

Repstor custodian™

Worked example - Training Manual

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#### Introduction

This document provides a step through of a sample Repstor custodian installation and configuration for training/evaluation purposes. The example used is a legal document management scenario, however terminology can be adjusted if desired to address a different scenario.

### **Repstor custodian Overview**

#### High-level architecture

Repstor custodian consists of a web application, a provisioning engine and a SharePoint app.

SharePoint Online customers will normally use the Repstor hosted custodian service in Azure which is maintained by Repstor, but a dedicated service can also be supported.

On Premise SharePoint/Office365 customers can opt for an on-premise installation of custodian or a custom hybrid architecture.

#### Functional concepts

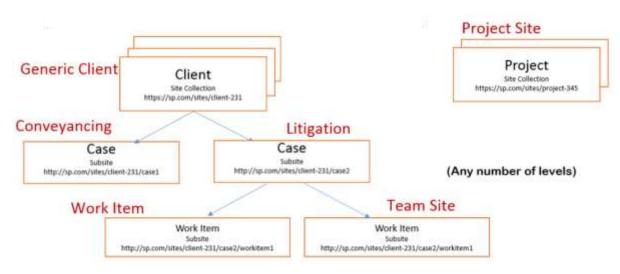
Repstor custodian is used to manage and provision SharePoint locations such as site collections, sites, and lists (e.g. document libraries). Usually these are organised into a hierarchy. For example, law firms refer to 'Clients' and 'Matters'. Logical ways to configure custodian in this scenario could be:

- Clients stored as Site Collections, and matters stored as subsites within their client site
- Clients stored as sites, and matters stored as subsites within their client site
- Clients stored as websites, and matters stored as document libraries in their client site
- Clients with no storage, and matters stored as sites

Any combination of site collections, sites, and lists is possible. Indeed, a hierarchy level (e.g. clients) does not necessarily have to have any SharePoint storage and can simply be an organisational entity.

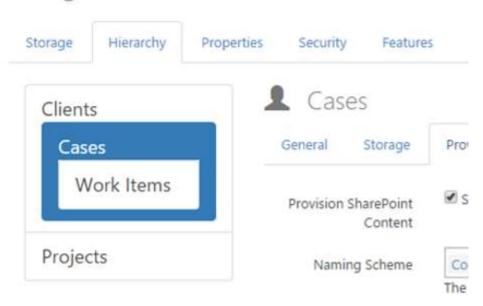
When a matter or client is created in SharePoint, this process is called **provisioning**. When provisioning takes place, it is performed using a **template**. A template is simply a SharePoint Site or List with an appropriate configuration that which is copied to the new location.

The below diagram illustrates a Client->Case->Work Item hierarchy; the text in red illustrates examples of templates used to provision the relevant sites.



In custodian, this hierarchy appears as shown:

# Settings



The Clients/Cases/Work Items/Projects hierarchy is visually presented reflecting how SharePoint provisioned sites and subsites will be created.

#### Templates

Templates are stored in SharePoint, normally under the 'Templates' subsite. Site templates are stored as subsites, and when a new site (eg. for a Client) is provisioned, this site template will be copied to the new site, with property default values replaced by the app according to the configuration associated with the hierarchy and template.

List templates similarly are stored as lists within the Templates subsite, and their contents as well as configuration is copied when a new item is provisioned as a list.

Template content is updated via SharePoint. For example, to add a document to a template, simply browse to the appropriate document library in SharePoint and upload the document.

#### Case/Matters List

Each hierarchy level has an associated data list. For the 'Matters' example, new matters are stored in the Matters List. This stores the title, template used, custom property values, matter code, status code and the SharePoint location where it was provisioned.

