# SQUIRREL

Reducing costs in SharePoint Online doesn't have to be hard





## **Introducing Squirrel**

**Transforming Document Archiving** 





Squirrel is an innovative software as a service (SaaS) designed to optimise document archiving in SharePoint online. Traditional document management often leads to inefficiencies in data storage and compliance risks. Many Organisations face escalating SharePoint online costs due to the increasing volume of data stored in SharePoint.



By seamlessly archiving documents based on lifecycle policies, squirrel reduces SharePoint online storage costs.

### Key Benefits of Squirrel





Improved Efficiency and Productivity



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Automated Document **Archiving Process** 



Great User Experience



Enhanced Compliance and Security



SharePoint Reporting and Analytics



Scalability and Flexibility



### How Squirrel Works

Squirrel automates the movement of SharePoint Online documents to Azure Blob Storage based on predefined lifecycle policies.

This process reduces the need for manual intervention and ensures that documents are archived systematically and consistently.

When a document is archived, Squirrel automatically creates a stub file in SharePoint. The stub file retains the original document's name, allowing it to remain searchable and accessible within SharePoint.

Users can access the archived documents directly from SharePoint.

Clicking on a stub file triggers Squirrel to seamlessly retrieve the full document from Azure Blob Storage, ensuring a transparent user experience.

All data transferred and stored is encrypted, adhering to strict security standards. Squirrel also maintains detailed logs for compliance and auditing purposes, ensuring that all document movements are welldocumented and traceable.

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Squirrel Security





#### Authentication

Squirrel seamlessly integrates with your company's Azure Active Directory (Entra AD / Azure AD), leveraging the robust security of your existing Azure Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) solution.

This integration ensures that only verified users can access the system, enhancing overall security.

Administrator access is strictly limited to the essential SharePoint Administrators who require it, thereby reducing the risk of unauthorized access and maintaining tight control over your SharePoint environment.

With Squirrel, you can trust that your document management is both secure and efficient.

### **Data Encryption**

Squirrel ensures the highest level of security by encrypting all data both in transit and at rest. This means your sensitive information is protected from the moment it leaves your device until it is securely stored. Squirrel's encryption meets the standards defined in RFC 8032 and FIPS 186-5.

Additionally, files are efficiently compressed and saved within your Azure Storage Account.

This not only optimises storage space but also ensures quick retrieval and management of your archived documents.

With Squirrel, you can be confident that your data is secure, efficiently managed, and easily accessible when needed.



# Squirrel Archiving



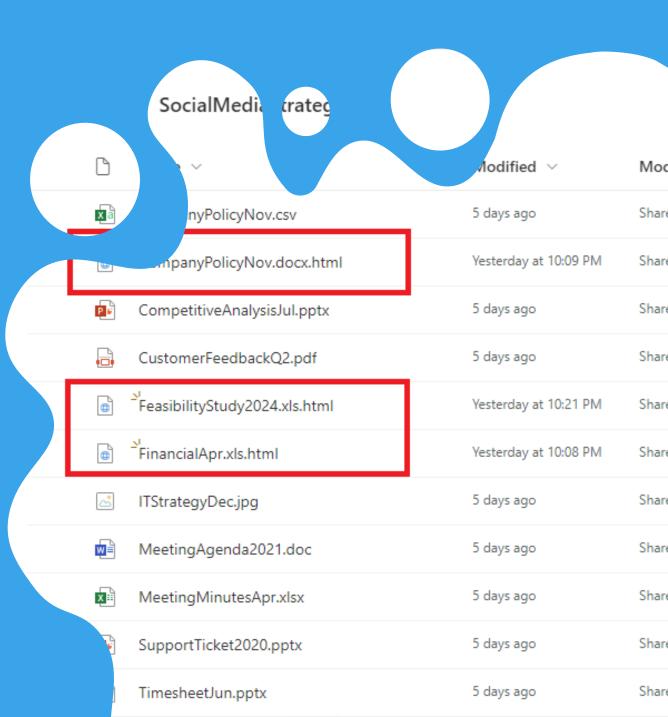
## File Archiving

Squirrel offers a robust global lifecycle policy for archiving files, ensuring consistent management across your entire Organisation.

