

Introducing the Trivalent Importer for Sitecore

MOVING CONTENT FROM SDL TRIDION SITES TO SITECORE EXPERIENCE PLATFORM

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MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

Companies planning to move from one digital experience platform to another often see themselves faced with a major challenge. Over the years they have built up large content silos in their old environment. Moving to the new CMS may cause them to lose valuable content, and – as a result – search engine ranking as well!

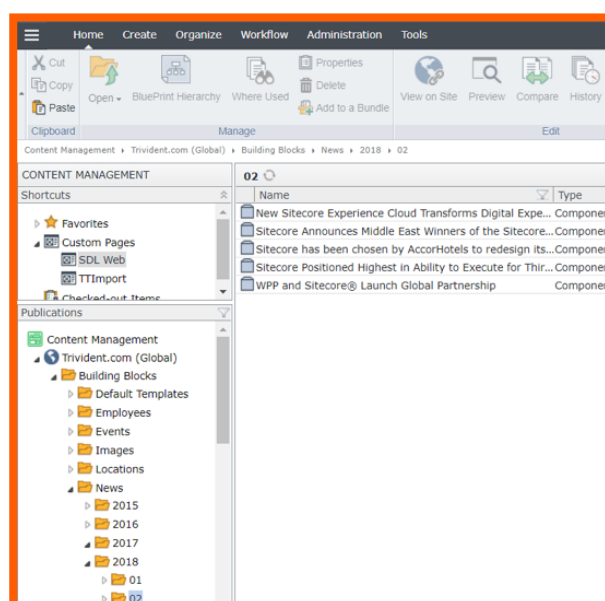
Trivalent, an Amsterdam-based CMS implementation specialist, is now offering a tool to help with one such content migration. Companies who are planning to move from SDL Tridion Sites to Sitecore can make their lives easier by using the Trivalent Importer for Sitecore.

Trivalent is an official Solution Partner to both Sitecore and SDL.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The Trivalent Importer for Sitecore was designed for companies who are moving from SDL Tridion Sites (until recently known as SDL Web) to Sitecore Experience Platform. Having used Tridion for a number of years, they have built up large quantities of content. Rather than letting this content go to waste, they would like to leverage it in their new CMS.

The tool is especially useful if you have large quantities of relatively uniform content – think large archives of news articles, press releases, product descriptions, images, etcetera.



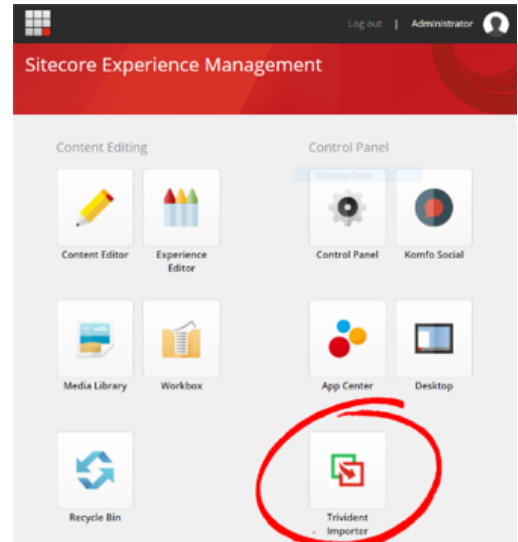
Typical content silo in Tridion

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The Trivalent Importer for Sitecore is installed on the Sitecore Launchpad. Any Sitecore user can easily access it and use it to import Tridion content into Sitecore.

