SharePoint Explorer Client 2.0 Community Edition

Installation and Configuration Guide

Component	Installation Requirements
Server	• **Windows Server 2003 with WSS or Portal versions 2003 or 2007**
Client	• **Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or greater** • **Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 or higher** • **Windows XP or Vista — Vista Installation Note: please disable User Account Control during installation**

Installation Requirements

The following table summarizes the server and client requirements to install and use SharePoint Explorer Client. SharePoint Explorer Client works as an Internet Explorer plug-in and utilizes web services provided by the SharePoint server.

Security Requirements

SharePoint Explorer utilizes the Microsoft SharePoint web services in order to return the site hierarchy. The security on these web services requires the user be a member of a Site Group with the "Browse Directories" Site Right. The "Reader" Site Group is the only group not having this right by default. It should be added if Readers will use SharePoint Explorer.
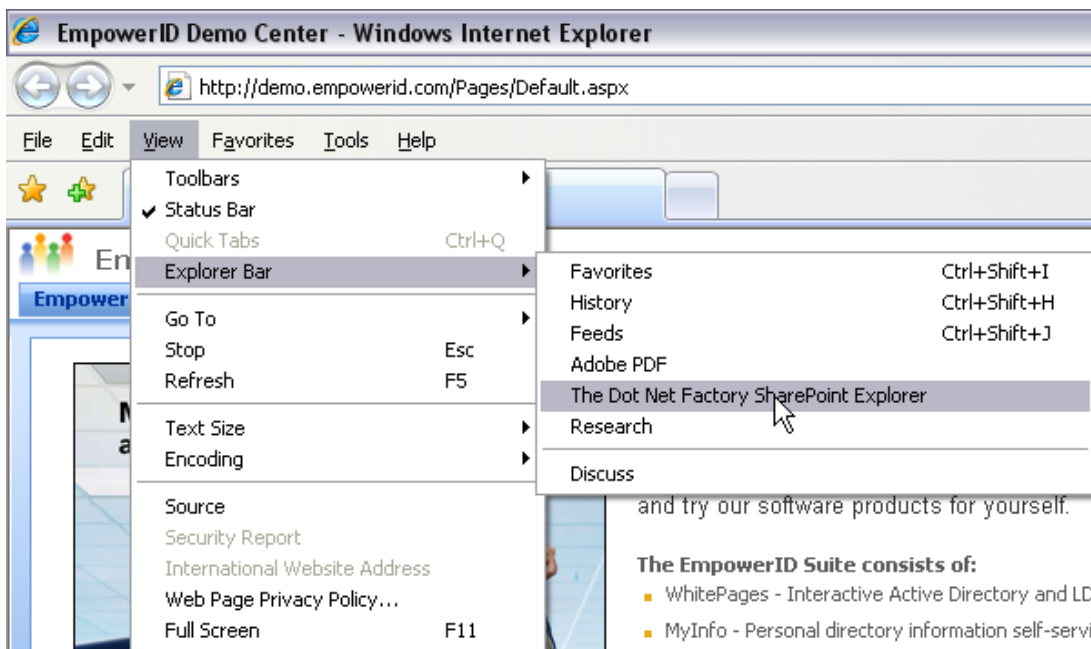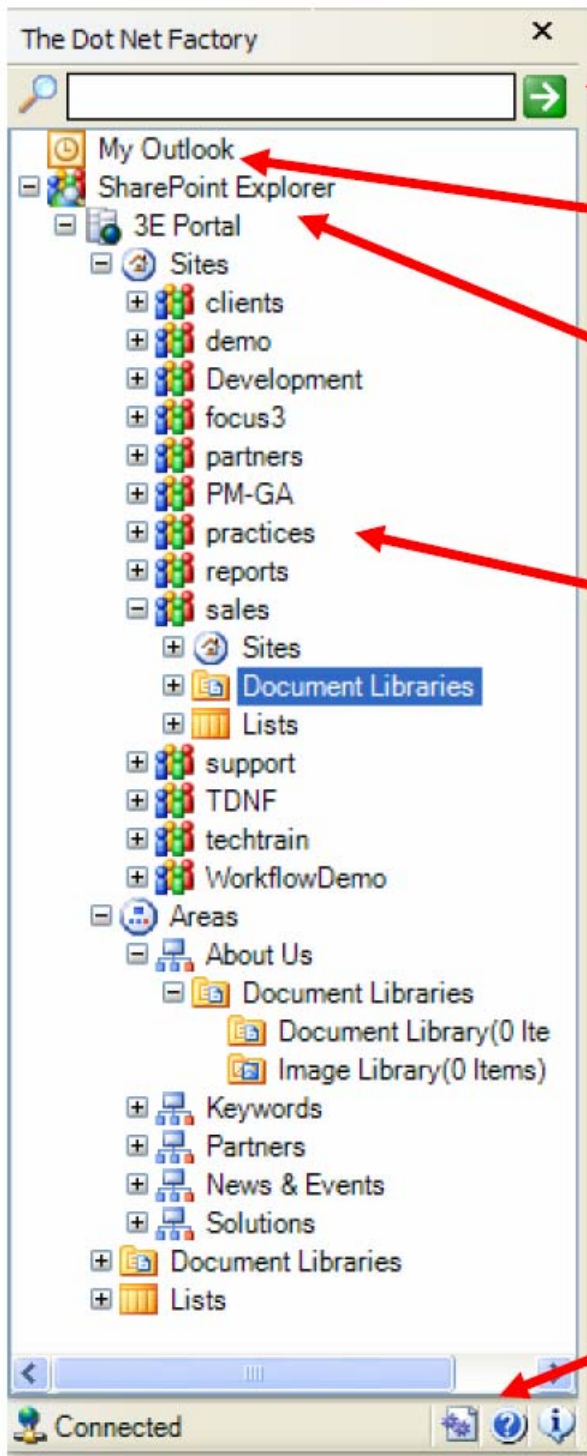
SharePoint Explorer Installation Steps

