

Content Matrix  
**Security Guide**



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# Introduction

Managing information system security is a priority for every organization. In fact, the level of security provided by software vendors has become a differentiating factor for IT purchase decisions. Quest strives to meet standards designed to provide its customers with their desired level of security as it relates to privacy, confidentiality, integrity and availability.

This document describes the security features of Quest® Content Matrix. This includes access control, protection of customer data, secure network communication, cryptographic standards and more.

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# About Quest® Content Matrix

Quest® Content Matrix is a Windows-based application that runs on a Windows server or client. It provides an easy to use, convenient way of moving SharePoint and Exchange content to SharePoint. With its familiar copy-and-paste style user interface, Quest® Content Matrix can quickly migrate your content into SharePoint, while preserving valuable user metadata. Quest® Content Matrix product comes in the following editions:

- **Quest® Content Matrix SharePoint Edition**

Suitable for migrations between SharePoint servers, upgrading from one version of SharePoint to another, migrating to Microsoft 365, or simply reorganizing SharePoint content.

- **Quest Content Matrix File Share Edition**

Suitable for migrating file system contents to SharePoint

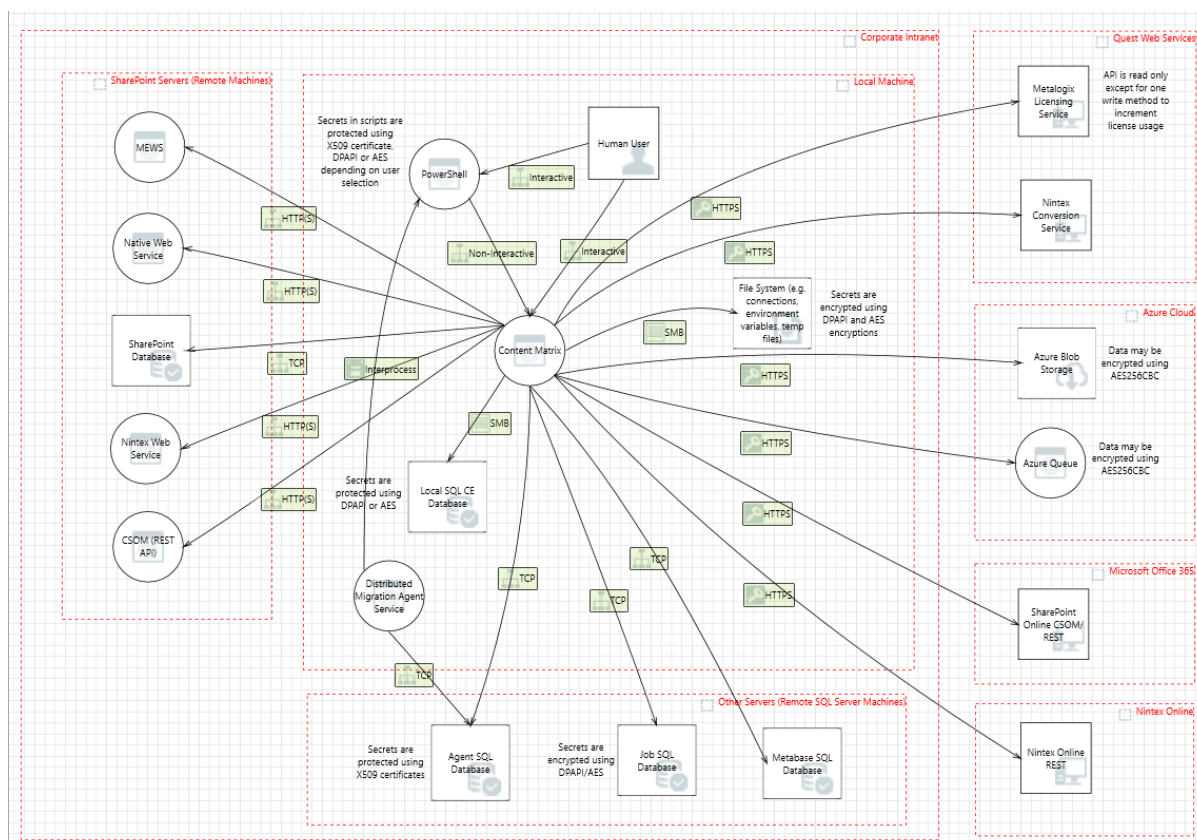
- **Quest® Content Matrix Public Folder Edition**

Suitable for migrating Exchange Public Folders or PST files to SharePoint.

