

Upload Portal Administrator's Guide



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# Administering the Upload Portal

#### Introduction

This guide provides instructions for administrators to set up the Vantage Upload Portal. The Upload Portal is a Web application that runs in most popular browsers and presents a simple interface to allow your customers or remote users to quickly and easily upload media and other files and metadata to your Vantage system via an HTTP connection or an Aspera server over the Internet.

TrafficManager administrators who have an Aspera server and the Aspera Connect Plug-in for their browser (required) can configure their portal for Aspera to achieve very fast data uploads to the Aspera server.

TrafficManager administrators who do not have an Aspera server can simply configure their portal for HTTP. This configuration uses the Windows IIS Web Server built into the Windows OS on their Vantage server to upload directly to Vantage workflows.

Before enabling your customers to upload files, you should configure Vantage workflows to receive and process the uploaded files.

Once your portals and workflows are configured, your customers can upload in three simple steps:

- (1) Select the files.
- (2) Enter the metadata describing each file and the advertiser.
- (3) Submit the files.

Administering the portal involves the following tasks:

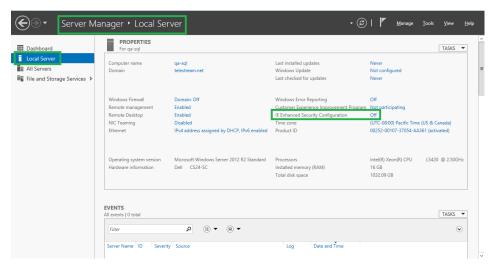
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# **Windows Server Preparation**

If you are using Internet Explorer on a Windows Server operating system, disable Enhanced Security Configuration (ESC) using the Windows Server Manager. To do this select Server Manager > Security Information > Configure Internet Explorer ESC.



# **Updating the Upload Portal**

If you already have the Vantage Upload Portal installed and would like to update to the latest version while retaining your current configuration, follow these steps:

- 1. Use the Windows Control Panel to remove the old Upload Portal.
- 2. Install the new portal as explained in *Installing the Upload Portal*.
- **3.** When you run the new Web Upload Portal software, your previous configuration will be detected and restored.
- For details about administering and using the Upload Portal, refer to the built-in help system and the details later in this guide.



# **Installing the Upload Portal**

The Vantage Upload Portal is a TrafficManager option that may be installed and removed separately without affecting other Vantage components.

One of the following Windows Server versions is required on the host machine:

- Windows Server 2012 R1 (64-bit only)
- Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit only)
- Windows Server 2016 (64-bit)

The following Microsoft components are required on the host machine:

- Microsoft IIS 8.0 or later
- NET 4.7.2

Follow these steps to install the Upload Portal:

1. Verify that IIS 8.0 or later is installed prior to running the Upload Portal installer.

**Note:** To verify the IIS setup, select *Start>Programs* and enter *IIS* to see if the Internet Information Services Manager is listed among the programs on your computer.

- **2.** Enable IIS roles as listed in the *IIS Role Service Requirements* table.
- 3. Download and unzip the Upload Portal file to access the Vantage\_<version>\_Upload\_Portal\_Setup.exe installers.
- **4.** Run the Vantage\_<version>\_Upload\_Portal\_Setup.exe installer on the target server.
- **5.** When the Welcome Window appears, click Next.
- **6.** Read the license agreement. If you accept the terms, click *I Agree* and click Next.
- 7. When the Select Installation Address dialog appears, be sure to set the Application Pool selection to - create Vantage Application Pool - (or Vantage ASP.NET).

**Note:** On the Select Installation Address page, you can set the address used to access the portal by changing the Virtual directory field. The default value is UploadPortal (http://servername/UploadPortal/). If you change the value to MyPortal, for example, the URL becomes http://servername/MyPortal/.

When finished with the Select Installation Address page, click Next.

- 8. Click Install to start the installation.
- **9.** When the Installation Complete dialog appears, click Finish.



# **Role Service Requirements**

Select the following IIS roles on your Windows server in IIS Manager.