#### Repository List

Each hierarchy level has an associated repository list. This is called, for example, "My Matters". It performs two duties:

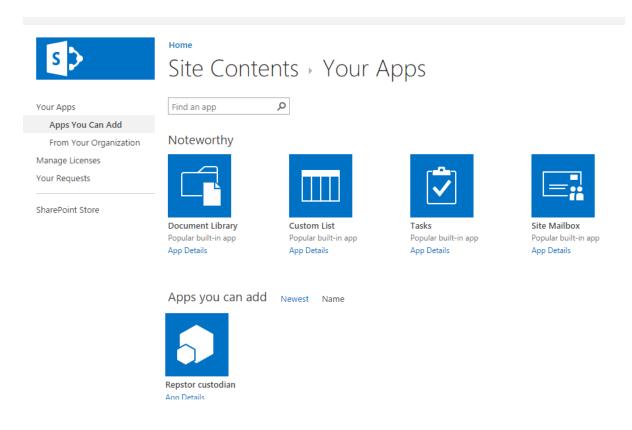
- Represents items in My Matters (matters currently in progress/of interest to individual users)

Repstor affinity reads this list to select content to make available in Outlook to individual users

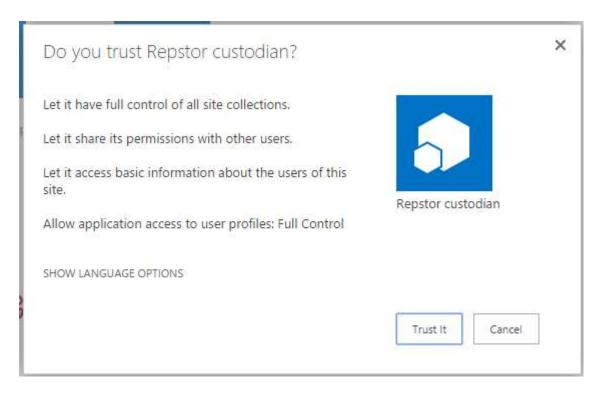
This means that if a user adds a matter to My Matters, its content will automatically be synchronised to Outlook.

#### **Installation**

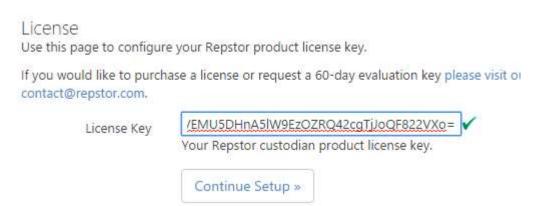
Browse to a SharePoint site on which to install custodian. Select Site Contents -> Add an App -> Repstor custodian (Note that the configuration of the site where you install the app will determine the initial metadata properties available for configuration of templates).



Click Repstor custodian and grant the appropriate permissions



Once SharePoint has added the custodian app, click it, and you will be presented with the licensing screen:



Enter your license key and click Continue Setup. On the next screen, you may select to install a set of sample templates but for this exercise uncheck the 'Install default...' checkbox:

## Repstor custodian Quick Set Up

This process will create the necessary sites and lists required by custodian. All settings can be changed

Select this checkbox if you wish to automatically preconfigure your installation with sample templates reported in the sample templates and client/Matter hierarchy

Perform Quick Setup >>

A Client/Matter hierarchy is often the correct default required for a law firm. However, we are going to set up the hierarchy from scratch.

A couple of small steps are require to complete the initial installation, as detailed below:

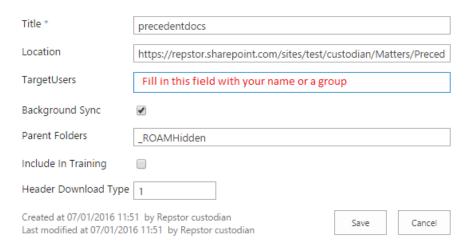
## Quick Setup Complete!

Since demo data was not installed, please click here to configure your custodian hierarchy.

There are a number of optional configuration steps you may now complete.

- Precedent Documents click here to edit the central repositories list. The single modification
  column of the first row. The members of that group will then have the precedent documents
- Custodian Administrators group this group defines who has access to custodian settings to add other people to this group.
- . Custodian Settings You should go through each of the options to configure custodian con

Click the Precedent Documents repositories link. Edit the single item in the list and enter your username (or any group in which you're a member)



This will allow precedent documents to synchronise to the Outlook client of users in the TargetUsers.

