# Taxonomy Speed Dating: Find the Right Match So Your Organization Can Live Happily Ever After

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# Session Objectives – Find and Meet Your Match!

## This session will help you

- Identify and define requirements for a taxonomy
- Learn factors involved in deciding whether to build vs. buy a taxonomy
- Learn how to measure a return on investment



# Agenda

- Understanding taxonomy
- Defining purpose and requirements
- Build vs. buy a taxonomy
- Measuring the value of a taxonomy
- Using a taxonomy in SharePoint (demo)
- Meet Acordis<sup>™</sup>
- Access Sciences' Product Suite
- References



# **Understanding Taxonomy**



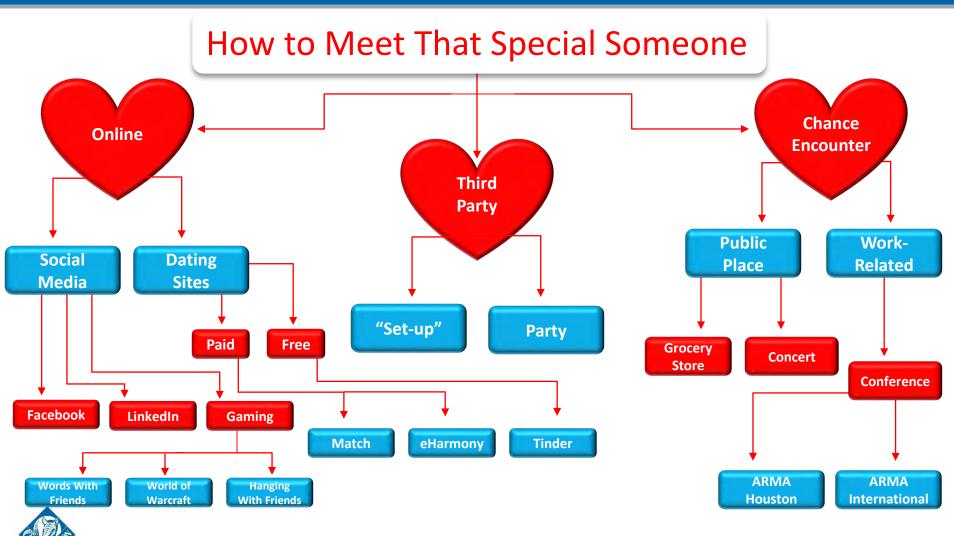
# **Taxonomy Definition**

- A **taxonomy** is a structured set of names and descriptions used to organize information and documents in a consistent way. It provides a common language to describe business processes.
  - A hierarchical classification of entities of interest to an enterprise or organization, enabling users to browse and search via the paths in the hierarchy, e.g., folder structure or web site
  - A faceted taxonomy provides multiple perspectives or characteristics as metadata for tagging documents, enabling users to search and navigate along multiple paths



- Parent-Child Relationships
- Tree-Like Structure
- Defined Paths

# **Hierarchical Taxonomy**



# **Faceted Taxonomy**

- FACETS categories identifying the characteristics of an item (or person)
- TERMS selectable values (also called "tags") for each facet

# Congratulations! You've been matched with TXGUY4U



### **STATUS**

- ✓ Single
- ✓ Divorced
- Has Children
- Wants Children

### **EMOTIONAL ASPECTS**

- ✓ Mature
- Calm
- ✓ Adventurous
- Rational
- ☐ Free-Spirited

### **PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES**

- ✓ Taller than 5'9"
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- Brown Eyes
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### LEVEL OF EDUCATION

- High School
- □ Some College
- Bachelor's Degree
- ✓ Advanced Degree
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### **INTERESTS & HOBBIES**

