

CASE STUDY

Migration as a Service Allows Consulting Firm to Meet Deadline



Problem

Lack of internal resources dedicated to maintaining Alfresco made the firm decide to phase out Alfresco. They needed a quick dump of all Alfresco content

Solution

Xillio Migration-as-a-Service fast migration of Alfresco to new SharePoint Online

Result

All 600.000 documents from over 600 sites with document libraries were successfully migrated within only 2 months

Since 2015, all the intellectual property of the 230 employees of this US healthcare consulting firm was stored on a secure enterprise content management platform by Alfresco. Lack of internal resources dedicated to maintaining the Alfresco system in a full capacity to make it work for staff, made the firm decide to phase out Alfresco.

● Migration-as-a-Service

“We were able to set up and configure Alfresco initially, but it needed more work than we were able to provide ourselves,” described the project manager in charge of the migration. “As we just implemented Office 365, which includes SharePoint Online, we decided to migrate all 600.000 documents from over 600 sites with document libraries from Alfresco to SharePoint Online.” Because of the tight time frame of only 2 months, the firm was looking for a vendor who could just do a fast dump of all Alfresco content.

The project manager says: “We investigated multiple vendors to do the project, but the feedback I got from the vendors was that they could not make the deadline and they did not understand that it wasn’t a full SharePoint implementation. Luckily, one of our engineers found Xillio online who’s response was wonderful. They understood our needs and could deliver quickly.”

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● Technical Migration Solution

Xillio set up the Alfresco to SharePoint Online migration as a Migration as a Service (MaaS) approach. Because of automatic provisioning of the SharePoint structure, there was no need for the firm to set up sites, libraries and metadata manually. After the migration street was configured, the content was analyzed and the results were then used to create the transformation mappings. After reaching agreement on the mappings, a test import was run. With some optimizations in place, the final migration was run and reports were delivered within the set time-frame.

Due to the volume of the sites, an iterative approach was taken which means the migration was done in groups of sites. This way, there was a minimum content freeze on a particular site.

After a few successful migrations, the first migration street was duplicated to speed the process.

● Next: clean up Alfresco content

“Xillio delivered various reports which made visible that we have thousands of duplicate documents. Because of the strict time constraint, we will handle this cleanup in an additional project within SharePoint, probably again with Xillio’s help.” “Xillio had the most agile approach that I was able to find,” says the project manager. “It was exactly what we needed. They understood that I wanted it fast and therefore directly went into the technical aspects of the project without having multiple project planning meetings. In addition, they were one of the few companies that was comfortable in both Alfresco and SharePoint. It was exactly what we needed.”

About Xillio

These days, your organization needs to be agile to stay relevant. The same goes for your enterprise content. But where to start? The more complex your enterprise content, the more daunting it seems to take the leap.

That’s where we come in. With over 20 years of experience, Xillio is your trusted partner for managing complex, high-volume content migrations within the Microsoft ecosystem. From metadata transformation to link redirection, our experts ensure your move to Microsoft 365 is smooth, compliant, and future-proof.