



Fast and efficient migration of users, devices and services to Microsoft Teams

Enterprise organizations are modernizing; taking advantage of the latest UC and collaboration tools to work more efficiently across multiple locations, sites and units, with an increasingly diverse and mobile workforce.

Microsoft Teams has firmly established itself as part of the digital IT ecosystem and the catalyst for organizations' future success and growth.



GIVE TEAMS A VOICE

Many organizations have adopted Microsoft Teams as the underlying foundation, delivered as part of the Microsoft 365 portfolio, with integration into the rest of the Office 365 suite of applications.

Businesses are now expanding their vision for Microsoft Teams and looking to deploy for enterprise voice: communicating and working with external partners over traditional telephony networks.

Essentially, VOSS enables organizations to give their Microsoft Teams solution a voice.

Benefits

Faster time to benefits: Accelerate project delivery, improve user adoption and experience.

Deep data analytics: Improve planning by using deep data analysis and quality review of existing voice systems.

Increased accuracy: High level of automation around the migration process to increase accuracy and confidence.

Reduce demand levels: Improve efficiency and reduce the demand on internal, skilled, and scarce technical resources.

Minimize risk: Reduce risk by implementing a predictable, robust rules-based migration process.

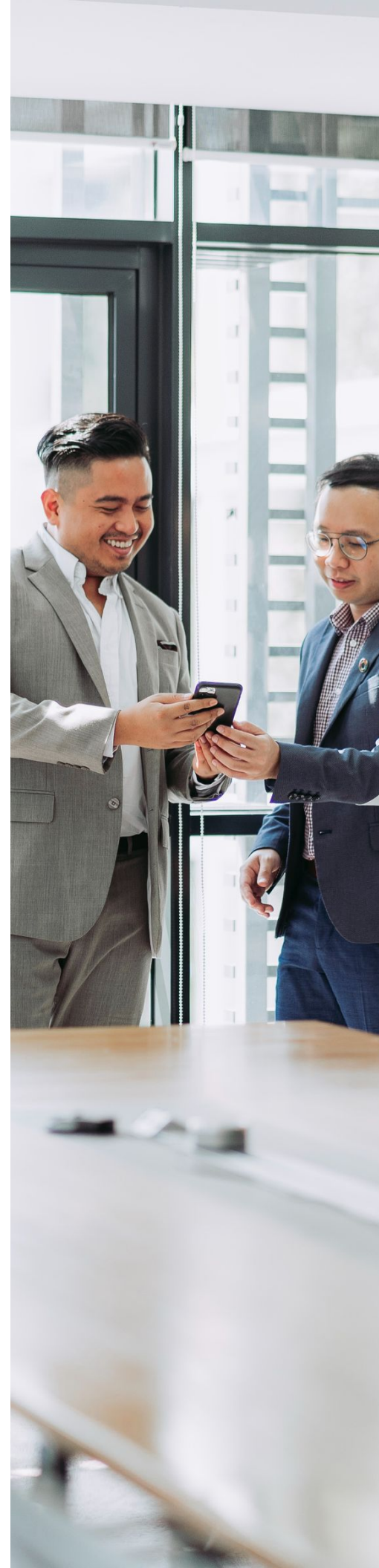
Manage data: Manage and model data with comprehensive SQL database.

Reduce errors: Reduce support requests resulting from errors and misconfiguration.

Security: Protect data security and integrity through access control, audit.

Flexibility: Cater for a wide range of business-specific migration scenarios and requirements.

Minimal disruption: Cloud delivery for a fast start, with no disruption to live services.



Challenges facing organizations

Consolidating traditional voice services and migrating onto Microsoft Teams voice can quickly become a burden without planning and proper tools and processes.



Difficult to manage and refresh large amounts of data

- Service data – call routing, devices, telephone numbers, services, users
- Inter-relationships, conflicts, duplication – difficult to identify on spreadsheets
- Bulk loading input sheets – are large and unwieldy and difficult to maintain



Deployment speed constraints – manual process

- Extracting existing data is complex, ties up key staff (requires PBX skills)
- Normalization of data – manual steps, large Excel sheets
- Loading into MS Teams – specialized, PowerShell – slows migration



Features do not easily convert (like/like)

- Requires mapping and transformation – very specialized and detailed
- Non-transferable features – difficult to identify, convert or manage



Insecure process end to end

- Distribution of access credentials to the wider build team is an issue
- Access, confidentiality, integrity of the data – difficult to control and manage
- Limited audit logs, roll-back and traceability on changes

VOSS Discovery and Migrate

VOSS discovery and migration services offer a fast, efficient pathway to migrating to Microsoft Teams Enterprise Voice. The service includes:

- Discovery and insight into existing systems
- Automation – flexible mapping rules & business logic
- Multi-vendor migration engine (Cisco, Avaya, Microsoft SfB & more)
- Controlled and managed process (batch loading, scheduling, reporting, audit)
- Option to extend into ongoing 'day 2' service management
- Professional services to assist and support



Enterprise Voice

Cisco, Microsoft, Avaya, Nortel, Siemens, Alcatel, Mitel, and more.

