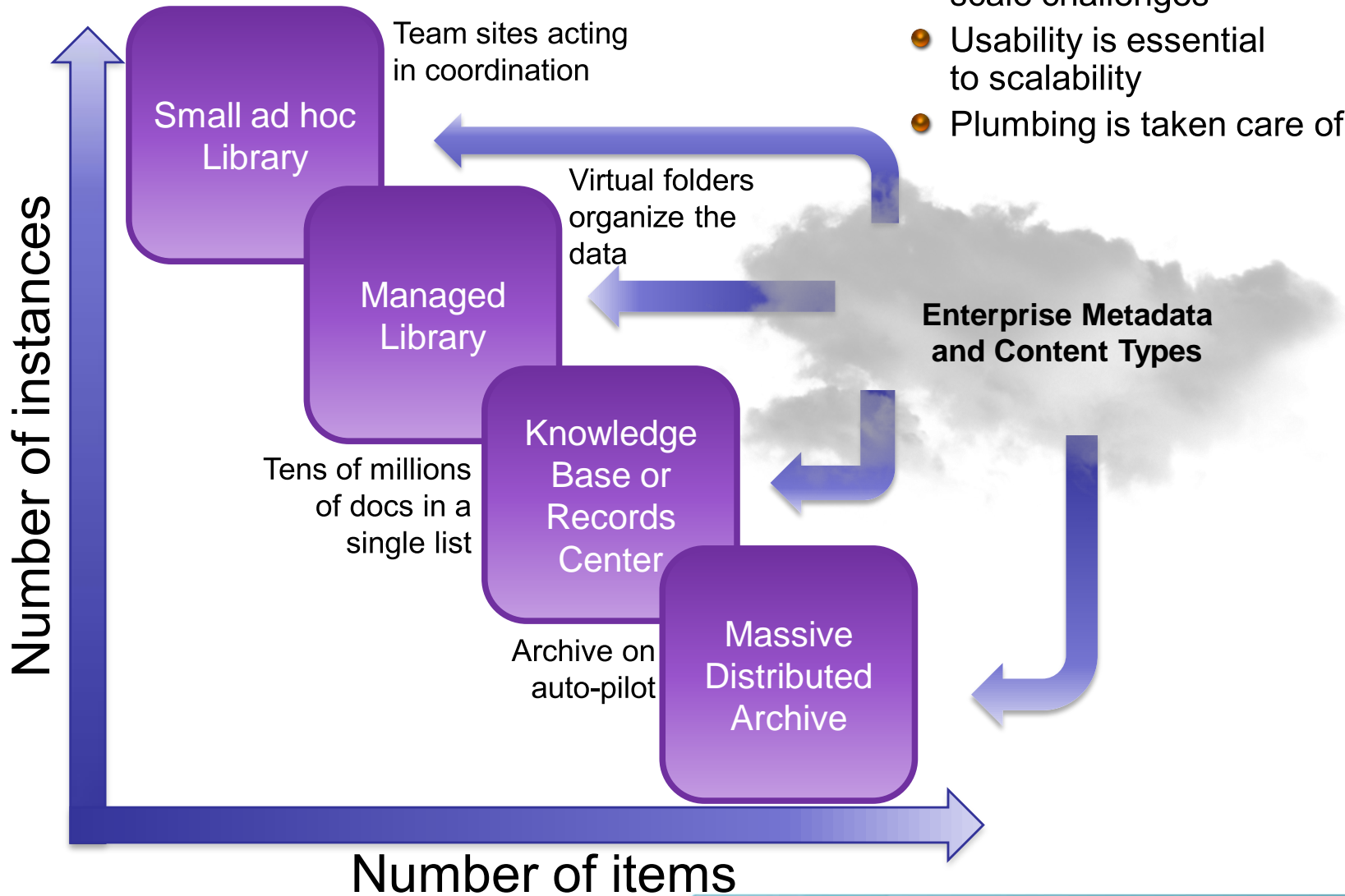
Internal database improvements (e.g. lock ordering, throttling, IOPS efficiency)

Compound indexing, index management, and content-by-query optimizations

SQL 2008's Remote Blob Storage (RBS) decreased size of content DB

Background per-item processing throughput maximization

Wrapping up...



Key Takeaways

- SharePoint 2010 is an **indispensible tool** for data scale challenges
- Usability is essential to scalability
- Plumbing is taken care of

Thank you for attending!