



MICROSOFT TECHNOLOGY MIGRATION SERVICE

STREAMLINE YOUR IT INTEGRATION PROCESS
FOLLOWING A MERGER OR ACQUISITION



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Most mergers and acquisitions are made for solid business reasons but combining two or more entities often proves to be challenging. Nowhere is this more evident than when attempting to integrate the technology environments of multiple companies. Combining IT assets including on-premises and cloud environments often provides obstacles that can significantly slow the merging of two businesses. Even when both entities are operating in a Microsoft environment, integration challenges can be significant.

Effective integration of Microsoft 365 and Active Directory tenants is especially critical when it comes to security.

Each entity often has its own security stack, and the fragmented security profile may not meet the standards required to be competitive. Security is essential not only to protect the business, but also to ensure the combined business can grow safely and profitably.

Acquiring companies with Microsoft technology often require that the merged company utilize a single Office 365 and Azure tenant. This standardizes the infrastructure and enables the use of the latest technological advancements in an ever-evolving cloud platform.



The Neway Solution

Neway Technologies streamlines the process of establishing a unified Microsoft environment for two or more merged companies. Our proven process leverages a wide range of SaaS services for communications, collaboration, and security to a Microsoft 365 and Azure-based environment that will support existing and future business logic applications and workloads for the merged company.

The Neway solution consists of a structured, six step plan customized for your specific needs:

STEP

1

Discovery

This phase includes the identification and refinement of:

- Business requirements
- Security requirements
- Technical requirements
- End-user requirements

IN ADDITION, THE DISCOVERY PHASE INCLUDES:

- ✓ **Existing Infrastructure Review** – Deep dive into areas such as existing Office 365 environment, Active Directory group and membership and identity management, Network & VPN.
- ✓ **Project Governance** – Identification of project-specific requirements for the overall project governance. This will include resource allocations, communication plan, status meetings, checkpoints, change management, and risk management.
- ✓ **Envision** - The vision for the solution addresses all aspects of the engagement and develops success criteria which is a direct response to your requirements and vision.
- ✓ **Exchange and Office 365 Services** – Focus on discovering and mapping the existing Exchange environment, connectivity to Office 365 and its used services and configuration.

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2

Assessment

During this step, we review and analyze all collected information. This is critical to:

- ✓ Ensure **data consistency and accuracy** by reviewing collected data to uncover and resolve discrepancies or mismatches.
- ✓ **Identify dependencies** between users or between services or applications that may have a direct impact on the order of migration or even the ability to migrate some objects at all.
- ✓ **Identify gaps and showstoppers** between the different environment, which could potentially have a negative impact on the migration.

- ✓ **Gain insights** into the full breadth of the project and what is needed to successfully complete the migration.
- ✓ **Understand business processes** so we can address future needs for growth as part of the migration and end state goal for the unified company. This is crucial as we prioritize company needs and assess the best migration route.

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3

Design

Developing the solution design includes understanding the different components required for the solution, the way they work, connect, and are configured.

During this phase we present and discuss alternatives to ensure that the ultimate solution meets your needs.

WE CONDUCT DESIGN WORKSHOPS TO HELP WITH:

- ✓ Development of a high-level design and migration approach for servers.
- ✓ Development of a high-level design and migration approach for Office 365 services, user authentication services, SSO applications, endpoint management, and MFA.

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4

Plan

With the design completed and a clear goal agreed upon, we then develop the various plans and processes we will be following to get from the current state to the designed state.

This phase consists of:

- ✓ Developing a build plan that outlines the tasks required to build and configure any new required infrastructure component.
- ✓ Establishing the migration plan consisting of the procedures required for all migration tasks including preparation and validation of objects, testing, and post-migration tasks.
- ✓ Creating an end-user communications plan aimed at minimizing impact to the individuals who will be operating in the new environment.
- ✓ Developing a rollback plan for different aspects of the migration in the unlikely event of a needed rollback, as well as identifying the “point of no return.”

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Migration

During the migration phase, we act on the defined plans, prepare the environment, and move objects and data from source to destinations as defined in the design document. We finish this phase with post-migration support and cleanup as required.

This phase includes:

- ✓ Ensuring there are no blockers in place by conducting a dependency resolution and initiating resolution actions as needed.
- ✓ Preparing the infrastructure to ensure all components and configuration elements are ready.
- ✓ Testing and stabilizing the environment, usually through pilot testing against requirements. This ensures that the new environment is performing as expected.
- ✓ Finalizing migration lists and updating mappings with deltas of information accumulated since initial mapping.
- ✓ Requesting a change freeze to avoid further changes during a defined period prior to migration. During this period, we collect information on needed changes so they can be considered during the migration.
- ✓ Authenticating and migrating workloads, workstations, and servers.

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Post Migration

Migrations are complicated and often require additional work prior to completion of the engagement. During this phase we provide support and ensure that all issues caused by the migration are resolved.

The **naway** ADVANTAGE

With your critical applications and operations running on the Microsoft cloud, you need a partner, like Naway, who is **100% dedicated to the Microsoft platform.**

About Naway Technologies

Established in 2004, Naway Technologies provides unparalleled expertise across the Microsoft platform on a global scale. Our solutions incorporate delivering measurable business outcomes through innovative solutions leveraging Microsoft technologies and infrastructure solutions, both on-premises and in the cloud, including Security, Microsoft 365, Azure, Teams, SharePoint, and more. Our customers represent a broad range of industries including technology and communications, manufacturing, finance, government, and defense.

- Microsoft Tier 1 Cloud Solution Provider (Direct)
- Azure Expert MSP
- Microsoft Advanced Specializations:
 - » Modernization of Web Applications to Microsoft Azure
 - » Adoption and Change Management
 - » Calling for Microsoft Teams
 - » Meetings and Meeting Rooms for Microsoft Teams
 - » Threat Protection
 - » Windows Virtual Desktop
 - » Information Protection & Governance
- Access to Microsoft funding programs
- FastTrack Ready Partner
- Customized solutions through modular managed services
- Insight into the Microsoft roadmap to help you effectively plan for upgrades and enhancements
- Expertise in Microsoft licensing and subscriptions to help you optimize your entitlement and reduce your overall spend
- Comprehensive architecture, design, deployment, management, and adoption solutions