Additionally, you have the flexibility to set individual lifecycle policies for each SharePoint site, tailoring the archiving process to meet specific needs.

Squirrel archives all versions of your SharePoint documents, including the original file, based on criteria such as last accessed and last modified dates.

To maintain seamless user experience, it leaves an HTML stub file in place of the archived file. This stub allows for easy retrieval of the original document with a few clicks, ensuring that your workflow remains uninterrupted while optimising storage and maintaining compliance.



# Squirrel Rehydration



#### **Welcome to Squirrel Restore Process**

Please click the link below to restore the archived file

#### File Restore Request Details:

Filename to Restore: BudgetForecastJan.doc

SharePoint Site: https://smikar0.sharepoint.com/sites/Finance

Full File URL: https://smikar0.sharepoint.com/sites/Finance/Shared Documents/SOP\_StandardOperatingProcedure/BudgetForecastJan.doc

SiteGUID: fed195e6-8f41-47d7-a534-1db0f463172c

FileGUID: 976672d6-95a8-448a-8754-84f1a98eb91d

Click here to restore file to its original location

#### Stub File

Squirrel replaces each file it archives to Azure Storage with a HTML Stub file, using the same name as the original file.

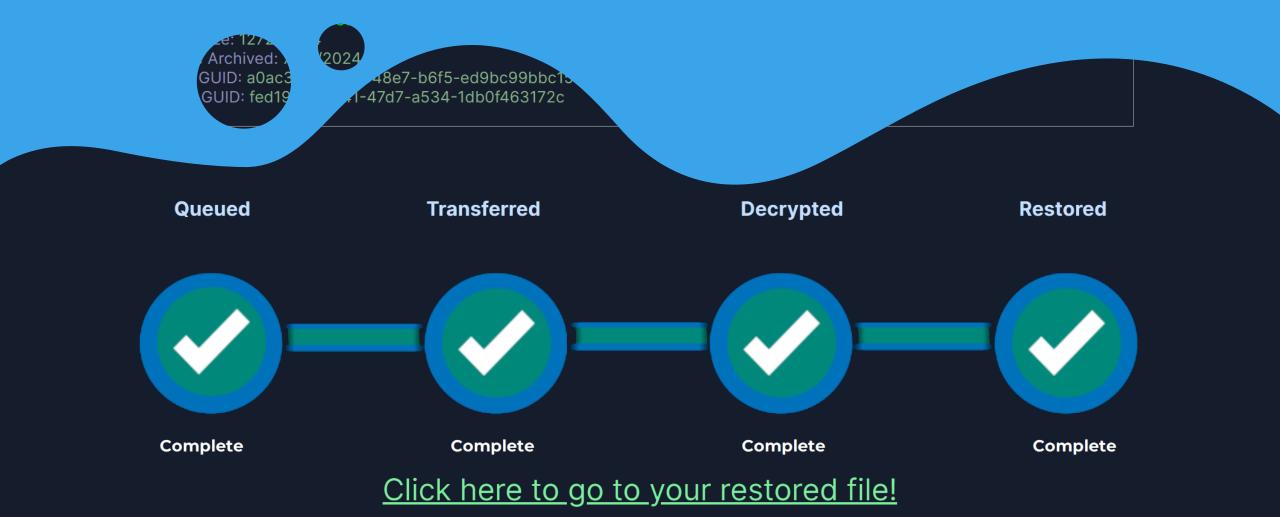
Should a user click on this stub file, either from SharePoint directly or from a synchronised or mapped SharePoint drive, they will be presented with the shown screen.

They simply Right Click and choose Open now to start the restore process.

