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Mergers & Acquisitions Data Migration Sequence

Ensuring a smooth and secure migration is critical in every merger and acquisition, but it can get complicated. However, proper planning in the pre-migration phase and regular post-migration checkups can help mitigate potential risks. We have outlined our tips for a successful migration and how Voleer can help along the M&A journey for you and your customers.

Pre-Migration

1. Setting up a taskforce with members of the internal IT team

- Alignment of business strategies and IT integrations will help provide a deeper understanding of the M&A procedure and ensure a smoother migration experience.
- Set up an IT steering committee that will help determine the continuity of projects in the event of roadblocks or constraints.

2. Preparing your data

- Understanding your data environment will give insight into how much data your users have; whether the data is valuable or unnecessary to move; make cost management easier and allow you to provide the leadership team a realistic timeline expectation.

3. Identifying and separating large migration line items

- To optimize your migration process, separating larger data sets from others can prevent data speed from slowing down. Use Voleer's Microsoft 365 Tenant Migration Assessment to properly scope your environment and improve migration planning.

Migration

4. Start with the productivity suite migration

- Whichever productivity suite or set of tools the organization uses, this is the first data you should migrate so that the teams can collaborate effectively and communicate with customers from a unified tenant.
  - Identify which workloads you will be migrating and whether you will be migrating in batches or all at once.
  - Determine what tool you will be using to execute the migration. Click here to learn more about BitTitan's MigrationWiz solution.
  - Set a date for the migration and notify the users.
- Once the productivity suites have been integrated, you can move on to other systems and applications.

5. Constant communication with stakeholders

- Providing your stakeholders with consistent updates give good opportunities to solve any pending issues thus increasing the chances of success.

Post Migration

6. Follow up and maintenance

- The process does not end once the migration of data is complete. Consistent post-migration checks will ensure the systems are performing as expected and the users are utilizing the applications correctly.
- Voleer can help monitor and optimize your customer's Microsoft 365 environment to ensure that you maximize their ROI. Some tools include:
  - Microsoft 365 License Optimization Assessment - keep track of how licenses are utilized and if they are assigned correctly.
  - Microsoft Teams Adoption Report – track whether users are adopting Teams and collaborating effectively post-migration.
  - Security Toolkit – review security information to prevent unauthorized access and malicious activity.

Conclusion

M&A have tremendous growth opportunities and you do not want to risk any potential setbacks during the migration process. For more on how you can use Voleer assessments to improve your M&A experience, schedule a meeting with one of our team members today.

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Discover more tools that can help add value post migration.