1. Run the SharePoint Explorer installation file while logged onto the PC as a local administrator. The currently logged on user must have the right to install software.

2. During the installation, select to install for all users.

3. Finish the installation and click close when complete.

4. Open Internet Explorer

5. From the View menu… select Explorer Bar… and The Dot Net Factory SharePoint Explorer—this will launch the application

6. You may add a button to launch SharePoint Explorer on your IE toolbar by right-clicking the toolbar and selecting customize - the SharePoint Explorer button should appear in the list of selectable options.

A Brief Tour of the SharePoint Explorer Interface

Search Box
Search WSS and Portal Servers

My Outlook
Quick access to local Outlook mail

Root Node
Right click here to add servers

SharePoint Tree-View
Hierarchical tree-view of all servers, sites, sub-sites, document libraries, and lists. Right click on any node to see context specific menus of common actions.
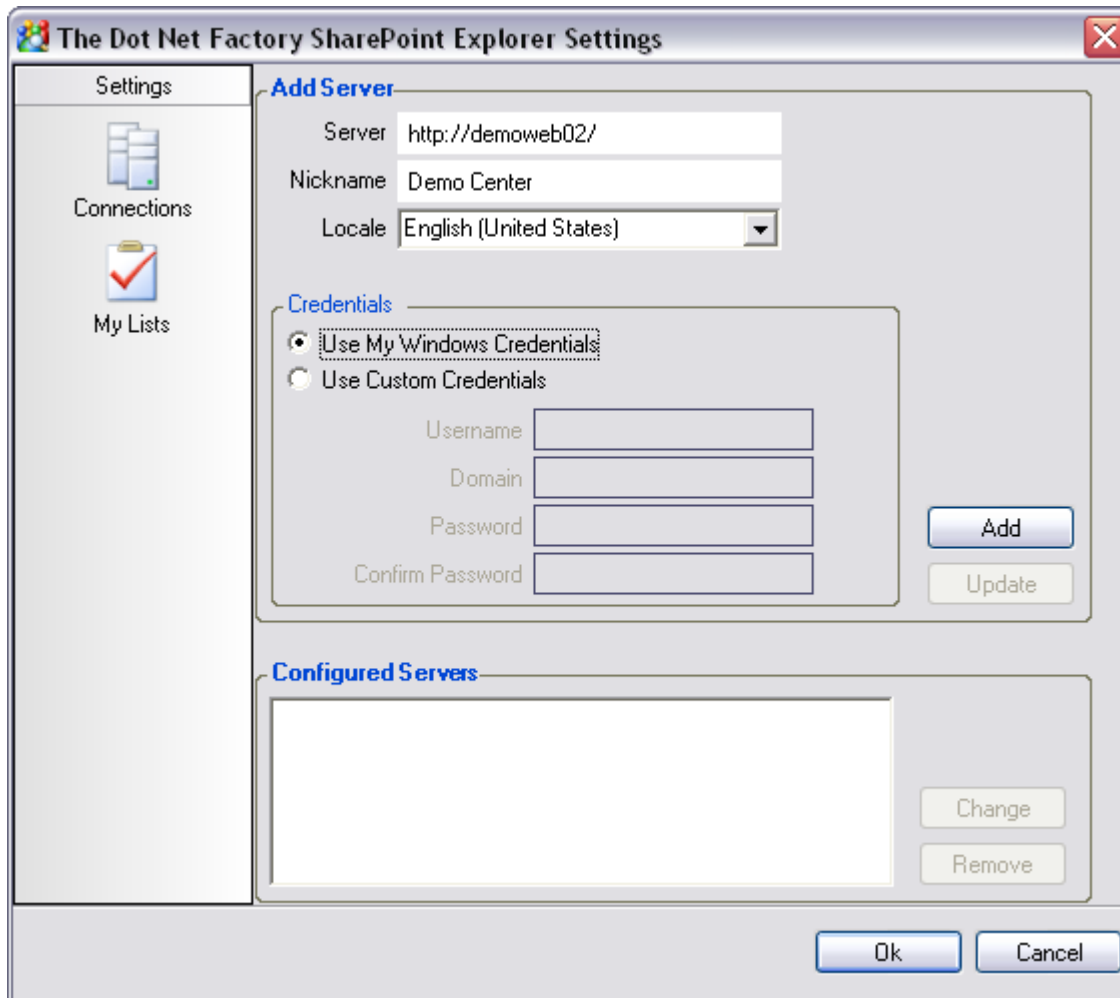
Configuration Icon
Double click here to open the configuration window