# Architecture Overview

The following scheme shows the key components of the Quest® Content Matrix configuration.

**NOTE:** Quest® Content Matrix is a Windows-based desktop application and does not provide user or service management.



**Figure 1: High-Level Architecture**

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# Overview of Data Handled by Quest® Content Matrix

Quest® Content Matrix manages the following types of customer data:

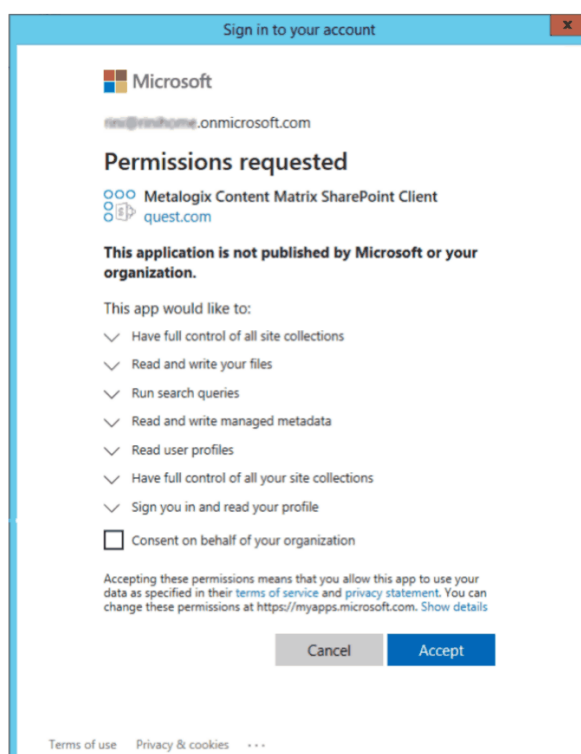
- Quest® Content Matrix works with SharePoint content, File Share content, and Exchange content. The content processed by the product is not persistently stored by the product. Some file content may be fetched and stored in file system encrypted for the period of migration.
- Some data from end-user SharePoint, File Share or Public Folder content can be stored by the product for troubleshooting purposes. This includes data to identify the items where some troubleshooting is required.
- The application stores administrative account name and password to perform migration operations. The data is stored in product database and is encrypted at rest.

# Admin Consent and Service Principals

Quest® Content Matrix can access the customer's Microsoft Entra ID and Microsoft 365 tenancies. The customer grants that access using the Microsoft Admin Consent process, which will create a Service Principal in the customer's Entra ID with minimum consents required by Quest® Content Matrix migration. The Service Principal is created using Microsoft's OAuth certificate based client credentials grant flow <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/entra/identity-platform/v2-oauth2-client-creds-grant-flow>.

Customers can revoke Admin Consent at any time. See <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/entra/identity/enterprise-apps/delete-application-portal?pivots=portal> and <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/skype-sdk/trusted-application-api/docs/tenantadminconsent> for details.

Following is the base consent required by Quest® Content Matrix.





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## Location of Customer Data

- All computation is performed on server(s) provided by the customer.
- All data and application logs are stored in a SQL server or file provided by the customer.
- In case of migration using "Import API" option, binary contents of files are uploaded to Azure blob storage. Quest® Content Matrix can use either SPO provided Azure container blob storage or customer provided private Azure container blob storage.

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# Privacy and Protection of Customer Data

Encryption of secrets uses MS DPAPI (PBKDF2, AES).

Security-sensitive information like the password and OAuth tokens used in SharePoint and Public Folder connections are encrypted using Microsoft DPAPI (ProtectedData Class (System.Security.Cryptography) | Microsoft Docs).

## SharePoint Database Connections

When a SharePoint 2013 or later database connection is used as source, large file content is fetched and temporarily stored in file system before it is copied to the target. AesCryptoServiceProvider is used to encrypt this content.

## Azure Import Pipeline

- When the Import Pipeline is used, security-sensitive information about Azure blob storage SAS URL is stored with Microsoft DPAPI encryption.
- The files uploaded to Azure storage are encrypted with AesCryptoServiceProvider. (If private containers are used, this encryption is optional.)
- If Azure private containers are used with the Import Pipeline, the Azure storage connection string is encrypted with Microsoft DPAPI. (In the case of [Distributed Migration](#), the Azure storage connection string is encrypted with the customer-provided X509 certificate.)

## Distributed Migration

Passwords stored in the Distributed Database use customer-provided X509 certificates, which includes encryption. As noted above, if Azure private containers are used, the Azure storage connection string is also encrypted with the certificate.

