Sitecore Experience Accelerator Upgrade Guide

SXA 1.5

Step by step guide to the Sitecore Experience Accelerator 1.5 upgrade and conversion process

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1.1 Prerequisites

The Sitecore Experience Accelerator (SXA) 1.5 is a complete SXA version that you can install separately or use to upgrade from a previous version. To use it as full installation package, refer to the installation guide.

The prerequisites for running this update:

1. Sitecore Experience Platform 8.2 update 5 or 9.0 initial release.

2. Sitecore PowerShell Extensions: full 4.7 version

1.2   Installing the package

Before upgrading the platform to Sitecore 9:

- Delete the `Sitecore.XA.*.config` files in the following folders:
  - ` App Config\Include\Feature`
  - `App Config\Include\Foundation`
  - `App Config\Include\Foundation.Overrides`
  - `App Config\Include\z.Feature.Overrides`
  - `App Config\Include\z.Foundation.Overrides`

Before upgrading the platform to Sitecore 8.2 update 5:

- If there are no search providers customizations:
  - Comment out all of the events in the `Sitecore.XA.Foundation.Multisite.config` file:
    `Website\App_Config\Include\Foundation\Sitecore.XA.Foundation.Multisite.config`
  - Disable or delete all SXA search providers configs in the `z.Foundation.Overrides` file:
    `Website\App_Config\Include\ z.Foundation.Overrides`
- If there are search provider customizations, for example, custom fields or fields types, some index exclusions, or a field reader:
  - Move the search configs to a temporary folder.
  - Comment out all of the events in the `Sitecore.XA.Foundation.Multisite.config` file:
    `Website\App_Config\Include\Foundation\Sitecore.XA.Foundation.Multisite.config`
  - Disable all the SXA search providers configs in the `z.Foundation.Overrides` file:
    `Website\App_Config\Include\ z.Foundation.Override`
  - Apply customization to the search config files after upgrading.

Note
Make sure that you have updated your platform to Sitecore 8.2 update 5 or Sitecore 9 initial release before installing SXA 1.5.

To install the package:

1. Download the SXA 1.5 package from the Sitecore Downloads page.
2. On the Sitecore Launchpad, click **Control Panel**.
3. In the **Control Panel**, in the **Administration** section, click **Install a package,** to open the Installation Wizard.
4. Click **Upload package** and follow the steps to upload the SXA package to Sitecore.
5. Click **Next** and follow the steps to install the package.
6. Before you close the wizard, select **Restart the Sitecore Client** and **Restart the Sitecore Server**.

After installing the package:

1. Uncomment the events in the `Sitecore.XA.Foundation.Multisite.config` file:

Website\App_Config\Include\Foundation\Sitecore.XA.Foundation.Multisite.config

1. Enable all the SXA search providers configs in the file `z.Foundation.Overrides` file:

   `Website\App_Config\Include\ z.Foundation.Overrides`

2. Rebuild the Search Indexes:

   1) On the Sitecore Launchpad, click **Control Panel.**

   2) Click **Indexing** and in the **Indexing Manager**, select the indexes that you want to rebuild.

After upgrading your site to SXA 1.5:

- Publish the site by clicking **Publish Site**. Use the Smart Publish option.

1.3 Updating existing sites

After you install the SXA 1.5 package on top of SXA 1.2, SXA 1.3, or SXA 1.4, the **Experience Accelerator Content Upgrade Required** message appears.

To use the SXA upgrade tool:

1. In the message, click **Upgrade** to start the upgrade procedure.

   The **PowerShell Script Results** dialog displays all the upgrade steps for your installation. Every upgrade step comes with a title, a description, and additional options (if any).

2. Click **Upgrade**.

   Before executing each upgrade step, you can decide to have a **Dry run**. A dry run tests this upgrade step and creates a log of all content changes before the upgrade script starts. To apply the changes click **Proceed**.