SharePoint Explorer Configuration Options

The settings window is accessible at any time by right clicking on the root node and selecting "Configure Connections" or by double clicking on the configuration icon at the bottom of the SharePoint Explorer pane.
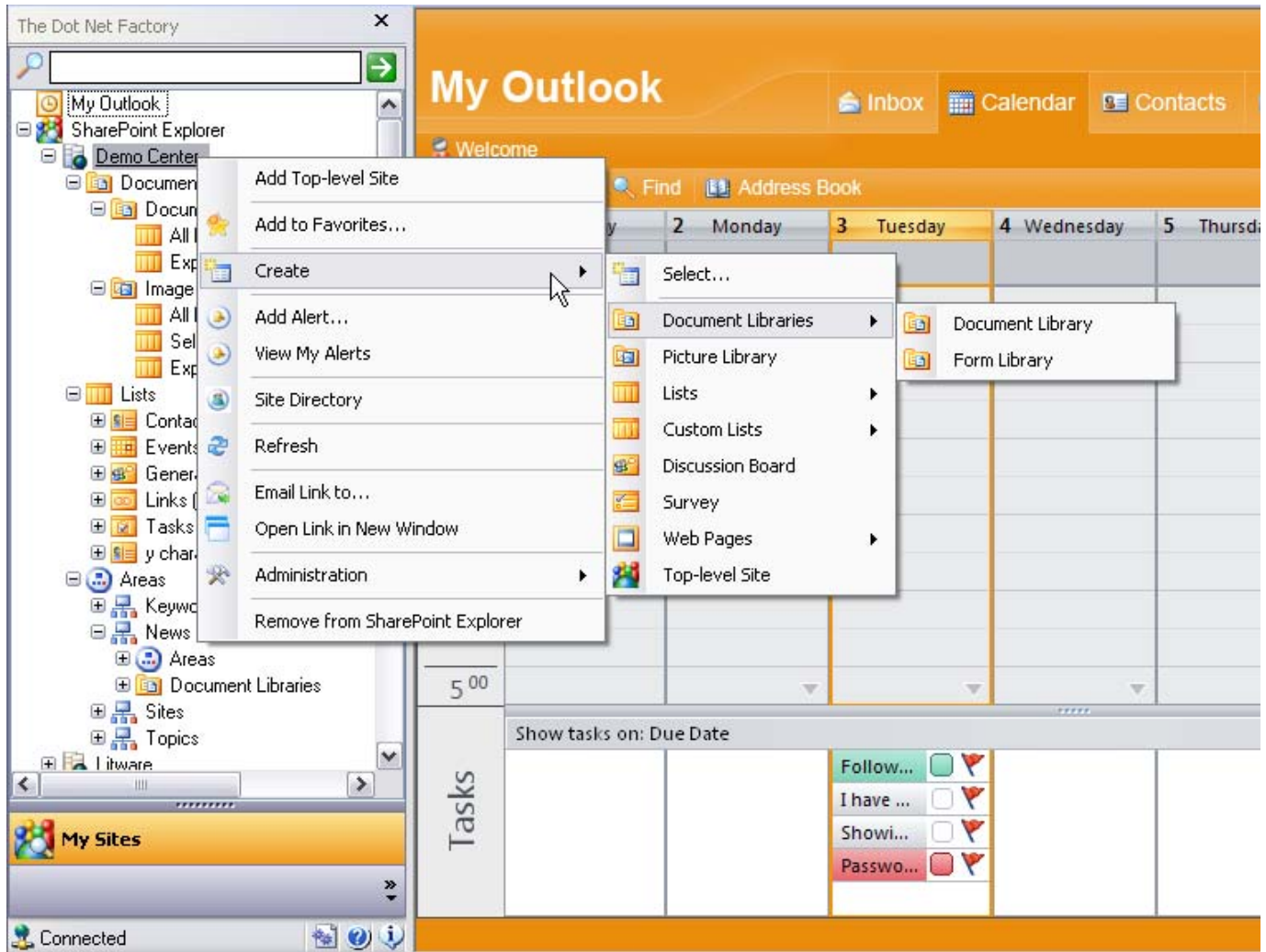

SharePoint Explorer allows adding an unlimited number of Windows SharePoint Services and SharePoint Portal servers. Servers can be added multiple times to "root" the tree at different sites or sub-sites. Alternate credential can be specified on a site-by-site basis. Add your SharePoint servers and click ok. Your servers should now appear in the SharePoint Explorer tree.

SharePoint explorer provides handy right-click options for all common tasks. The right click options are security sensitive and present the user with only the appropriate options given their permissions for the selected node.

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