

MICROSOFT 365 MIGRATION SERVICES

Achieve A Secure, Agile, and Cost-Effective Hybrid Cloud

Microsoft Office has long-been the preferred productivity solution for organizations large and small. Microsoft 365 allows businesses to enjoy the same productivity, communication, and collaboration tools on a cloud platform. That means, instead of burdening your IT organization with the management of Exchange Servers and keeping Office functionality current, your users can have instant access to the latest features and security updates automatically.

AN EASY PATH TO INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY

If Microsoft services are “mission critical” in your organization, you’ll want to ensure a smooth transition to Microsoft 365. Technologent Migration Services for Microsoft 365 can help you rapidly and smoothly transition your current Exchange Servers to take full advantage of Microsoft 365.

OUR APPROACH TO MICROSOFT 365 MIGRATIONS

We’ve helped hundreds of organizations complete their migration, so we know how to minimize any disruptions to your business. Our team will recommend the appropriate migration approach by first analyzing your current environment and discussing your business goals.

The type of migration plan we recommend is driven by several factors including:

- The amount of data and objects to be migrated to Microsoft 365
- The long-term migration or co-existence requirements
- Usage of non-Exchange email servers
- Project timeframe

After we complete our analysis, a project manager will create a unique project plan for your organization. Your project manager will also serve as a single point of contact throughout the migration and monitor all activities that need to be performed by the migration team.

MICROSOFT 365 MIGRATION SERVICES CAN HELP YOU:

- Migrate to Microsoft 365 quickly for a faster ROI
- Reduce risks such as noncompliance, downtime, or data loss
- Accelerate Microsoft 365 adoption
- Ensure the privacy and protection of your files and documents
- Stay up to date with the most current release and patches

COMMON MICROSOFT 365 MIGRATION METHODOLOGIES

One of the most common questions we get asked is whether a migration can be completed all at once or in stages. Either approach works, but you need to choose the right approach for your business. Here's a look at the most common Microsoft 365 migration methodologies.

CUTOVER METHODOLOGY

The cutover approach is often the fastest, but it is typically only used by organizations with 150 users or less. In addition, this method should only be employed when you're not going to be operating in a hybrid mode. Finally, two additional advantages of this approach are that it requires no additional servers and no offboarding.

STAGED METHODOLOGY

A staged migration approach is often used when organizations are migrating from on-premises versions of Exchange Server 2003 or 2007. In a staged migration, we'll move mailboxes to Microsoft 365 in phases. Once the migration is complete, all mailboxes will be hosted in Microsoft 365. This approach is ideal for bulk migrations because it allows you to select users with similar profiles (e.g., in the same department) and migrate them together. With a staged migration, users in Microsoft 365 can continue to send and receive emails from on-premise users and vice-versa.

HYBRID METHODOLOGY

The hybrid methodology is a little more complex, but if you're migrating a lot of users or want to use Microsoft in a hybrid mode, it offers the control and flexibility you need. It also allows for a single sign-on between Active Directory and Microsoft 365. When using the hybrid methodology with customers, we often take a phased approach by grouping users into logical migration batches. Some additional tools, such as Azure AD Connect, are required.

INTERNET MESSAGE ACCESS PROTOCOL (IMAP) METHODOLOGY

This migration methodology has a limited use case; however, it is often used by organizations that aren't using Microsoft Exchange Servers. This approach extracts information from your source mailboxes and then pushes it to Microsoft 365. IMAP migrations do not include calendar, contacts, notes, or other items types. There is also a limit of 5,000,000 items and 50,000 total mailboxes.

THE BEST APPROACH

Cutover migration is similar to a single batch move and suitable for small organizations.

Staged migration moves mailboxes in batches and is suitable for medium-sized organizations.

Hybrid migration is feature-rich migration that enables you to natively move mailboxes.

IMAP migration is ideal for organizations that aren't using Exchange Server.

ABOUT TECHNOLOGENT

Technologent is a Global Provider of Edge-to-Edge™ Information Technology solutions and services for Fortune 1000 companies. We help our clients outpace the new digital economy by creating IT environments that are agile, flexible, efficient, transparent and secure. Without these characteristics, companies will miss the opportunity to optimally scale. Technologent mobilizes the power of technology to turn our clients' vision into reality, enabling them to focus on driving innovation, increasing productivity and outperforming the market.

Each migration method has advantages and disadvantages. Keep in mind that you can minimize any negative impacts by conducting a pre-assessment of the source email environment and choosing the ideal migration type for your organization's needs.