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PoINT Storage Manager allows user driven file tiering and archiving

New web-client offers platform independent and manual purging

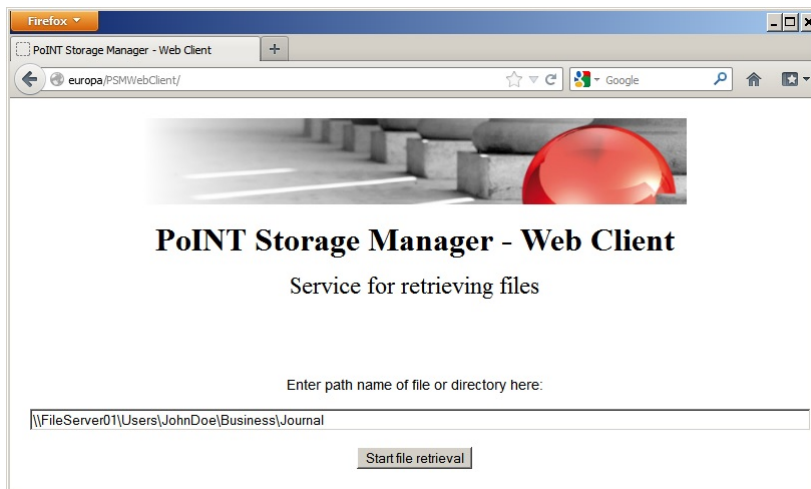
Siegen. As of now users of PoINT Storage Manager are able to purge files independently and without support of their administrator to secondary and archive storage. The expensive and often limited primary storage can be used more effectively by manual purging of files as only by automated purging. For this reason the data and storage management software of PoINT Software & Systems GmbH takes a step forward in comparison to other solutions purging data exclusively according to policies given by administrators.

In case of solutions for archiving, hierarchical storage management and for file tiering usually only policies given by the administrator manage what data is purged at what time from primary to secondary storage. Thus users mostly do not have any chance to decide from case to case independently what data and especially when that data can be purged from primary to secondary storage e.g. for archiving purposes. It is also impossible for users to decide themselves when files should be re-stored in primary storage for fast access and therefore need the assistance from their administrator. This limitation leads in many cases to sub-optimal workflows or involves risks, amongst others, if from users view an immediate archiving is necessary for protecting data against manipulations. Centrally controlled policy-based archiving at a given time cannot prevent that undesired changes are archived.

By PoINT Storage Manager users can decide themselves what file has to be purged at what time. For this user driven file tiering and archiving approach the software offers several methods: a comfortable Windows Explorer shell extension with a corresponding context menu for Windows NTFS-based file systems, a command line tool usable also for batch scripting, as well as a new platform independent web-client. The „stubbing“-procedure ensures that the file system structure is not changed by the purging process.

„By this new web-client our customers gain an additional possibility to get the unstoppable growth of unstructured data under control“, explains Thomas Thalmann, Manager Projects &

Services of PoINT Software & Systems GmbH. „Because one thing is certain: without intelligent file tiering and archiving an efficient and compliant data storage cannot be guaranteed.“



About PoINT

PoINT Software & Systems GmbH is specialized in the development of software products and systems solutions for storage and management of data using all available mass storage technologies like hard disks, magnetic tapes and optical media. Close collaboration with leading hardware manufacturers enables an early support of innovative storage technologies. Besides these complete solutions PoINT also offers its know-how as Toolkits, which can be easily integrated in other applications by the programming interface. Furthermore PoINT projects entire storage solutions and provides consultancy with his long-term and versatile experience.

PoINT products are distributed by 50 partners in more than 25 countries world-wide and have been installed successfully in more than 2 million installations. PoINT customers range from end users expecting a compact and secure solution to large corporations, which comply with our solutions their complex demands by providing the necessary reliability and perfection.

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