**IIS Role Service Requirements** 

Service	Install/Select	Uninstall/Deselect
Common HTTP Features	Static Content Default Document Directory Browsing HTTP Errors	HTTP Redirection WebDAV Publishing
Application Development	.NET Extensibility 4.5/4.6 ASP.NET 4.5/4.6 ISAPI Extensions ISAPI Filters	.NET Extensibility 3.5 Application Initialization ASP ASP.NET 3.5 CGI Server Side Includes WebSocket Protocol
Health and Diagnostics	HTTP Logging Request Monitor	Logging Tools Tracing Custom Logging ODBC Logging Tracing (2016)
Security	Request Filtering	Basic Authentication Windows Authentication Digest Authentication Client Certificate Mapping Authentication IIS Client Certificate Mapping Authentication URL Authorization IP and Domain Restrictions
Performance	Static Content Compression	Dynamic Content Compression
Management Tools	IIS 6 Management Console IIS 6 Management Compatibility IIS 6 Metabase Compatibility IIS 6 WMI Compatibility IIS 6 Scripting Tools IIS 6 Mgmt. Console	IIS Management Scripts and Tools Management Service
FTP server		FTP server FTP Service FTP Extensibility
IIS Hostable Web Core		IIS Hostable Web Core



## **Configuring Your Network**

A vital part of setting up the Vantage Upload Portal for your advertisers includes planning your Vantage server network to ensure safety from the possibility that your system could be hacked or compromised while also serving your advertisers effectively. The Vantage Web Upload Portal should be installed behind a firewall as described in this section. For best security, use two firewalls—one between the portal and the Internet and a second one between the portal and the Vantage domain and database.

#### **Ports**

For ports used by Aspera, refer to the Aspera Connect PDF Guide, which can be downloaded from: http://downloads.asperasoft.com/connect2/.

For the Upload Portal to be addressable over the Internet, port 80/TCP must be forwarded through the Internet firewall to the outside world using Network Address Translation (NAT).

**Note:** The Upload Portal communicates through the outside firewall to the Internet via port 80.

If an additional firewall separates the portal from the Vantage domain and storage, these ports must be forwarded through the embedded firewall:

**Table 1.** Port Numbers for Forwarding Through an Embedded Firewall

Port Name	Port Number	Port Type
NB-Name	137	UDP
NB-Datagram	138	UDP
NB-Session	139	TCP
SMB	445	TCP
Vantage SDK-1	8676	TCP

The following topics present network map examples:

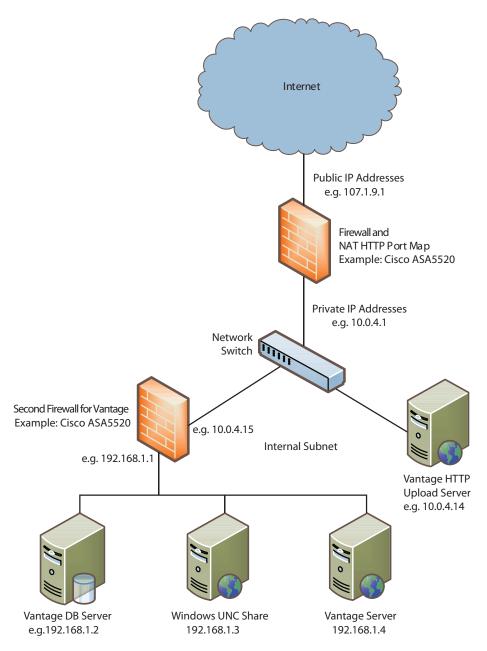
- Network Map 1: Double Firewall
- Network Map 2: Double Firewall with Proxy Outside
- Network Map 3: Upload Server Outside Firewall
- Network Map 4: Server and Share Outside Firewall



#### **Network Map 1: Double Firewall**

In this highly-recommended network setup as depicted in the illustration below, a Cisco ASA5520 Security Appliance hardware firewall separates the entire Vantage network from the Internet. A second firewall separates the Vantage servers on the internal network. Network Address Translation (NAT) via an HTTP Port Map in the Cisco unit ensures that IP addresses used on the Internet are converted to different IP addresses internally, protecting internal servers from being directly addressed via the Internet. This double firewall approach maximizes protection against attacks.