Now, click the 'Click here to configure Repstor custodian' link and proceed to the Configuration stage.

## **Configuration**

Here you will be configuring a custom hierarchy of Clients and Matters. Clients will be implemented as sites, and Matters as document libraries.

## **Templates**

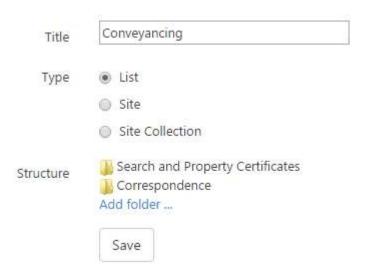
Firstly create a template for Clients and two templates for Matters.

Open custodian and click 'Templates' -> 'New'. Set the client template up as follows:



Click 'Save'.

Create another template, this time for a matter of type List:



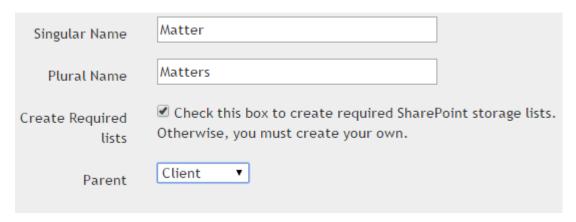
Click 'Save'. Create more templates if you wish.

## Hierarchy

Click 'Settings', and select the 'Hierarchy' tab. Click 'add new level' and name it Clients:



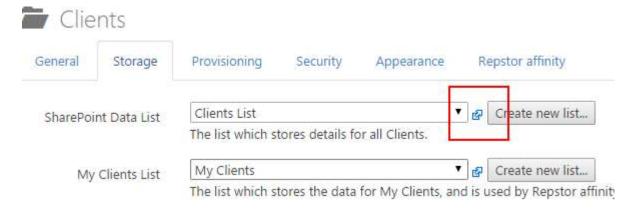
Click OK. Click 'Add new level' and again and create the Matter level, with Clients as the parent:



Click OK, then click 'Save' to save your new hierarchy which will appear on the left custodian menu:



Click on 'Settings' again and select the 'Hierarchy' tab. We will now look at the data lists that have been automatically set up. Click the blue link:



This list stores details of all the clients in the system. Items can also be added into this list if you wish to import matters from an existing system. This is covered later in the Import section.

Now to configure the provisioning settings. Click the Provisioning tab, and click the 'Choose site' button under 'Provisioning Site':



This is the site under which client sites will be created. You can select any site, or manually type the address to a site outside the current site collection.

Now we will change the naming scheme. This is the scheme used to generate titles for new client sites. In our case, we would like titles such as "MICR1 – Microsoft" which is "Client Code – Client Title". We set this up as follows. Delete the current naming scheme Title value by clicking on it:



Type "Code" and select the 'Predefined property' entry in the drop down that appears:



We want a dash between Code and Title, so after code, type "-" (don't forget two spaces: spacedash-space) and select the literal value option:



Next, enter Title. This represents the client name. Select the Predefined property option:



The naming scheme is now complete. URL naming scheme can be configured in the same way – it simply represents the value in the URL when you open a client SharePoint site. We will leave it at the default option of Code.

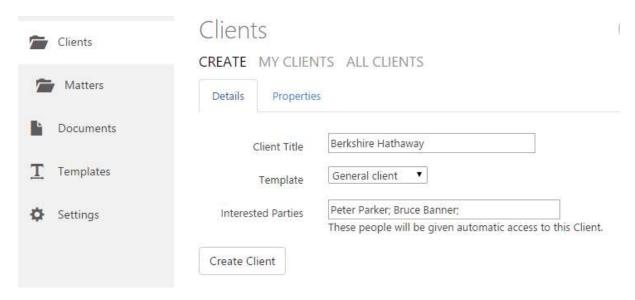
In the 'Templates available...' drop down, select the client template and click Add:



This indicates that only the selected templates can be used to create new Clients.