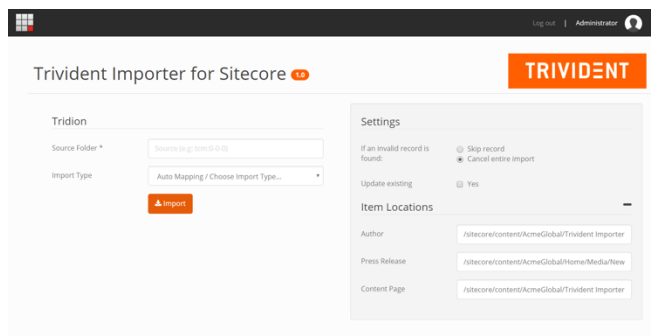
Clicking the icon brings up the main screen of the importer. Here, you can configure everything you need:

- The Tridion folder that contains the content that you want to export to Sitecore
- Some import settings
- Optionally, a different path can be specified per content type (if not, the tool figures out the best import location by itself)



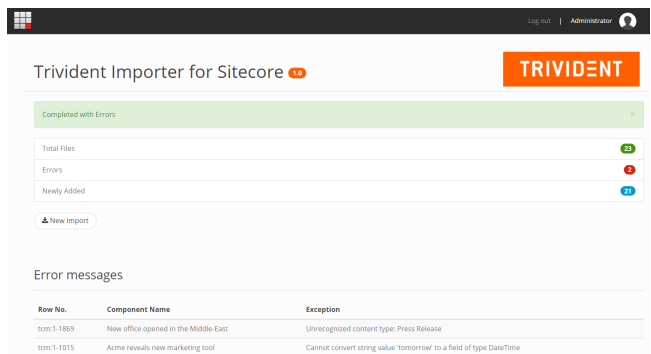
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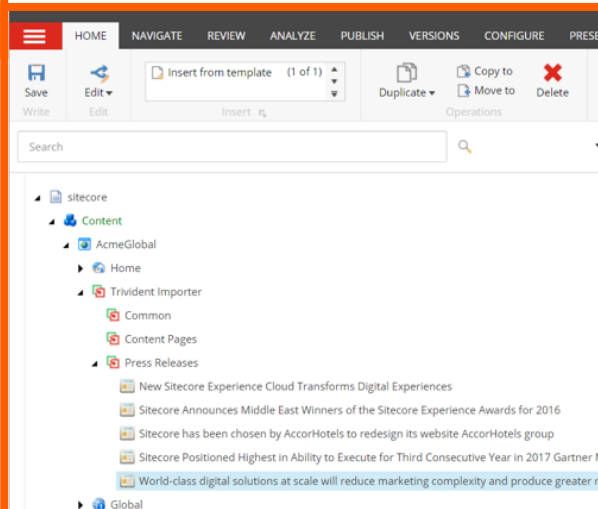
When you click the Import button, the import starts right away. All content in the specified source folder is converted into Sitecore content items and imported to a configurable location.



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No content migration is without problems. CMS content is typically 'loosely structured', so any import tool must be able to deal with errors. The Trivalent Importer for Sitecore shows a clear overview of what has been imported and what hasn't. In case of problems, an easy to understand error message is shown, allowing your system administrators to quickly diagnose and fix the problem.





The result: your content has been ported to Sitecore

NOTES

- The Trivalent Importer for Sitecore is built using public APIs only, hence it is fully supported by both SDL and Sitecore.
- Supports Sitecore 8.2 and higher and Tridion 2011sp1 and higher.
- Mapping of Tridion schemas to Sitecore content types is achieved through a powerful model mapping mechanism.
- Links between items in Tridion are automatically followed and converted into Sitecore links.
- The importer does not handle pages. Sitecore and Tridion have a very different understanding of the concept of 'page'. It is not possible – or even desired – to automatically convert Tridion pages to items in Sitecore. We have decided to stick to the content items themselves, or Components as they are called in Tridion.
- The Trivalent Importer for Sitecore does not convert views or business logic – it is strictly a content-only import tool!
- Trivalent offers additional importers for different data sources, like Excel and csv files, or REST services. Contact us for more information.

MORE INFORMATION

Trivalent is a consultancy firm based in Amsterdam (The Netherlands), specializing in the implementation of enterprise-scale CMS systems. We work for large companies in finance, manufacturing, government, retail and other sectors.

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