Figure 1. Network Map 1: Double Firewall

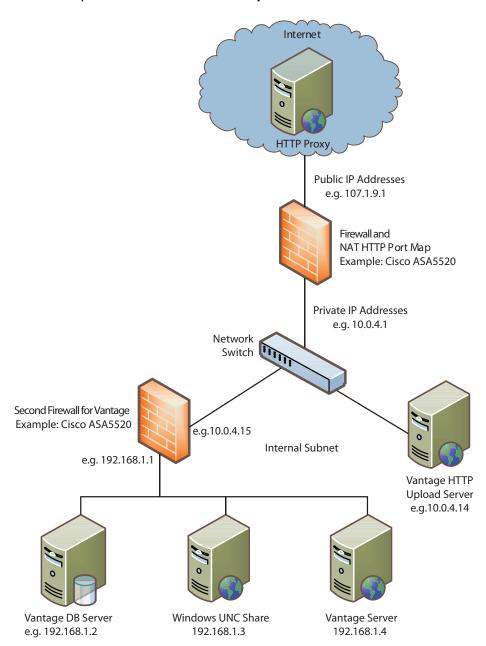




## **Network Map 2: Double Firewall with Proxy Outside**

Another recommended network setup, as illustrated, uses an HTTP proxy server on the Internet outside the corporate firewall. This server passes appropriate Internet traffic through the Cisco ASA Security Appliance firewall to the Vantage HTTP Upload Server. The Vantage servers on the internal network are protected by another firewall. A NAT Port Map in the Cisco device remaps external IP addresses to a different set of internal IP addresses to prevent direct Vantage server access from the Internet. Again, this double firewall with IP remapping provides effective protection against attacks.

Figure 2. Network Map 2: Double Firewall with Proxy Outside

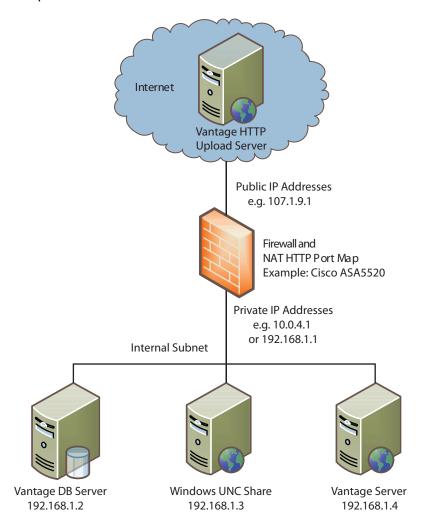




#### **Network Map 3: Upload Server Outside Firewall**

The network setup shown in this figure is **NOT RECOMMENDED** because it places the Vantage HTTP Upload Server outside the corporate firewall on the Internet. This arrangement leaves that server vulnerable. However, the firewall between that server and the other Vantage servers protects the general Vantage installation. A NAT Port Map deployed on the Cisco ASA5520 Security Appliance further protects Vantage by mapping external IP addresses to different internal IP addresses. This arrangement is not recommended because it provides only minimal security.

Figure 3. Network Map 3: Outside Firewall NAT Port UNC

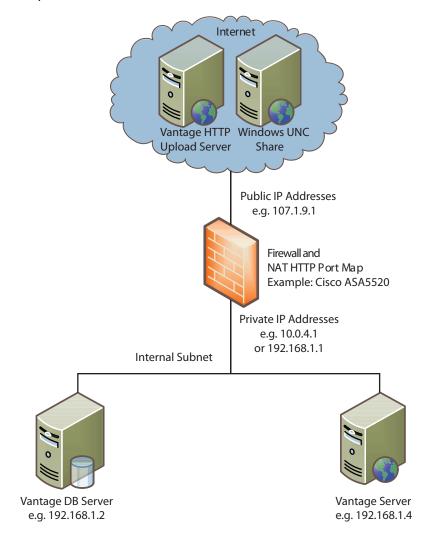




## **Network Map 4: Server and Share Outside Firewall**

A fourth network setup shown here is also **NOT RECOMMENDED** because it places the Vantage HTTP Upload Server and the Windows UNC share outside the corporate firewall on the Internet. This arrangement leaves those servers vulnerable. However, the firewall between those servers and the other Vantage servers protects the general Vantage installation. This arrangement is not recommended because it provides only minimal security.