Click 'Save' before continuing.

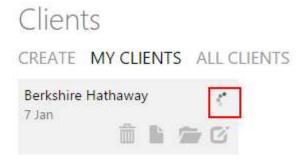
We can now provision our first client. Click the main Clients menu, and select 'CREATE':



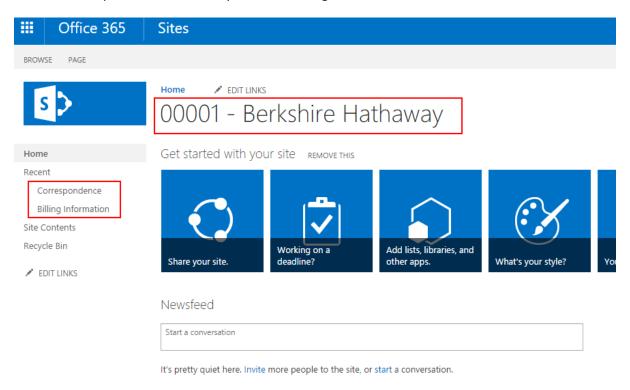
Enter a title. Since there's only one available template, it is automatically selected. Enter a username under Interested Parties.

Note – interested parties will get automatic access to the new client, plus, it will be listed in their My Clients.

Click Create Client and wait for provisioning to complete. The icon indicates that it's in progress:



When it is complete, click on it and you will be brought to the new SharePoint site for this client:

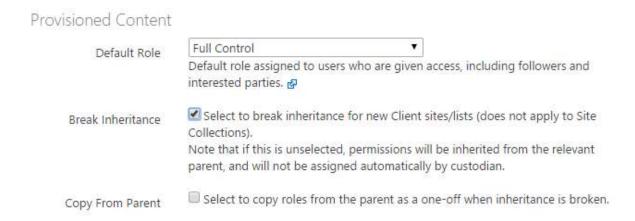


#### Note the following features:

- Title, which follows the specified naming scheme
- Correspondence and Billing Information libraries are created
- URL contains the client code.
- The site inherits security.

Click the back button to go back to custodian.

Click 'Settings' -> 'Hierarchy' -> Security and select Break Inheritance as below:

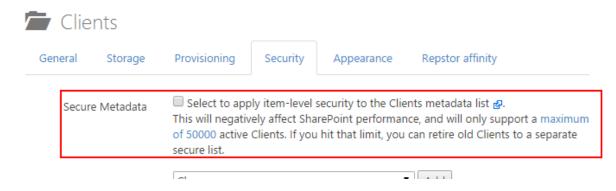


Click 'Save', and create a new site. You will find that it does not inherit security, and that the users specified in Interested Parties are given Full Control (the Default Role above). 'Copy From Parent' causes security to copied before it's broken, such that security is the same as the parent.

If custom roles are configured in SharePoint, they will be shown under the Default Role drop down.

### Advanced security

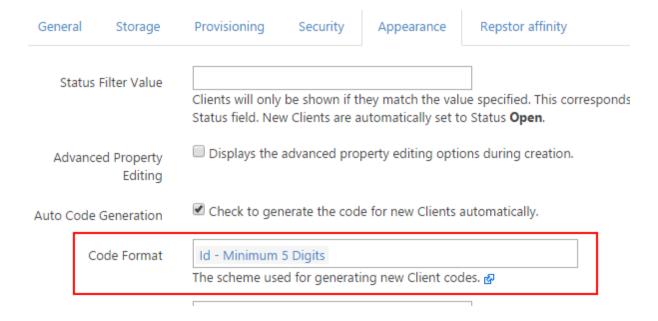
Although security inheritance may be turned off, it's still possible for everyone to see the names of clients, even if they can't see their content. This is because the Clients List is not security trimmed by default. To enable security trimming of the Clients List, select the 'Secure Metadata' option:



Note the SharePoint-imposed restrictions to security trimmed lists.