- Sports
- ✓ Volunteerism
- Reading
- Gardening
- ✓ Travel

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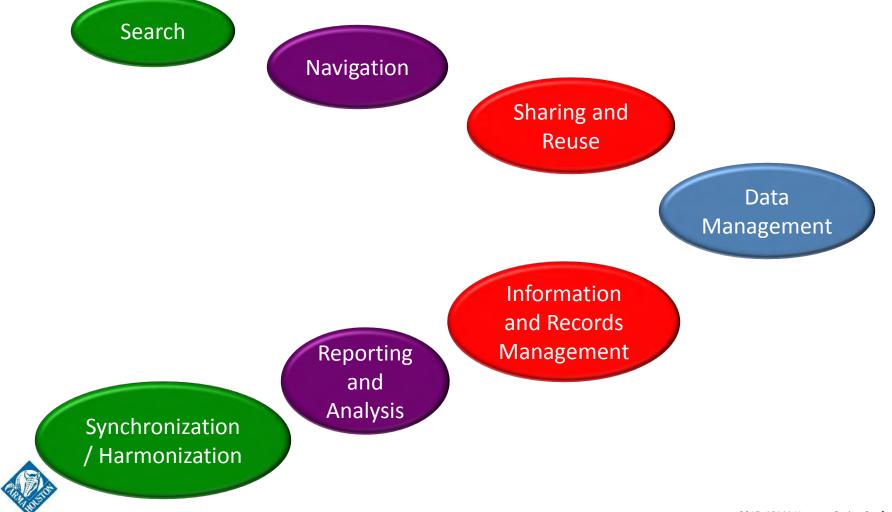
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# Defining Taxonomy Purpose and Requirements



# What are you looking for in a taxonomy?

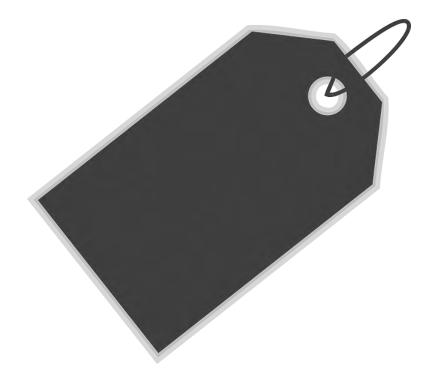


# What do you want to classify?



# How will taxonomy terms be applied?

- By many users with little or no training
- Auto-classification
- SME or SME Team





# **Outside influences**

- Taxonomy terms/values regulations, industry standards
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Taxonomy structure target application systems, source application systems



# Where and how will users encounter the taxonomy?

### **Browsing / Searching**



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Jeans

Shorts Skirts

Dresses

Coats & Outerwear

Swimsuits Sleepwear

Intimates

### MEN'S CLOTHING

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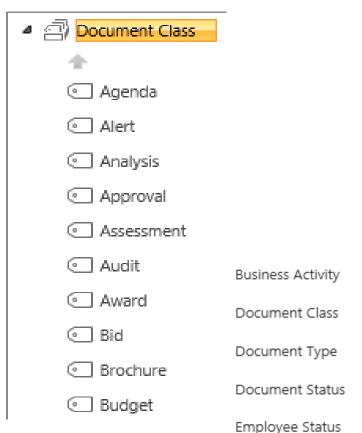
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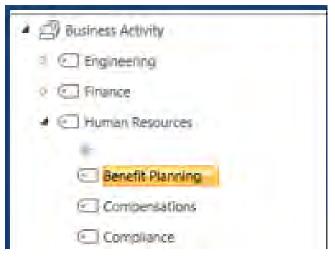


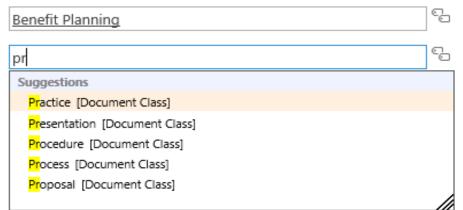


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### **Uploading and Classifying**