## User Restore Process

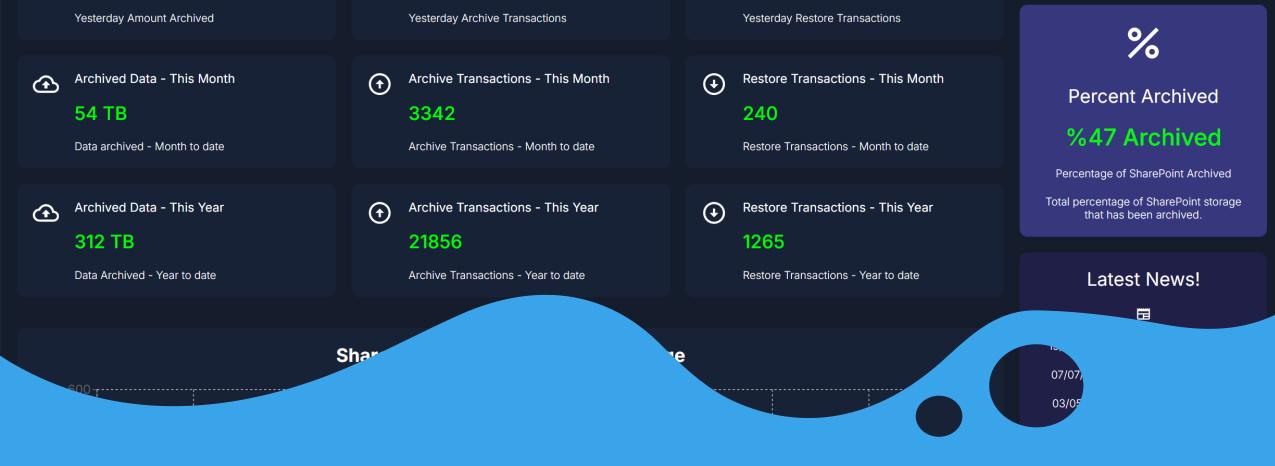
The users will now be presented with a webpage, which will automatically step through and update the page throughout the rehydration process.

Once the file is restored the users will then be prompted to take them to the original file, where they can open and edit it on SharePoint as they need.



Squirrel Admin Portal





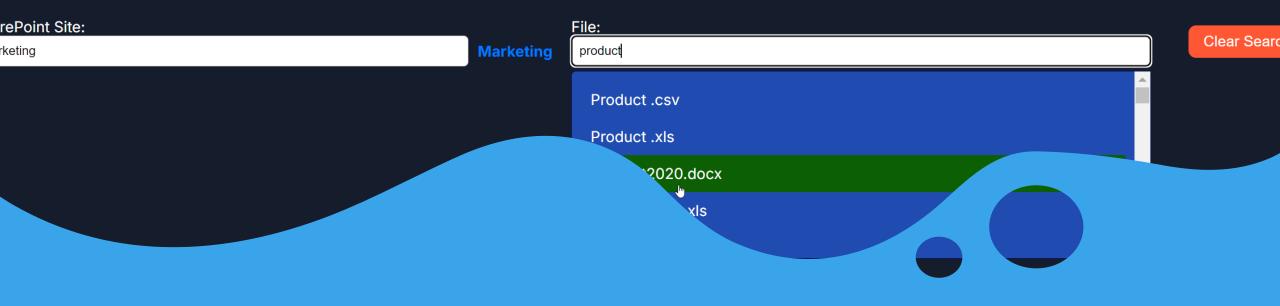
# Squirrel Dashboard

The Dashboard of Squirrel, offering a comprehensive overview of the system's performance and usage.

It includes metrics such as total archived data, archive and restore transactions, and cost savings.

The interface also features a graph comparing SharePoint and Azure (Squirrel) storage over time, visually demonstrating the platform's impact on storage optimization and cost reduction.