#### **Automatic Code Generation**

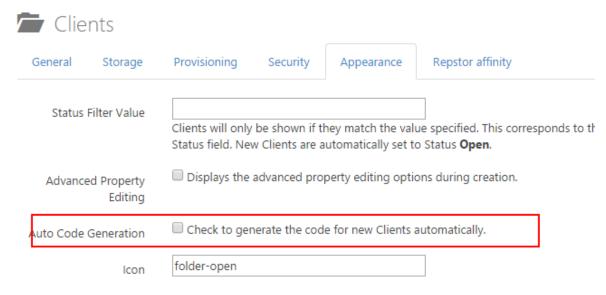
By default, codes are generated automatically using a naming scheme. By default the scheme is 'ID – 5 digits'. So, your first client has an ID of 1, and a code of '00001'. To change this scheme, open 'Settings', click 'Hierarchy' -> Appearance and update the 'Code Format' field:



## Manual Code Entry

Normally, users will want to enter their own alphanumeric code.

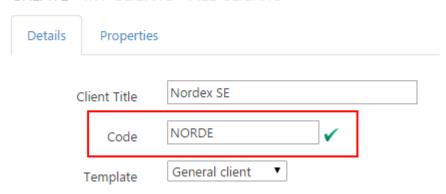
Click 'Settings' -> Appearance and untick 'Auto code generation':



Click 'Save', and click Clients -> CREATE. There is now a Code option:

## Clients

#### CREATE MY CLIENTS ALL CLIENTS



When you type the Client Title, a code suggestion is populated. You may change it. The green tick indicates that the code entered is not currently in use by any other client.

Provision a new client to see the code in use in the resultant SharePoint site.

## Matter Configuration

All of the above hierarchy configuration steps can be repeated similarly for Matters – the configuration is entirely independent from Clients.

The following points should be noted:

- Under Settings->Provisioning, the relevant matter templates should be selected:



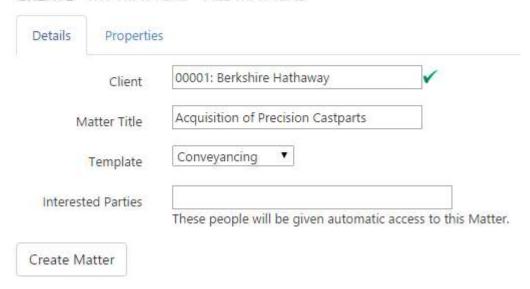
When configuring naming schemes, you can use the properties 'Parent Title', 'Parent Code',
 'Parent Id' etc. This allows you, for example, to configure Matter titles to include the client name or code:



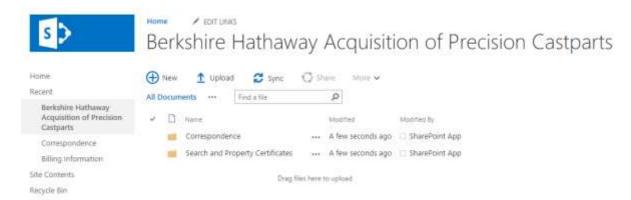
Once matter configuration is complete, click Matters -> CREATE:

## Matters

#### CREATE MY MATTERS ALL MATTERS



Once provisioning is complete, click the new matter and inspect its SharePoint list to ensure it's been provisioned as expected:

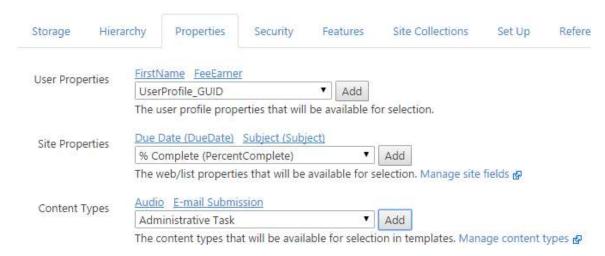


### **Properties**

Properties, and the setting of default properties, are a big feature of custodian.

