

IBM® Export for FileNet® Image Manager

*Exporting of any set of files as documents from
IBM FileNet Image Services into the filesystem*



Highlights

Exporting high volumes of documents fast and easy from *IBM FileNet Image Services*

Controlled by text files and configuration

Service Offering

Runtime Version per *IBM FileNet Image Services System*

Installation and Configuration Support

Support and Maintenance Services

Very often our customers need to export thousands of documents from *IBM FileNet Image Services* in a very short period of time. *IBM Export for FileNet Image Manager*, former known as *FetchIt*, is an application for exporting documents in a fast and easy to use manner from *IBM FileNet Image Services (IM)*. Files to be exported will be taken to the file system and can be of any file format. Checkpoint and restart capabilities help IT to run their business smoothly.

Solution Description

IBM Export for FileNet Image Manager runs as a command line tool and interprets “input files” which specify the details, namely which documents to export and on which properties the retrieval should be done. *IBM Export for FileNet Image Manager* can be called either for a list of explicitly named input files or for a complete directory (or directory tree), and be run just once or in loop mode. The export can be done in an *IBM FileNet BatchIt* conform input format (configuration) for later import into an IBM FileNet backend without any additional process steps.

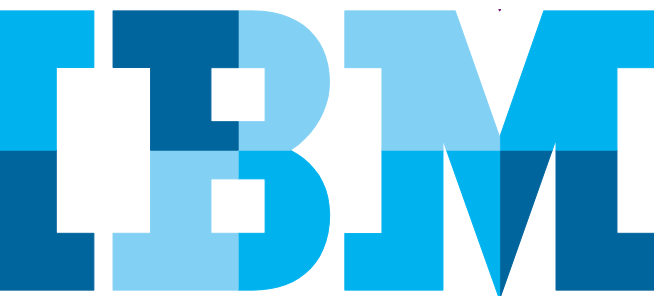
IBM Export for FileNet Image Manager consists of one executable file and a suite of library files that contain the functionality, plus a set of message files which map internal error codes to text messages – those are delivered in German and English; if required, they can be translated into other languages.

Configuration File

This file is used to set a lot of options for *IBM Export for FileNet Image Manager*. A sample file is delivered with the package, detailed instruction are contained in the manual. On demand, IBM Software Services scan provide guidance and support on setup and optimal usage, as a paid service.

Input File

These ASCII files contain all necessary information about the documents to be exported including document class and the property values to be set. One file can serve to export any number of documents – just one or up to millions. The syntax is easy and has been adopted by many customers and providers for years.



Processing in Phases

IBM Export for FileNet Image Manager does its job in a sequence of phases. A preprocessing phase checks for correctness. The restore phase does the main job of exporting. Optionally phases are the prefetch phase, to increase the export performance or the remove phase to delete exported documents from page cache. Further options can be a report phase for flexible reporting to make the administration easier and more efficient.

In case of dynamic failure, an automatic recover mechanism can be used to retry the part that failed. For that purpose, an intermediate “control file” keeps track of the progress for each input file.

Technical Information

IBM Export for FileNet Image Manager is a client program built on top of *IBM FileNet Image Services Toolkit 4.0 /4.1* (ISTK, formerly known as WAL) and available for all platforms that this toolkit supports. If employed on Microsoft® Windows® platforms, *IBM FileNet IDM Desktop* can serve as a substrate instead of *IBM FileNet Image Services Toolkit*.

To export documents from *IBM FileNet Image Services*, *IBM Export for FileNet Image Manager* requires a user-account with appropriate access rights and consumes one SLU (per instance).

IBM Export for FileNet Image Manager is licensed per *IBM FileNet Image Services* system.

Supported Versions

- IBM FileNet Image Services >= 4.1

For support of non listed versions please contact the Germany Asset Support Center of the ECM Software Services team, reachable via email: gerasc@de.ibm.com

Cross References

To archive documents, *IBM FileNet BatchIt* is available.

IBM FileNet AFPArchiver serves to store high volumes of AFP documents, whereas *IBM FileNet TEXTimport* is available for archiving print lists efficiently.

All solutions are available for *IBM FileNet Image Services* as well as *IBM FileNet Content Manager(CE)*.

Use Cases

- Central export tool for *IBM FileNet Image Services* migrations for document import at later time into a new IBM backend.
- Ex- and import channel must be split due to an additional process step before importing i.e. like changing document classes or converting documents with old formats to a new format.
- Customer uses an old *IBM FileNet Image Services* version where CFS for *IBM FileNet Content Manager* migration is NOT available.
- Customer already uses *IBM FileNet BatchItCE* and won't use an additional tool (CFS) for migration.



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