

Comparing File Dynamics Releases

Since its introduction in 2003, the technology that is today known as OpenText™ File Dynamics has consistently been updated with new features designed to address the expanding requirements of network data management. So, if you're using an old version of the product, you're missing out on some advanced product features that can lower your data management costs, address security compliance requirements, keep sensitive data secure, and even protect data from being lost after a ransomware attack.

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| Data Owner Web Service | Through a web browser, provides the ability for data owners to perform many of the data management capabilities previously available exclusively in the Data Owner Client. | ● | | | | | | | |
| Security Lockdown Policies | Allows you to establish baseline permissions for a high-value target. When unauthorized access permissions are made, the new permissions are removed, and the baseline permissions are restored. | ● | ● | | | | | | |
| Security Fencing Policies | Allows you to set limits on how access permissions can change over time by specifying containers, groups, or users that can be given access permissions and others that are to never be given access permissions. | ● | ● | | | | | | |
| Storage Resources Scoping | Allows you to "scope" the containers of the forest or domain for storage devices and shares to be included or excluded as managed storage resources. | ● | ● | ● | | | | | |
| Security Notification Policies | Allow you to analyze and be notified of the changes in security permissions for a selected target path. | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | | |
| Line-of-Business Data Owner Engagement | Empowers users associated with high-value targets to perform specific types of data management actions including being notified of changes or attempted changes in access permissions, viewing and recovering archived data, and importing and initiating remediation actions via workloads. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | |
| Data Owner Client | Allows Data Owners to perform selected data management tasks through a specific dashboard. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | |
| Remediation integration with File Reporter | Allows you to address issues discovered through OpenText™ File Reporter by means of OpenText™ File Dynamics policies. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | |
| Remediation integration with Third Party Utilities and Data Sources | Allows Data Owners to perform administrative tasks by inputting .CSV files created through other applications. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | |
| Epoch Data Protection | Maintains nearline archives of high-value target shares or folders on the network file system. Data Owners can view and access the archive of the high-value target as it existed at a selected point in time making it an ideal solution for restoring data after a ransomware attack. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | |

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| Windows Server 2019 Support | Manages network storage stored on Windows Server 2019. Windows Server 2019 can also host the File Dynamics Engine, Agents, and Event Monitor. | ● | ● | | | | ● | | |
| Content Control Policies | Removes files according to file type, age, size, last accessed date, and more. From any file path, you can either vault files to a new location or delete the files altogether. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Data Location Policies (Move and Copy) | The means of copying or moving folders and their contents to another location on the network. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Workload Policies | Provide the ability to perform large-scale data operations from work processes initiated from other applications. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Modernized Admin UI | Management settings grouped logically in tabs for easier overall management. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Modernized Quota Manager Interface | Updated with an easier-to-use management interface. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| High-Performance AD Event Monitor | Significantly improved performance. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| High-Performance File System Agent | Significantly improved performance. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Advanced Scheduling Subsystem | Ability to schedule Target-Driven policies. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Active Directory Event Scoping | Ability to “scope” the containers in Active Directory that you want monitored for events. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| Worklog Reports | Historical tracking of events that have reached a processed state, presented in a pivot grid based on the parameters you choose. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| Windows Server 2016 Support | Manages network storage stored on Windows Server 2016. Windows Server 2016 can also host the File Dynamics Engine, Agents, and Event Monitor. | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| Cross-Empire Data Migration from NetIQ eDirectory by OpenText™ | A wizard-based subsystem within File Dynamics that migrates file system data between OpenText™ OES and Microsoft networks, including their corresponding storage infrastructures and identity and security frameworks. | | ● | ● | ● | ● | Add-on | ● | ● |
| Collaborative Storage Identity-Driven Lifecycle Management | Automatically provisions and grants access to a shared storage area where a group of people in an organization can collaborate by storing and sharing files. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Personal Storage Identity-Driven Lifecycle Management | Automates the provisioning, ongoing management, and disposal of storage located in network user home folders. | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |

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