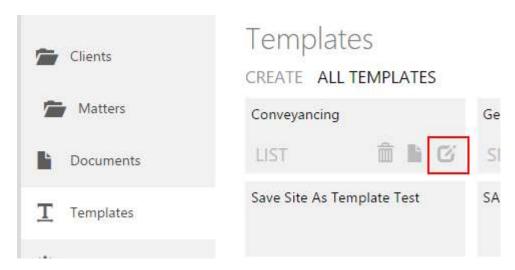
Click 'Settings' -> Properties. Select some User properties, Site properties, and Content Types:

## Settings



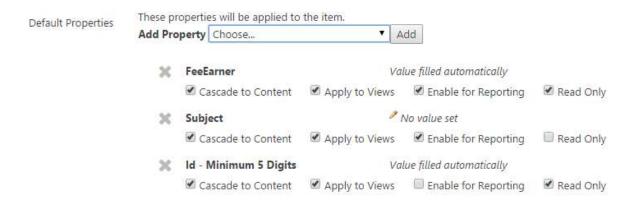
Note that if you want to create custom SharePoint fields, you may do so at this point, but they won't appear in the drop-down list until you clear the custodian cache. To clear the cache, click 'Settings' -> Set Up -> Reset Cache.

We will now add properties to a template. Click 'Templates', then edit a template:



Click the Properties tab and add some default properties. The types of properties listed are:

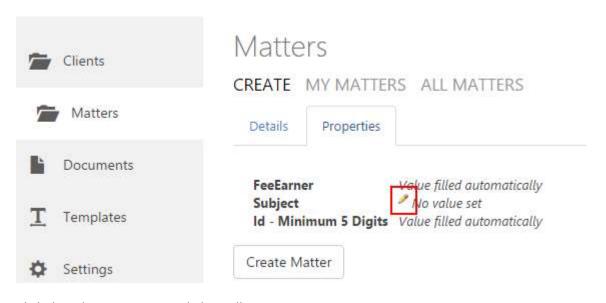
- Provisioned item properties
   These are properties that are automatically generated based on the current matter/client.
   They include Title, ID, Code, etc.
- Site properties
   These are the Site Properties you chose earlier in 'Settings', the value of which you will fill in each time you create a new matter/client.
- User properties
   These are the User Properties you chose earlier in 'Settings'. Their values will be based on the user who is creating the matter/client.



Select Enable for Reporting for any Site properties and User properties.

Click 'Save'.

Now select Matters -> CREATE, and select the correct template. Select the properties tab. Your properties should be listed:



Click the edit icon. A popup dialog will appear:



Enter a value and click 'Save'.

Click Create Matter. When the matter is ready, open it in SharePoint. The view should have your new fields present. Drag a document into the new document library to see the default property values applied (SharePoint normally takes a second or two to apply property defaults):

## Berkshire Hathaway Corporate headquarters

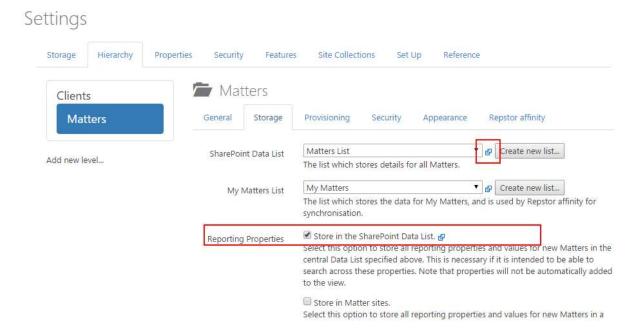


- FeeEarner is taken from the creating users' profile;
- Subject was manually entered;
- ID is automatically generated it is the ID of the current matter.

### **Reporting Properties**

#### Data List

Back in custodian, click 'Settings' -> 'Hierarchy' -> Matters -> Storage. Reporting Properties should be selected (it is, by default). Open the Matters Data List by clicking the blue link:



You will be taken to the Matters data list, where the reporting properties are also stored. The new matter should be present, with its custom property values populated.