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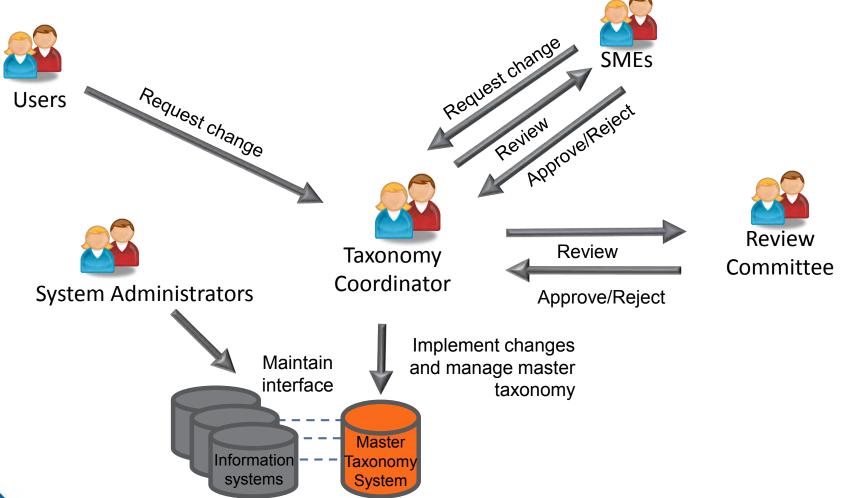




# **Taxonomy TLC**



# **Taxonomy TLC: Sustainability**



# **Taxonomy TLC: Customization**

- Add additional facets
- Expand terms within a facet to accommodate areas not originally covered
- Modify terms to fit your company's vernacular



# **Taxonomy TLC: Geographic needs**

- Preferred terms/synonyms
- Translation



# **Training**

- Taxonomy awareness
  - Purpose
  - Benefits
  - Scope
  - Design
- How and when to request changes
- Tools and applications



# **Build vs. Buy**



# Buy if...

- You need a starting point, and you're not sure where to begin
- Resources are limited
  - Time
  - Money
  - People to both develop and manage
- Taxonomy exists with industry standards suited to your purpose
- You need a "load and go" taxonomy to get started in SharePoint™ or another repository



# Build if...

- You need a highly customized taxonomy
  - Unique business operations
  - Industry standards either do not exist or do not meet all your requirements
- You have the resources available to:
  - Identify and build out all facets and terms
  - Manage changes to the taxonomy over time
- You are not constrained by time



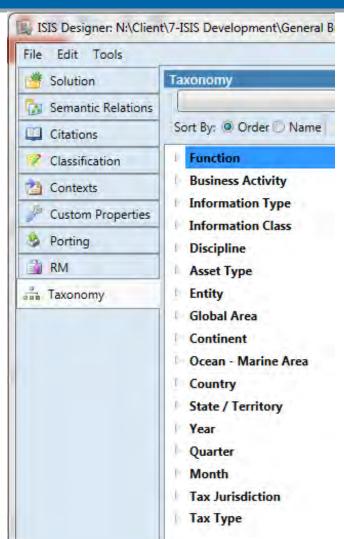
# Develop a hybrid taxonomy if...

- A taxonomy exists for parts of your organization but not for all
- Want to spend resources on high value activities
- Off-the-shelf taxonomy covers all high-level subjects or functions, and you need more granular sub-categories
- Have lists of terms and want to organize them into distinct facets, e.g. Information Types, Processes, Regions, Roles, etc.
- Need help building relationships among facets and terms
  - E.g., Human Resources
    - Recruiting
    - Staffing
    - Compensation Planning ...