Figure 4. Network Map 4: Outside Firewall





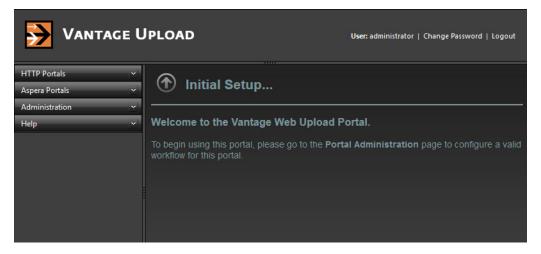
# **Logging Into the Upload Portal**

To log into the Vantage Upload Portal as an administrator:

 Open a Web browser and enter the following address in the browser's address field: http://<servername>/UploadPortal/

In place of *servername*, insert the name of the server running the Upload Portal. Also, if you changed the portal name during installation, use that name instead of UploadPortal.

- 2. Press Enter. The Vantage Upload Login window opens.
- **3.** Enter *administrator* in the User Name field and leave the password field blank. (Note that you may want to change the administrator's User Name and password once you have logged in—see Configuring User Accounts and be sure to check the Administrator check box to make your new user the administrator.) If you want Windows to remember your login and auto-fill the fields, leave *Remember me next time* checked. To turn off auto-fill, uncheck it.
- **4.** Click *Log In* to complete the login. The portal opens to the Initial Setup window.

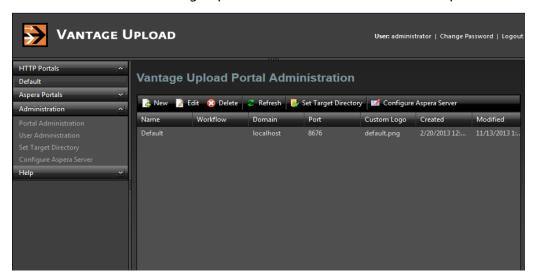




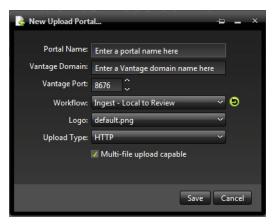
# **Configuring a Portal**

The Upload Portal allows you to configure multiple portals so that each of your customers can have their own customized portal. You can even configure multiple portals per customer if it makes sense to do so. To create a portal, follow these steps:

1. Click Administration and then Portal Administration in the left panel of the Upload Portal window. The Vantage Upload Portal Administration window opens.



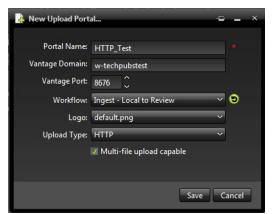
2. Click New in the Vantage Upload Portal Administration window. The New Upload Portal window opens.

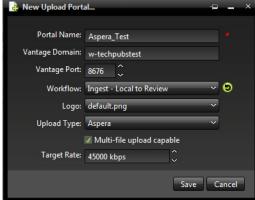


- 3. Select the Upload Type drop-down menu near the bottom of the window, and set this portal to be an HTTP portal or an Aspera portal.
- 4. Enter a Portal Name. Typically, you might use the client's company name in the Portal Name to help you identify who will be using this portal.
- 5. Enter the Vantage Domain server name. This is the name of the server where the Vantage SDK service is installed.



- **6.** Use the Workflow drop-down menu to select the Vantage workflow to which you want to submit uploaded files. Be sure to click the refresh button () to see all available workflows. Workflows can be designed to immediately act upon files submitted via the portal.
- 7. Use the Logo drop-down menu to select and install your own custom logos, if you wish. You can apply your logo to both HTTP and Aspera portals, as selected by the Upload Type menu. For detailed instructions about changing the top left and center right logos and the favicon, see *Customizing Logos*.
- **8.** Check Multi-file upload capable to grant the user the ability to upload multiple files. (**Note:** Browsers can select multiple files at a time, except for Internet Explorer 9, which can select only one file at a time.) Leave this unchecked if you want the user to upload only one file at a time.
- **9.** For Aspera portals, set the Target Rate for data transfer, usually 45000 kbps or greater.





**New HTTP Portal** 

New Aspera Portal

- **10.** Click Save to save the new portal. The new portal appears in the Vantage Upload Portal Administration list.
- 11. For HTTP portals, select the new portal in the list, and select *Set Target Directory*. Enter a path in the *Edit Target Path* window to specify the folder that will receive the uploaded files. The path must be in UNC format (include the server name/IP and complete path), and it must be accessible to both Vantage and the IIS web server running the portal.
  - For Aspera Portals, see *Configuring an Aspera Server Connection* to configure the Aspera-Vantage connection and the folder that will receive uploaded files.