Back in custodian, click Matters and highlight the Search box. A dropdown appears:

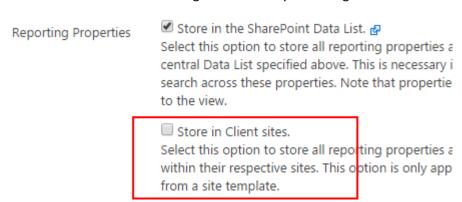
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It contains a number of properties, including the custom properties configured earlier. Select one and attempt a search.

#### Reporting Properties list

The reporting properties list operates similarly to the data list, but stores property values within each SharePoint site. Click 'Settings' -> 'Hierarchy' -> Storage to enable it:



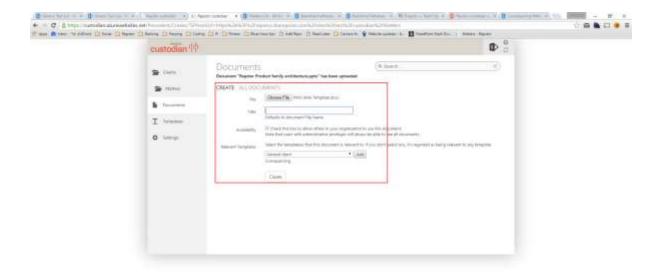
### **Following**

Following is normally disabled since it is a low-security scenario. When it is enabled, all of your SharePoint followers are automatically added to the Interested Parties list of any matters/clients you create. Select 'Settings' -> Features to enable it.

#### **Documents**

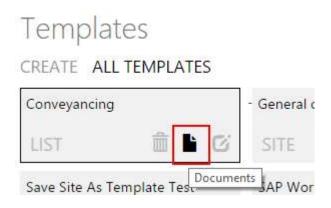
Documents is a feature whereby you can upload commonly used documents. The Repstor custodian for Outlook client then allows you to quickly and easily add any of these documents to a matter.

Click Documents -> CREATE. Select a document, and optionally give it a title. Select your matter template and click Add. Then click 'Save'. This will associate the document with that template.

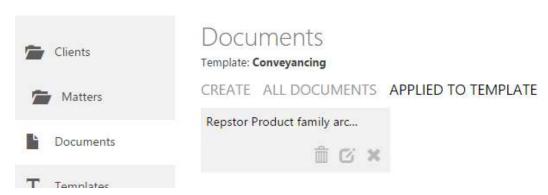


The Outlook client will then allow you to add that document to any matters which have been created from the selected template.

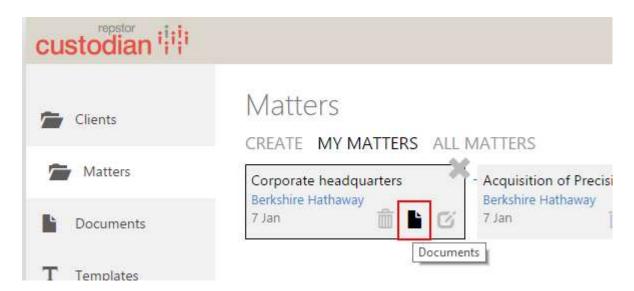
To confirm the association, click 'Templates' and click the Documents icon on the relevant template:



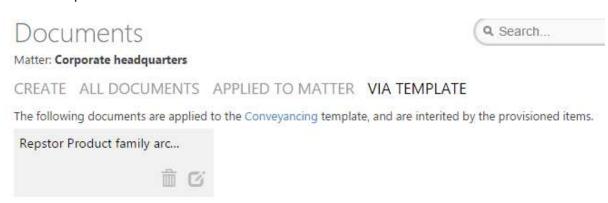
The previously uploaded document should appear:



You can also confirm that the document has been associated with the matter. Click Matters, and select the Documents icon on the relevant matter:



Again, the document should be shown since it was associated with the template from which this matter was provisioned. Click the VIA TEMPLATE tab to see it:

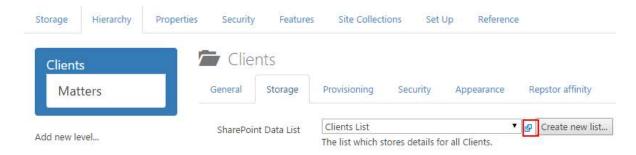


## **Importing clients/matters**

## Importing with SharePoint content

It is possible to import existing sites or lists into custodian, and treat them as though they were created in custodian.