# One Solution for Buy and Hybrid Options



### 4 Function

Administration

Business Development, Advertising, and Sales

Facilities Construction and Maintenance

Finance and Accounting

Health, Safety, and Environmental

Human Resources and Benefits

IT and Data Management

Legal and Corporate Governance

External Relations

Supply Management

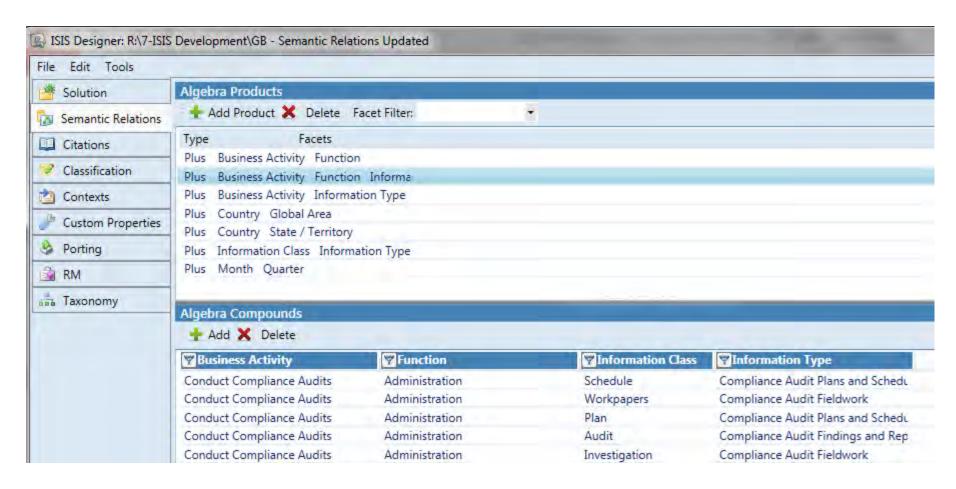
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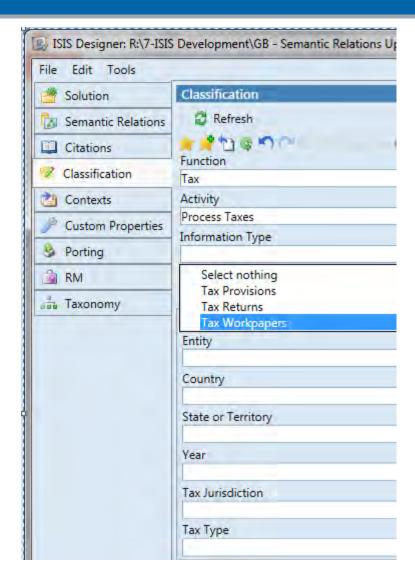
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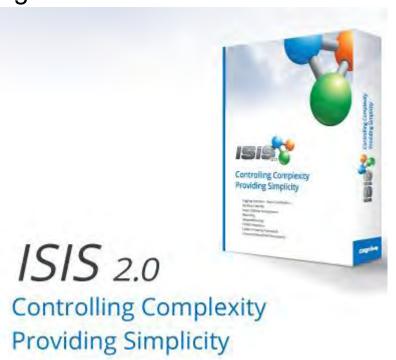
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# Use a Taxonomy Management Tool to Build One

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Semaphore Solutions





Managed Metadata Service

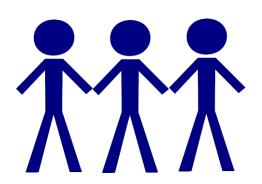


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Perform an initial assessment to identify current costs related to the problem you are trying to solve











# **Labor costs**

- Time spent searching for content
  - 36% of a knowledge worker's (KW) day is spent looking for information
  - Information is found only 56% of the time (Schubmehl and Vesset (IDC) 2014)
- Time spent recreating content that couldn't be found
  - Up to 90% of time spent creating "new" content is actually spent creating content that already exists (Feldman and Sherman (IDC) 2004)
- Time spent maintaining mappings among different application systems
  - 61% of KWs access 4 or more systems to find information needed to do their jobs
  - Almost 15% access 11 or more systems (Schubmehl and Vesset (IDC) 2014)



# **Example cost calculations**

# Time spent searching

- Average knowledge worker (KW) annual salary plus benefits \$80,000 (\$38.46/hr)
- Hours/day spent searching for information 2.88 = 748.8 hours per year ( or 93.6 days/year)
- Employee cost per year = \$38.46 X 748.8 = \$28,799.
- Number of KWs X \$28,799
  - E.g., 1000 KWs: \$28,799,000

# Cost of Reworking information

 Knowledge Deficit \$5,850 per worker per year (2003)

(Feldman and Sherman (IDC) 2004)