Note the other buttons for future use:

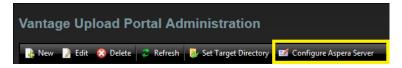
- Edit—allows you to edit the details of an existing portal in the list.
- Delete—lets you delete a portal from the list.
- Variables—lets you add or remover user variables.
- *Refresh*—refreshes the list of portals after you make changes.



## **Configuring an Aspera Server Connection**

Follow these steps if you are configuring an Aspera Portal. Skip this topic if you are configuring an HTTP Portal.

- 1. Select Portal Administration, and select the Aspera portal you wish to configure in the Portal Administration list.
- **2.** Click *Configure Aspera Server* in the menu bar at the top of the right panel.



The Configure Aspera Connect Server Settings window opens.

If Aspera Connect has not already been installed, an installer window appears over the Configure window. Download Aspera Connect and run the .msi installer. Then open the browser and Upload Portal again and return to these steps.



- **3.** Enter the Aspera server name in the Server Name field.
- **4.** Enter the user name the Upload Portal will use for logging into the Aspera server.
- **5.** Enter the password for the user specified in the previous step.
- 6. Enter the Aspera Directory for uploaded files. Typically, this path looks similar to this: \\hostname\root share\.
- 7. Enter the Aspera Subdirectory, which is the subfolder within the folder where uploads will be placed. This might be called, subfolder1/subfolder2/. Therefore, the full path looks similar to this:

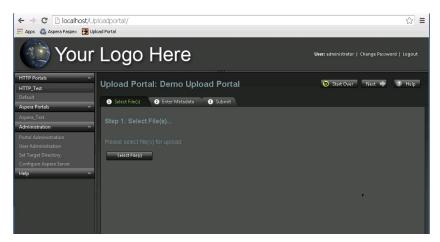
\\hostname\root share\subfolder1/subfolder2/.

The subdirectory permissions must allow access to both Aspera and Vantage.



## **Customizing Logos**

You can change the logos in the upper left corner and the top middle of the portal user interface (shown below). Additionally, you can change the favicon—the icon shown in the browser address bar.



To change the logo or favicon, follow these instructions:

#### **Top Left Logo**

To change the logo displayed at the top left of an Upload Portal page:

- **1.** On the web host, use Windows Explorer to browse to *C:\inetpub\www.root\UploadPortal\CustomLogos*.
- **2.** Copy an image file to the *CustomLogos* folder.

**Note:** The image file can be PNG, JPEG, or GIF. A PNG with a transparent background looks best. The size of the logo must be 468 x 80 pixels; if a larger icon is used, the links for Change Password and Logout may be pushed off the screen.

- **3.** Use a web browser to browse to http://<hostname>/UploadPortal/.
- **4.** Log in as the administrator.
- 5. Select Portal Administration.
- **6.** Create a new Upload Portal configuration or edit an existing one.
- **7.** Expand the Upload Type drop-down menu and select whether the logo is for your HTTP or Aspera system.
- **8.** Expand the Logo drop-down-menu and select your image file by filename.



#### **Top Center Logo**

To change the logo displayed at the top center of the Upload Portal login page:

- 1. On the web host, use Windows Explorer to browse to *C:\inetpub\wwwroot\UploadPortal\App Themes\Default\images.*
- **2.** Replace the *upload\_loginLogo.png* file with your own image file.

**Note:** The file name of the login image must be *upload\_loginLogo.png* and must be a PNG file. A PNG with a transparent background looks best.

#### **Favicon**

To change the Upload Portal favicon (icon used in browser bookmarks):

- 1. On the web host, use Windows Explorer to browse to  $C:\inetpub\wwwroot\UploadPortal\App\_Themes\Default\images.$
- 2. Replace the favicon.ico file with your own icon file.

**Note:** The file name of the icon image must be *favicon.ico* and must be an ICO file.



# **Configuring User Accounts**

The Upload Portal allows you to configure user accounts and assign them to the custom portals you have created for each customer.