## Jobs Database Credentials

Job database (SQL Server) connection credentials are encrypted with Microsoft DPAPI.

# Backward Compatibility

- TDES is supported to decrypt data from version 9.2 or earlier. Beginning in version 9.3, Microsoft DPAPI is used to encrypt data.
- For Public Folder Edition, TDES is used to decrypt passwords for Exchange connections created in version 9.2 or earlier. Beginning in version 9.3, passwords are encrypted with Microsoft DPAPI.

## Network Communications

Source	Target		Port/Protocols
Content Matrix Console	Job DB, Agent DB		MSSQL (default 1433 TCP) or SQLCE
	SharePoint Server (remote machine)	Native Web Service	User selected port (TCP)
		Nintex Web Service	443 (TCP) or 80 (TCP)
		MEWS	Native Web Service port (TCP)
		SharePoint DB	MSSQL (default 1433 TCP)
	Quest Web Services	Metalogix License Service	443 (TCP)
		Nintex Conversion Service	443 (TCP)
	Azure Cloud	Azure Blob Storage	443 (TCP)
		Azure Queue	443 (TCP)
	Microsoft 365 (SPO CSOM)		443 (TCP)
	Nintex Online		443 (TCP)
PowerShell	Content Matrix Agents		135 (TCP) and dynamic ports (TCP)
Content Matrix Agents	Agent DB		MSSQL (default 1433 TCP) or SQLCE

**Figure 2: List of protocols used and associated ports**

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# Authentication of Users and Services

Quest® Content Matrix relies upon

- Windows Authentication and Active Directory group membership to authenticate users
- Forms Based Authentication which authenticates through IIS
- Microsoft Entra ID authenticating via Microsoft 365 OAuth Authentication
- Microsoft Entra ID authenticating via Microsoft 365 Web Browser

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## FIPS 140-2 Compliance

Quest® Content Matrix cryptographic usage is based on FIPS 140-2 compliant cryptographic functions. Quest® Content Matrix makes use of FIPS 140-2 compliant encryption keys stored locally using Microsoft DPAPI.

Quest® Content Matrix has undergone a Quest internal Self-Affirmation process to confirm that all cryptographic usage relies exclusively on Third-Party FIPS 140-2 validated modules.

More information: Microsoft and FIPS: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/trustcenter/compliance/fips>

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# Air Gap Compliance

Quest® Content Matrix is Air Gap compliant.

## What is Air Gap?

Air Gap is an architecture based on physical separation and trusted people. Its goal is to demonstrably protect all product builds and code delivery from potential mischievous employee or external actors, regardless of world location.

## Air Gap Components

Air Gap consists of:

- A secure *facility* within Quest that contains the complete supply and assembly chain for all products in scope.
- *Limited access*: only select employees have access to review, accept, and transfer contributions into this environment.
- A *vetted secure build process* which entirely separates the Product Development from the Product Build.

## SDLC and SDL

The Quest® Content Matrix team follows a strict Quality Assurance cycle:

- Access to source control and build systems is protected by domain security, meaning that only employees on Quest's corporate network have access to these systems. Therefore, should an Quest® Content Matrix developer leave the company, this individual will no longer be able to access Quest® Content Matrix systems.
- All code is versioned in source control.
- All product code is reviewed by another developer before check in.

In addition, the Quest® Content Matrix Development team follows a managed Security Development Lifecycle (SDL) which includes:

- MS-SDL best practices
- Threat modelling.
- OWASP guidelines.
- Scheduled static code analysis is performed on a regular basis.
- Scheduled vulnerability scanning is performed on a regular basis.
- Development, Pre-Production, and Production environments are segregated. Customer data is not used in Development and Pre-Production environments.
- Quest® Content Matrix developers go through the same set of hiring processes and background checks as other Quest employees.



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## Customer Measures

Quest® Content Matrix security features are only one part of a secure environment. Customers should follow their own security best practices when deploying Quest® Content Matrix within their environment.

## About Us

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## Technical Support Resources

Technical support is available to Quest customers with a valid maintenance contract and customers who have trial versions. You can access the Quest Support Portal at <https://support.quest.com>

The Support Portal provides self-help tools you can use to solve problems quickly and independently, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Support Portal enables you to:

- Submit and manage a Service Request
- View Knowledge Base articles
- Sign up for product notifications
- Download software and technical documentation
- View how-to-videos
- Engage in community discussions
- Chat with support engineers online
- View services to assist you with your product

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