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# **Return on investment**

- Perform a post-implementation assessment to determine changes from initial assessment:
  - Average time per day spent searching for information
  - Maintenance rework, fines, fees
  - Online sales
  - Reduction in storage costs
  - New opportunities related to content sharing and reuse

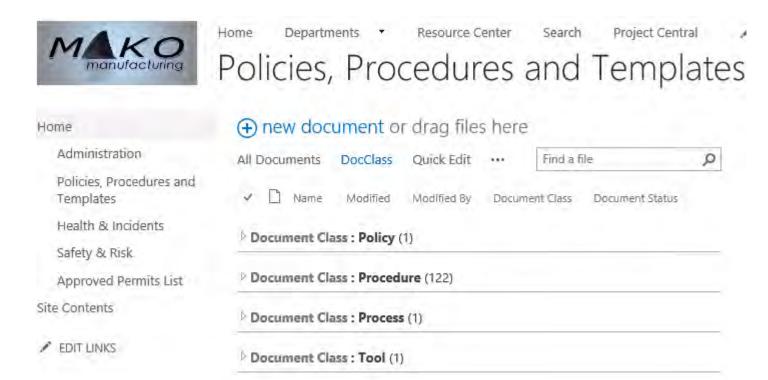


# Using a Taxonomy in SharePoint





# Views and filters





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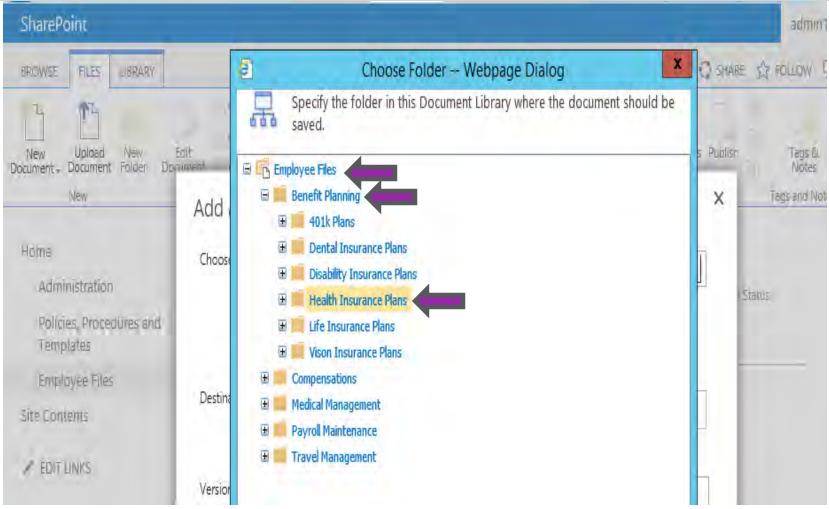


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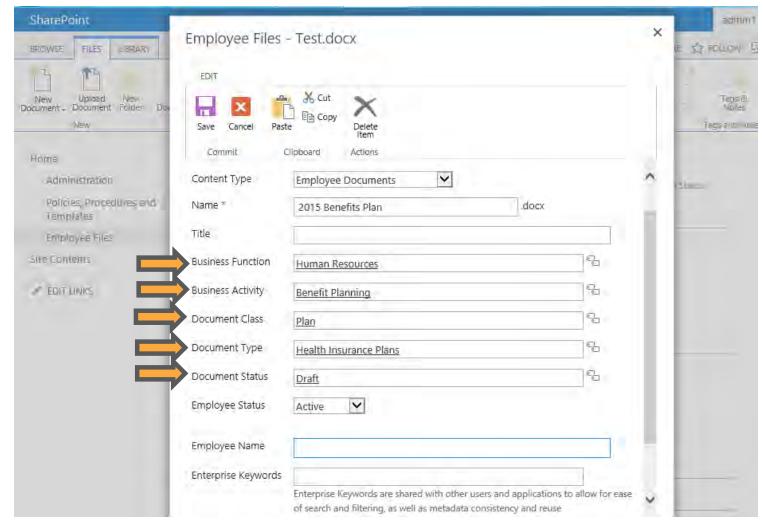
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# **Default metadata tagging**