#### **Search Squirrel**



The search area of Squirrel is designed for admins to efficiently manage documents within SharePoint sites.

Admins can search for specific files, view detailed information like archival status and last access date, and, depending on the file's status, either restore or archive it directly from the search results, ensuring seamless document management.

Search

# Archived Files

The Archived Files page is shown here, displaying a list of various file types that have been archived.

Each file entry includes details such as filename, date archived, site GUID, and uncompressed size.

The "Restore" action button for each file allows for quick retrieval when needed.

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	CompetitiveAnalysisQ3.jpg	21/07/2024 07:07:11	fed195e6-8f41-47d7-a534-1db0f463172c	163,814,990 bytes	Restore
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# Billing History

Billing History shows all your Squirrel Invoices and can email yourself a copy of any of the invoices.

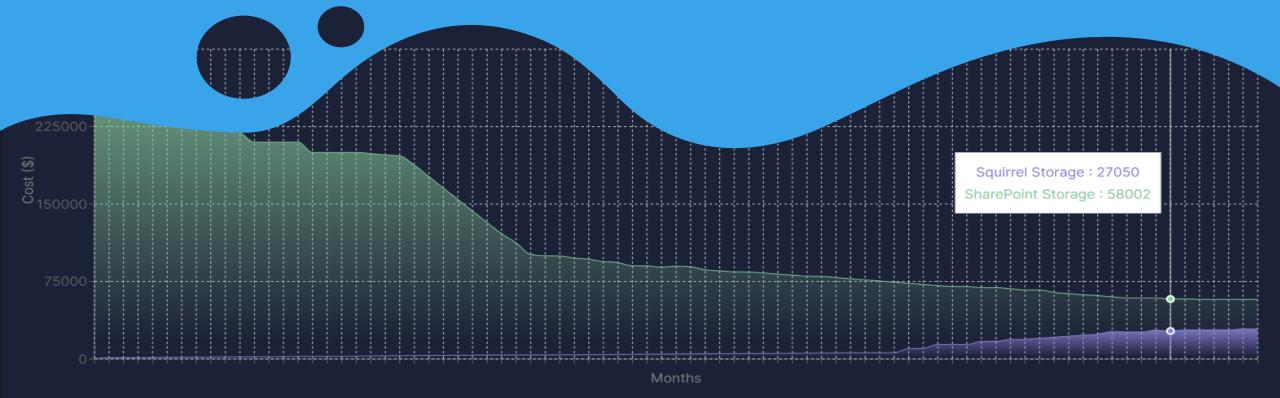
This billing overview allows administrators to track and manage costs associated with their file archiving and storage.

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	INV-002	1100	20	10	10	10	01/04/2024	Send
Restored Files	INV-003	1200	2500	5000	5000	2000	01/04/2024	Send
	INV-004	1300	2500	2500	2500	2000	01/04/2024	Send
Orphaned Files	INV-005	1400	2500	2500	2500	2000	01/04/2024	Send
Billing & Analytics	INV-006	1500	2500	2500	2500	2000	01/04/2024	Send
Billing History	INV-007	1600	2500	2500	2500	2000	01/04/2024	Send
	INV-008	1700	2500	2500	2500	2000	01/04/2024	Send
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### Cost

The SharePoint vs Azure (Squirrel) Storage chart highlights Squirrel's significant impact on storage allocation. As SharePoint storage decreases over time, Squirrel Storage in Azure increases, demonstrating the shift to cost-effective cloud storage.

This visual representation shows how Squirrel optimises your SharePoint environment, reducing SharePoint storage costs while maintaining data accessibility through efficient cloud archiving.