Click 'Settings' -> 'Hierarchy' -> Storage and click the link for the SharePoint Data List:



In the list, create a new row as follows:

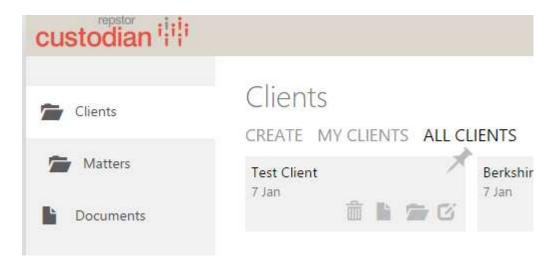
- Title: the client title
- Status: Open
- Code: any unique code
- TemplateId: either leave blank or enter the TemplateId of an existing custodian template
- SPType: 1 for Site, 2 for List
- OpenDate: date of client creation
- ServerRelativeUrl: URL of existing client site

#### Clients List



In custodian, you must clear the cache to pick up this new item. Click 'Settings' -> Set Up -> Reset Cache.

Now open Clients -> ALL CLIENTS to see the new item:

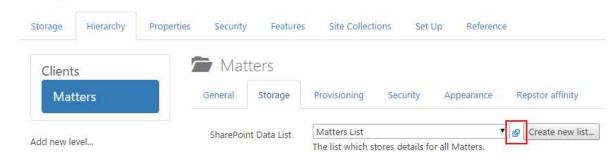


## Importing without SharePoint content

Importing without existing SharePoint content is a similar process. In this scenario, custodian will provision the SharePoint locations for you.

Again, edit the data list. In this case, open the Matters List:

## Settings



Enter some new items into the list as follows:

- Title: the matter title

- Status: Open

- Code: any unique code

- TemplateId: Enter the TemplateId of any existing custodian matter template

- SPType: 1 for Site, 2 for List

OpenDate: date of matter creation

- ParentCode: code of an existing client

- ServerRelativeUrl: Leave blank – this will be provisioned automatically

#### Matters List



Once this is done, go back to custodian, click 'Settings' -> Set Up -> Open Import & Sync. Select 'Matters':

## **Import**

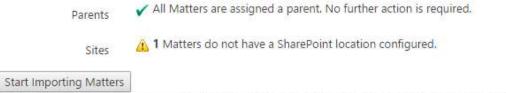
On this page you can import items from any level in your hierarchy. Importing involves:

- Creation of SharePoint content where provisioning is enabled, and a Template ID is present in the data list;
- · Setting the Parent Title where it is blank but a Parent Code is present.

Before importing, you should ensure that your hierarchy is configured correctly within Settings.



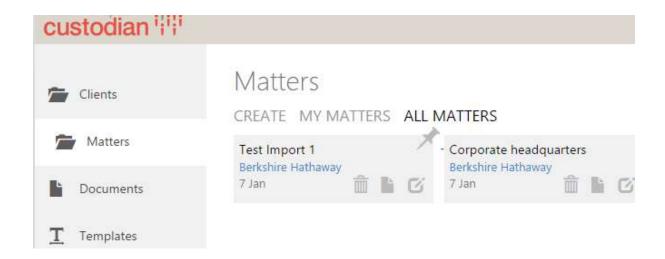
To bulk import Matters, first add them to the SharePoint Data List defined above.



NOTE - this operation may take a long time to complete. Ensure the Matters naming scheme has been configured with

It should recognise that there are matters without SharePoint locations configured. If it is not picked up correctly, you may need to reset your cache.

Otherwise, click Start Importing Matters. When it says 'Import Complete', click Matters -> All Matters:



The new matter should be present. You may add it to your My Matters as normal. Additionally, it may take a few minutes to complete provisioning, especially if multiple matters have been imported.

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