



Case Study:

Solent University

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Leading university follows up migration from Oracle Mail to Office 365, with similar replacement of Lotus Notes.

Solent University was recently shortlisted for the University of The Year awards. They focus on the practical side of higher education; giving its students the industry connections, experience and confidence to turn their newfound knowledge into a career.

Snapshot

- Education
- 22,000 + users
- Initial email migration from Oracle Mail to Office 365
- Followed by further email migration from Lotus Notes to Office 365
- Resulting in a simpler email architecture from a single provider (Microsoft)
- Full discovery and planning, and User Experience led approach
- Staged migration in 14 batches with no disruption to users' email access
- User adoption programme to on board users and maximise Solent University's investment in new technology
- Deployed Skype for Business and OneDrive to increase collaboration across the faculty
- Full SLA to ensure the solution scales with Solent University's future needs

What did Solent University want to achieve?

Solent University was ready to migrate from Lotus Notes to Office 365.

This was our second major project for the university, having previously been engaged to migrate its 20,000 students from Oracle Mail to Office 365.

How did we help them to succeed?

Our Lotus Notes to Office 365 experts guided the Solent team through the process of migrating 22,000 total mailboxes, using our rigorous methodology to plan, prepare and execute.

This involved migrating the 2,000 Staff from Lotus Notes to Office 365, whilst also deploying Skype for Business and OneDrive.

The 22,000 mailboxes were migrated in 14 planned batches, with no practical disruption to users email access. Training and floor walking were scheduled alongside to coincide with each stage of the migration.

During this period co-existence was provided between Lotus Notes and Office 365 to ensure users felt comfortable with the migration.

Were Solent University happy with the outcome?

Southampton Solent University now have a much simpler email architecture, underpinned by a single provider (Microsoft), with a full SLA providing a secure platform for growth.

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