To create a user account, follow these steps:

**1.** Click Administration and then User Administration in the left panel of the Upload Portal window. The Vantage Upload User Administration window opens.



**2.** Click New in the Vantage Upload User Administration window. The New Upload Portal User window opens.



- **3.** Enter a user name. Typically, you might use the client's company name to help you identify who will be using that account.
- **4.** Enter a password and enter it again in the Confirm Password field.
- **5.** Use the Portal drop-down menu to select the portal that the new account will be assigned to use. Check the Administrator box if you want the user to have administrative privileges.



- 6. Click to place a check mark in the Administrator box if you want the user to be an administrator.
- 7. Click Save to save the new user account. The new user name appears in the Vantage Upload User Administration list.
- 8. Click the new user in the list, and click Variables in the list tool bar if you wish to define any variables for the user. Click Add to Choose a Variable from a list, and then fill in the blank field with a text string to populate the variable.
  - For example, you might add a CLIENT variable as shown below and enter an email address. You could then use that variable in your workflows to automatically send an email acknowledgment to the client upon receiving uploaded files.



Note the other user administration buttons for future use:

- Edit—allows you to edit the details of an existing user in the list.
- Delete—lets you delete a user from the list.
- Refresh—refreshes the list of users after you make changes.



#### **User Authentication Setup**

For HTTP portals, the target directory for uploaded files in the UNC share may require authentication of a specific Windows user. If so, follow this procedure for each user account:

- 1. On the Upload Portal web host server, launch Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager.
- 2. In the left-side navigation tree, expand the hostname for the server and select Application Pools.
- 3. In the main panel of the IIS Manager under Application Pools, select ASP.NET v4.5 for Windows Server 2012 OS.
- 4. On the right side of IIS Manager under Actions, Edit Application Pool, click Advanced Settings...
- 5. In the Advanced Settings window, select Identify under Process Model and click the (...) Browse button.
- **6.** Select the Custom account radio button, and then click the Set... button.
- 7. Enter the username and password required for authentication to the Target Directory UNC share and click OK.
- **8.** Click OK again to close the Application Pool Identity window.
- **9.** Click OK again to close the Advanced Settings window.
- **10.** On the right side under Actions, click the Stop button.
- 11. Also under Actions, click the Start button.
- **12.** Close the IIS Manager window. Authentication setup is complete.

#### **Notifying the Customer**

Once the portal and user account have been created for a customer, be sure to send them the URL, user name, and password for the portal and the account. Refer them to the built-in Help menu if they need help using the portal.

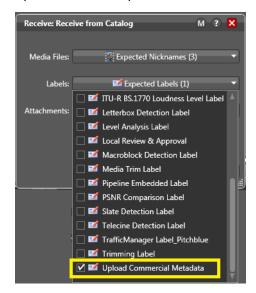


# **Designing Workflows for the Portal**

When you create a new Upload Portal, you select a Vantage workflow in the Workflow Designer to receive the media file and metadata inputs from the portal. The workflow must include the appropriate Vantage workflow actions described below in order to automatically create the metadata fields in the portal and to accept the portal inputs for processing.

#### **Receive Action**

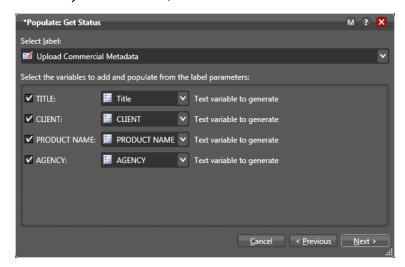
Workflows designed to accept metadata input from Upload Portals begin with Receive actions that use the Upload Commercial Metadata label as shown below. This label receives the metadata that users enter when submitting their commercial via the Upload Portal - Step 2 - Enter Metadata.





## **Populate Action**

A Populate action following the Receive action binds variables to the label parameters. The variables carry the metadata on through the workflow with the media. Select *Variables From Label Parameters* in the Populate action. Next, select the parameters and variables you want to use, as shown below.



The parameters you select using the check boxes (above) are fed back to the Upload Portal to create the fields users see (below) when filling out the Enter Metadata form in Step 2 of the upload process.



Only the actions described above are needed to ensure the Upload Portal and the workflow can operate interactively. The remainder of the workflow can be designed as you desire to manipulate the media and metadata according to the needs of your organization.



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