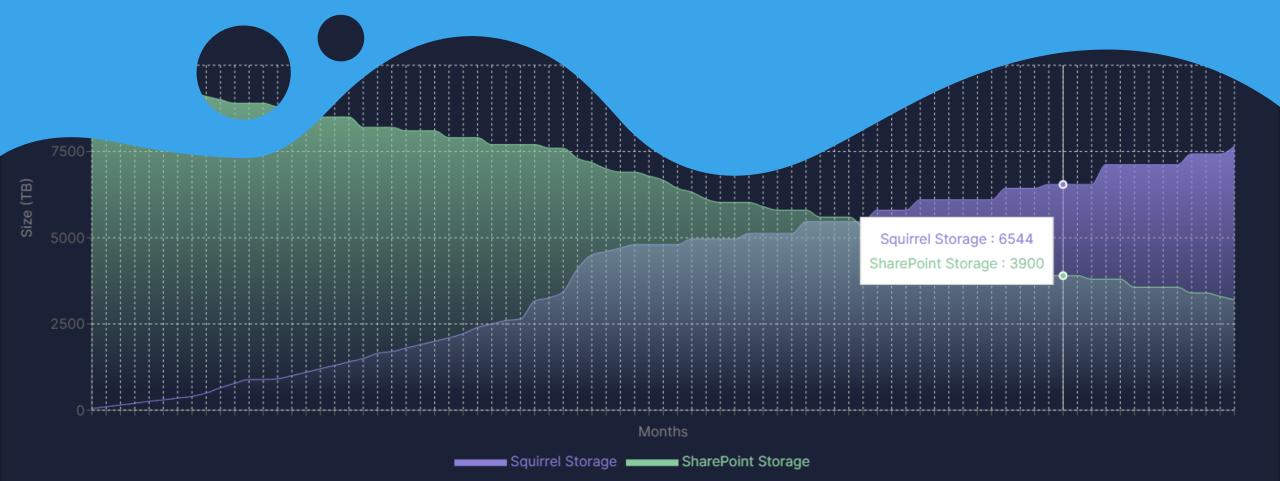


Squirrel Storage SharePoint Storage

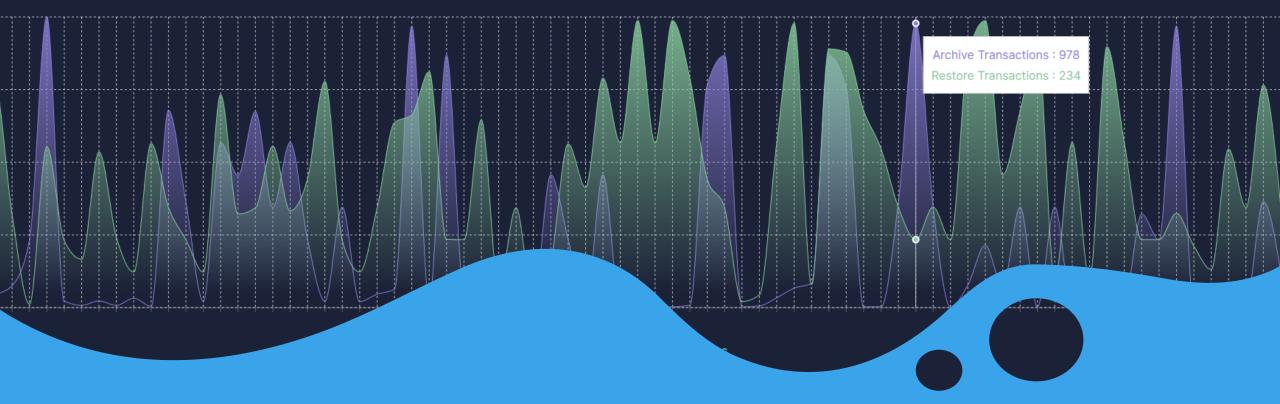
### Storage

The SharePoint vs Azure (Squirrel) Storage chart illustrates the significant impact of Squirrel on your storage allocation over time. As shown in the graph, SharePoint storage (green) gradually decreases while Squirrel storage in Azure (purple) increases.

By archiving less frequently accessed files to Azure, Squirrel helps optimise your SharePoint storage costs and enhances data management.



