

EMC UPGRADE AND MIGRATION ASSESSMENT SERVICE FOR MICROSOFT SHAREPOINT 2010

A proven methodology for upgrading or migrating Microsoft SharePoint 2010

ESSENTIALS

Utilize a structured methodology supported by experienced EMC consultants as you plan an upgrade or migration to Microsoft SharePoint 2010 including:

- Upgrade/Migration Envisioning and Strategy
- Upgrade/Migration Assessment and Planning
- Upgrade/Migration Factory Execution Model

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Many organizations are evaluating the features and capabilities of the Microsoft® SharePoint® 2010 platform to determine whether the financial investment and work required for an upgrade or migration can be justified. For most existing Microsoft SharePoint customers, the new social networking, content management, metadata, and productivity features of Microsoft SharePoint 2010 will be enticing and compelling reasons to upgrade. The opportunity to integrate Microsoft FAST Search for SharePoint and the chance to consolidate redundant content management, portal, and productivity platforms into a unified SharePoint solution architecture will also be very attractive to many other customers.

For organizations executing an upgrade or migration strategy, the challenges are knowing where to begin and how to mitigate both risk and downtime, and how to make the migration effort worth the cost. Typical issues include:

- What content and sites are in use today? What has been customized?
- What is the optimal approach to migrate content and functionality to the SharePoint 2010 platform?
- How can downtime and risk be minimized during the migration?
- How long is it going to take, and what will it cost?

Upgrading or migrating your content to Microsoft SharePoint 2010 can have unexpected costs associated with it. It may require investments in additional server hardware and storage space to accommodate upgrade and migration staging and testing activities. However the biggest risk is failing to take full advantage of the new capabilities of Microsoft SharePoint 2010 after investing in the upgrade or migration.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

EMC® Consulting uses a structured methodology to assist you with all aspects of your SharePoint upgrade or migration. EMC's Upgrade and Migration Assessment helps our customers understand the optimal strategy and approach for their move to Microsoft SharePoint 2010. The Assessment Service is focused on two initial steps in our overall migration methodology:

1. Creating the vision
2. Developing the approach, strategy, and roadmap

UPGRADE/MIGRATION VISION

The Assessment Service begins with EMC consultants leading a series of workshops to understand the business and technical drivers for the upgrade or migration to Microsoft SharePoint 2010. We discuss EMC's proven methodology and lessons learned by similar organizations. These workshops uncover the motivation behind the migration, as well as barriers and constraints that will need to be addressed. These objectives may include, for example, the need for new functionality, consolidation of Microsoft SharePoint farms, or retirement of redundant content repositories. The workshop also enables us to develop a shared vision for the upgrade or migration, and a common understanding of the complexity and scale of the project.

UPGRADE/MIGRATION APPROACH, STRATEGY, AND ROADMAP

The next step in EMC's upgrade/migration methodology is to carry out an assessment of the existing Microsoft SharePoint environment and any other content repositories being considered for migration. EMC utilizes a suite of automated tools and commands, including EMC's Upgrade Decision Tool for Microsoft SharePoint, that accelerate this process and identify dependencies and risks. We create detailed reports and visualizations that describe the complexity of the existing environment as well as the extent of any customization that exists. EMC will also look for content that should be archived or deleted because it is out of date or only rarely accessed.

EMC consultants will gain a deep understanding of the technical, business, and organizational dependencies within your environment. We will meet with stakeholders to discuss and rationalize our assessment findings and ensure they are aligned with your future-state vision for Microsoft SharePoint. Then we'll create an overall upgrade/migration approach and roadmap that articulates EMC's findings and recommends a way forward.

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

With EMC consultants helping you assess your current state and recommend the best approach for your upgrade or migration, you will accelerate your company's ability to benefit from the enhanced capabilities and features of Microsoft SharePoint 2010.

EMC Consulting will help you:

- Establish a shared vision of the drivers and goals for the migration
- Create a comprehensive report on the current state of your Microsoft SharePoint environment
- Analyze potential upgrade and migration approaches
- Optimize your migration strategy to minimize risk and downtime
- Articulate a migration roadmap with budgetary costs and effort
- Maximize your planned investment in Microsoft SharePoint 2010

As a twenty-one time Microsoft Partner of the Year award winner, EMC Consulting has successfully completed hundreds of Microsoft SharePoint upgrade and migration projects for our customers, which means you can rely on our experience to guide you through the complexity—both technical and organizational—of your upgrade or migration.

EMC CONSULTING

As part of EMC Corporation, the world's leading developer and provider of information infrastructure technology and solutions, EMC Consulting provides strategic guidance and technology expertise to help organizations exploit information to its maximum potential. With worldwide expertise across organizations' businesses, applications, and infrastructures, as well as deep industry understanding, EMC Consulting guides and delivers revolutionary thinking to help clients realize their ambitions in an information economy. EMC Consulting drives execution for its clients, including more than half of the Global Fortune 500 companies, to transform information into actionable strategies and tangible business results.

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