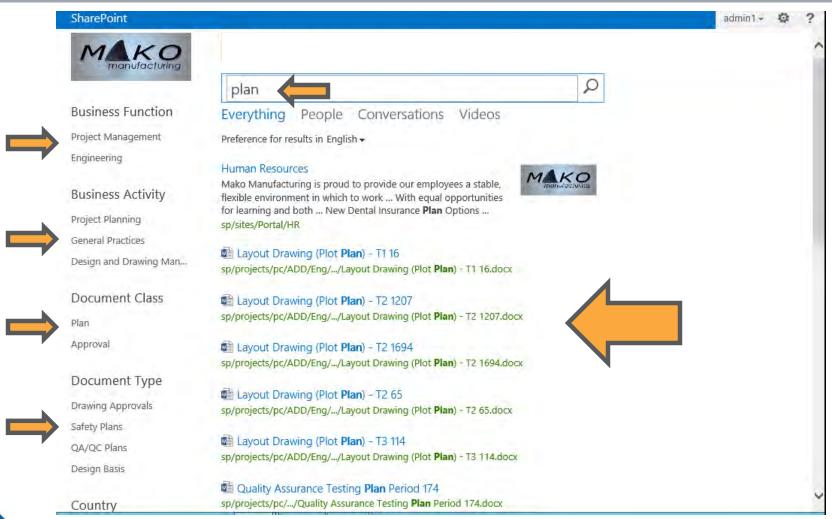


# **Default metadata tagging**





# **Improved Search**





Off-the-Shelf Faceted Taxonomies



# Acordis™



### **Proven Faceted Taxonomies**

Acordis™ allows organizations to classify information in a consistent manner so the information can be found when needed, regardless of who created it and where it is stored.

With the explosion of electronic content, organizations are challenged by having information in too many places without any consistent classification or tagging. Instead of leveraging what they have, knowledge workers find themselves recreating content, being forced to make decisions without all the facts, and feeling the pain of sorting through multiple names for the same item when responding to eDiscovery requests.

Acordis™ is an out-of-the-box taxonomy that can be applied to any repository. Access Sciences currently offers Acordis™ with facets and terms covering general business processes, as well as add-on modules for specific industries (such as Oil & Gas). Acordis™ comes pre-loaded in a full-function taxonomy management application, allowing an organization to customize and maintain it as well as other taxonomies. For those interested in just the basic information, Acordis™ can also be delivered in an Adobe pdf file.



# Acordis™

- Enables consistent classification so information can be found when needed
- Can be used out of the box and/or customized with additional facets and terms
- General business facets plus add-on taxonomies for oil and gas, education, and other industries
- Constructed based on how an organization does its business vs. subject categories alone
- Comes with descriptions of facets and terms
- Can be applied to any content repository
- Can be delivered in a taxonomy management tool

# Acordis™

- Accommodates synonyms in the version delivered within a taxonomy management application. This allows users to classify information using familiar terms and search for it using those terms while Acordis™ stores the information under common, preferred corporate terms
- Acordis™ is records aware, meaning each information type can be mapped to a common set of regulatory requirements
- Includes pre-coordination of core facets -- Business Function,
   Business Process, Information Type, and Information Class -- to facilitate automated classification/tagging



# Acordis<sup>™</sup> works with the entire Access Sciences Product Suite



# **Content**Logic<sup>™</sup>





Content Migration, Classification, & Clean up

Acordis<sup>™</sup> provides a classification scheme for target repository in a content migration

Records Retention Schedule
Development and Management

Acordis<sup>™</sup> provides a Classification Scheme where each Information Type maps to a single record series

Users can classify using the

Acordis<sup>™</sup> taxonomy and systems
can classify the document to the
right record series automatically

SharePoint Site Design and Deployment Methodology

Acordis™ provides a classification scheme for a SharePoint™ folder or library structure, enabling auto tagging



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