#### **Archive / Restore Monthly Transactions**



#### Transactions

The Transactions Graph illustrates the monthly activity of SharePoint Archives and Squirrel Restores.

It provides a clear comparison between the number of archive transactions and restore transactions over time.

This visual representation highlights the balance and frequency of data being archived and restored, showcasing the efficiency and effectiveness of Squirrel.

# Site Size Reporting

With Squirrel's Site Analytics, gain a bird's-eye view of your SharePoint ecosystem. Our Top 20 Sites by Total Size chart helps you pinpoint which areas are consuming the most storage.

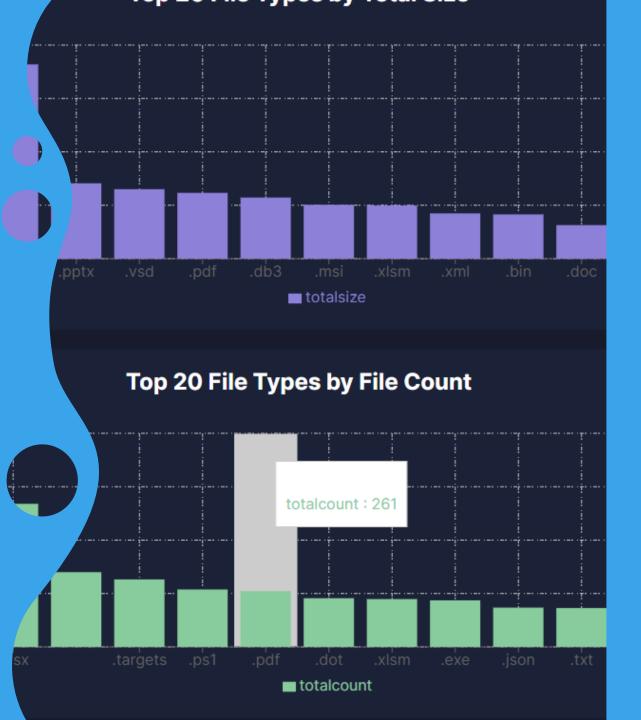
The interactive Site Size History graph tracks growth over time, enabling you to forecast future storage needs and implement proactive archiving policies.

By understanding these trends, you can strategically manage your SharePoint resources, ensuring optimal performance while controlling costs.

#### Top 20 Sites by Total Size







# File Type Reporting

Squirrel's File Type Reporting feature provides invaluable insights into your SharePoint data composition.

Our intuitive charts showcase the top 20 file types by total size and count, allowing you to quickly identify storage-heavy formats and understand your content distribution.

### **Rest APIs**

Squirrel offers Rest APIs that you can query for information like:

- **Site Size Information**: Retrieve detailed metrics on the size of SharePoint sites.
- File Statistics: Access comprehensive data on files, including count, type, and usage.
- Archive Statistics: Monitor and report on archived files, including status and history.
- Storage Statistics: Obtain insights into storage utilization across SharePoint and Azure Blob Storage.
- File Type Graphs: Visualise data on file types stored within the system.
- Direct Archive Calls: Initiate archiving of documents directly through the API.
- **Direct Restore Calls**: Restore archived documents seamlessly via API requests.

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# Global Settings

Administrators can use this interface to fine-tune Squirrel, so that it operates to your requirements.

The settings cover various configurations, from archiving rules and email alerts to your Azure environment settings.

Additionally, it is where you create and manage the global archive policy, setting overarching rules that apply across all sites unless overridden by individual site policies.

# Site Archive Settings

Here, you can set individual Site Archive Policy Settings to customize archiving rules for each site, overriding the global settings configured in Squirrel.

You can also whitelist an entire site, preventing Squirrel from archiving any files within that site.

This flexibility allows you to create tailored retention policies for specific sites, ensuring that critical or frequently accessed data remains easily accessible.

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