

Construction Industry: Architect Showcase

Office 365 email migration

Migration of 1,000+ mailboxes, 3.5TB of data and no downtime for a 200 strong architect practice.



The Benefits

- Cloud-based email platform for increased performance and reliability
- Full mobile sync of email, calendar items and address book
- Shared calendar functionality
- Maintenance of existing workflows
- Flexible and cost effective solution
- 100% email availability guaranteed through Mimecast

Results

- On time and budget
- 1000+ mailboxes migrated
- 3.5TB of data
- Zero downtime
- Shared mailboxes
- Staff training

“Foration managed our email migration from an old ill-performing legacy system to Office 365. We were impressed with their approach and professionalism.” **Director of IT**

The Challenge

Using an ill-performing and aging onsite email system, this architect practice decided to move to Office 365 to deliver the desired flexibility.

Previously advised that a Sharepoint solution would allow them to share large project mailboxes, Foration quickly identified this was not technically feasible. Office 365 imposes a 5GB storage limit on site mailboxes and instead, a shared mailbox solution would provide a more suitable option with 50GB of storage. With this recommendation, Foration was appointed to deliver the migration.

Requirements

- **Cloud-based** email system to remove dependency on in-office infrastructure
- **Shared mailboxes** for large project files
- **Shared calendars** for visibility
- Support of single mailboxes in **excess of 75GB**
- Preservation of **existing workflows**
- **Minimal disruption** during migration
- **100% email continuity** for disaster recovery

“We felt in safe hands with Foration and look forward to working with them again.”

Our Solution

Through close liaison with the in-house IT Director, Foration ensured a smooth migration delivered on time and budget. Disruption to staff was minimised via a phased roll out and data loss avoided by pre-populating emails and allowing a 24 hour synching period.

During the initial design stage, Foration configured, defined and tested the Office 365 and Mimecast environments. A pilot was then run to identify and resolve any issues, after which the data migration commenced.

This required additional investigative work to identify emails, some as large as 80MB, which had failed to migrate automatically under Office 365's 35MB email limit.

Regular communication with key stakeholders was maintained through weekly project meetings and feedback from all staff has been very positive.

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