

Not-for-profit Moves Legal Department to SharePoint



With SeeUnity's Velocity Content Migration

**New York-based
not-for-profit organization**

A New York-based not-for-profit organization invested in a company-wide enterprise content management (ECM) platform. After nearly five years of challenges and setbacks, the company decided to replace their ECM system with Microsoft SharePoint. With SeeUnity, they migrated the entire repository to SharePoint.

Initially, the company adopted OpenText eDOCS DM 6 to better manage content for their legal department, intending to gradually implement the system across the organization in phases. Software compatibility problems, licensing costs, and concerns over records management ultimately prevented them from deploying eDOCS company-wide. As a result, the legal department was stranded with an unsupported ECM environment that was cut off from the rest of the company.

The company understood the need to find a more suitable system, but migration was regarded as potentially prolonged, expensive, and risky. By utilizing SeeUnity's out-of-the-box Intelligent Content Migration module, the organization quickly and securely performed a full migration from eDOCS to SharePoint.

Coping with ECM Challenges

Almost immediately after implementing eDOCS, the company experienced challenges. Support for new versions of Microsoft Office and Adobe Acrobat depended upon staggered eDOCS updates. To ensure compatibility, desktops using eDOCS were maintained with older software and operating systems. The older systems frustrated users, while making it more difficult to access and share content.

"In light of these problems, we couldn't justify the resources to license and support eDOCS company-wide," said Ms. Nelson, Records and Information Manager. *"The minimum-licensing requirement for support far exceeded the staff size of our legal team, so they were left using an unsupported eDOCS system."*

As frustration and risks mounted, the non-profit looked for a company-standard. While SharePoint was considered promising, it wasn't until the release of SharePoint 2010, and its new records management features, it was considered a viable successor.

Why Migrate to SharePoint?

- Less support requirements
- Easier to provide and manage content sharing
- Records management capabilities
- Licensing requirements prohibited proper ECM support

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Migrating from eDOCS to SharePoint

To migrate over five years of legal content and metadata safely and effectively, the non-profit engaged SeeUnity, developer of enterprise SharePoint integration and migration products.

SeeUnity recreated the eDOCS taxonomy, preserving the legal team's methods of access. Using SeeUnity's out-of-the-box Intelligent Content Migration module, the entire eDOCS library (including content, metadata and security) was migrated to a development server. Once the migration was completed and verified, a database attach was used to pull the SQL data into the production server. This approach minimized risk, while preventing any performance interruptions to SharePoint servers.

The Benefits of Migrating to SharePoint with SeeUnity

Ms. Nelson cites several advantages of moving to SharePoint. "We could not afford OpenText support fees and we would have inevitably reached a crisis event." Ms. Nelson also cites the cost reduction of no longer maintaining outdated third-party software and operating systems. Legal documents remain protected, while company-wide documents are shared across a single system. SharePoint's state-based records declaration provides an effective records management strategy, and secure, managed access prevents the risks posed by manually sharing sensitive documents via email.

"SharePoint was the content management portal we were waiting for," said Ms. Nelson. "SeeUnity ensured that we could migrate over five years of legal content to SharePoint, without risking data loss or interruptions to our operations and IT infrastructure. The out-of-the-box tools migrated data safely and quickly, and prevented any costly services engagements."

Solution

Velocity Content Migration

- Supports SharePoint 2007- 2013
- Supports SharePoint Online
- Out-of-the-box solution
- Point-and-click flexible configuration
- Minimal service requirements
- Easy to test and deploy
- Secure migration that protects data
- Migration monitoring tools



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