

Exchange to 365: The Plan for Moving to the Cloud

Migrating your email system to the cloud is a wise choice. On average, a cloud-based email system can save roughly 35% a year in comparison to on-premises installations. Migrating from Exchange to Office 365 is a very popular decision for many companies today.

“Retain has centralized all email retention and the built-in single instance technology allows a far greater amount of data to be stored. Now running for over a year at Historic Royal Palaces, the speed of search within Retain, even across many thousands of records, is impressively fast.”

ROB ELLNER
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Before you make the move from Exchange to Office 365, there are important considerations you need to address. You need a quick and efficient way to migrate all your data, including:

- Mailboxes
- Calendar items
- Email
- Address books
- Users
- Tasks
- Folders

Simplify the Migration Process with Micro Focus—Securely Migrate to Office 365

Micro Focus® Retain™ Cloud provides multi-platform unified message archiving, eDiscovery, and publishing for organizations looking to reduce costs, manage complexity, and mitigate risk on-premises or in the cloud. Retain specializes in efficiently and thoroughly extracting, storing, indexing, searching, publishing, and importing email and its associated data. During the extraction process, Retain copies email data into its email platform-agnostic archive format.

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Once your email data is archived with Retain, you can easily import this data, all or part, into any other email system, including Office 365. Then start archiving the new email platform. Your end users can also access, search, and restore the archived data via the Retain Outlook plugin. It is a seamless user experience.

Benefits of Migrating with Office 365

Lower Cost: Many migration utilities are expensive, require specialized consultants, and are never used after the task is completed. Retain provides the tools and services necessary to perform your migration. Additionally, it provides an enterprise archiving solution with a complete set of forensic tools that work to keep your intellectual property safe and within your control before, during, and after a migration. The compressed storage footprint of Retain reduces backup time, takes advantage of lower cost storage, and saves network bandwidth. With your email safe in Retain, you never need to worry about local archives or PST files as all email copies are imported into Retain.



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Reduced Risk: By having your email stored in your data center—instead of on Microsoft’s cloud—in an email platform-agnostic format, this allows you to choose or switch messaging systems as you desire, which allows you to retain control of your data. If complications arise, you have access to a world-class support team, with Micro Focus’s seasoned support staff and technical partners, who have supported messaging environments for over 10 years. In the case of Internet downtime, Retain stores all your email within your LAN so your email is safe and accessible. Legal hold and proprietary customer information is safely stored away from any potential harm during the whole process.

Minimize User Downtime: With Retain your users are free to access their email through any web browser anytime during or after migration and they can reintroduce their email into Office 365. Retain’s simplified search

requires no training and all email is presented exactly as it was stored in the email system. Retain is uniquely capable of simultaneously supporting multiple email platforms, which allows you the ability to phase in your users.

Increased Efficiency: You choose which data (email, tasks, folders, calendar items, or address books) to migrate, according to your schedule while still having access to old and slow moving data. For Cloud migrations, all data is transferred in compressed format ensuring quicker transfers (e.g., email with multiple recipients are moved once, not once per mailbox).

Eliminate Hassle: Generate valuable reports on personal archive locations, mailbox sizes, rules, and shared folders. This allows your team to determine time and resource requirements to plan the best approach to manage the migration and ensure success.

Basic Office 365 Archiving Has a Number of Deficiencies, Including:

Retain Solves These Deficiencies:

Office 365 has no search or publishing tools	Retain provides advanced search and publishing tools. Data is easily searched and exported through the built-in publishing tools.
Office 365 has no centralized access to message data	With Retain, you have centralized accessibility: all archived data is accessible within the simple web portal.
Office 365 has limited archive space	Retain offers unlimited archive space
Office 365 has limited eDiscovery options	Retain has powerful, built-in eDiscovery tools, with a stand-alone viewer and litigation hold, as well as print, forward, save, redact, export, and search tools
Office 365’s system auto-purges user-deleted messages	Retain is a policy-based archive solution. Retain also disables the Office 365 auto-purge option.
Office 365 only creates personal archives, not a system-wide archive	Retain provides centralized control of your entire messaging data archive
You do not control your archived data, therefore the policies of Office 365 may not fit your archiving policies	Complete data control. You can maintain all of the benefits of Office 365 and ensure your messaging system is securely archived on-premises or in the cloud.