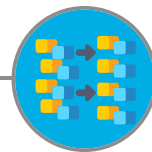


Automate and accelerate the migration of enterprise voice services to Microsoft Teams



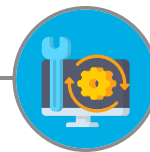
Discovery Process

Deep data discovery highlighting inventory, possible issues and dependencies

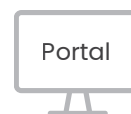


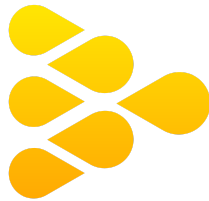
Map, Transform and Migrate

Advanced business logic, rules and filters; batch loading and migration



Manage Microsoft Teams





An automated approach to migration

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Critical to perform a deep data discovery to optimize the migration design and avoid surprises during the process - these add significant cost, risk and delay

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Automate the data extraction, cleaning, normalizing and transformation, to reduce the cycle time, lower error rates and increase productivity

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Design a 'batch-based' migration to drive faster migration speeds

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Validate data with the site specialists - builds user confidence

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Focus on the end-user experience during the process - this will improve adoption and reduce ongoing support queries and complications



Delivering benefits early



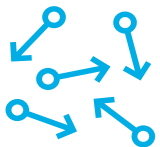
Automation for speed, time to benefit, efficiency

- Automation to drive efficiency, accuracy, and repeatability
- Provisioning through simple to use portal, no cryptic commands
- Caters for regular updates – keeps change windows short
- Predictable process with logging for audit and roll-back



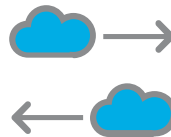
Discovery to improve planning and reduce risks

- Data import from legacy systems without any heavy lifting
- Comprehensive reporting and data output – for decision making
- Highlights migration issues, dependencies, considerations



Automation for speed, time to benefit, efficiency

- Mapping rules and business logic to import, validate, transform and load configuration data into Microsoft Teams
- Batching to match migration plan / phasing (with staging)
- Options to cater for different scenarios based on requirements



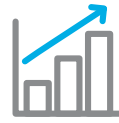
Delivered from the cloud

- Ready to go – fast start-up for your project
- No access required to live systems (minimizes risk and change)
- Non-disruptive – no on-site tooling / install required



Secure

- Each engineer assigned role-based login + credentials
- All changes made are tracked for audit purposes
- Only the data required for the migration process is presented



Added value

- Ability to review and adjust configuration through online portal
- Option to move to 'day 2' MACD customer self-service



Deliverables

The service is staged in three phases – Discovery, Migration and Management – and is triggered by an export from the existing service, along with a planning workshop to optimise the approach and plan to your specific requirements.

DISCOVERY



MANAGEMENT



MIGRATION



All migrations are fully backed by VOSS Professional Services, who work with you during the project to provide advice, best practise, regular reporting and a service to ensure the migration is delivered as you expect.

What to expect

- Discovery report
- Workshop review
- Migration planning
- Automation - mapping & logic
- Standardization (profiles/settings)
- Migration support, advice
- Batch scheduling of rollout with interim reporting and planning
- User configuration for voice
- Knowledge transfer
- 90 days online management with VOSS Automate

G I V E T E A M S A V O I C E

Technical details**Extract and deep data discovery**

The first step performs a deep data discovery and audit, extracting from multiple sources as necessary to capture all pertinent data. This step is essential for planning and design and can be completed without impact to any live service.

This phase delivers an analysis of the existing configuration, an inventory of all devices, detail on call routing, and migration considerations and likely issues to inform the migration planning process. The output from this step is delivered in a workshop style forum so that the results can be actively discussed and reviewed – including migration dependencies and possible issues.

Existing service data (voice)

The existing voice configuration, numbering plan and device inventory can be retrieved from an existing / traditional voice system. This data is retrieved from an export from the system, reducing the need for access and any disruption on the live service. The export is then uploaded into the VOSS migration portal. The following systems are supported:

- Cisco Call Manager (V6 .x or higher), Call Manager Express
- Avaya Communications Manager, IP Office
- Microsoft Skype for Business Server
- Siemens HiPath, HiCom
- Asterisk / Free PBX
- Mitel, Mitel MiCollab / MiCC
- Alcatel OmniPBX

[Contact VOSS](#) to discuss your specific platform requirements

Feature coverage

Typical data extracted from the existing voice system includes:

- User data - Phone data - Lines
- Hunt groups - Pickup groups - Line groups
- Call forwards - Speed dials - Line labels
- Dial plan - Partitions - E164 number plan
- Voicemail - LDAP Sync - CSS / COS / Profiles
- Analogue ports - Gateways - SNR (Single No. Reach)
- Mobility / Hot desking - Soft keys - Button templates

Configuration validation

Once extracted, the data can be reviewed with regard to dependencies, conflicts, duplication and artefacts that cannot be mapped into Microsoft Teams, flagging these for review. This step provides the opportunity to identify issues early and plan and address them in a proactive manner before proceeding with the migration process.

Technical Details

Migration - Mapping with standard rules

In addition, *Advanced Rules* can be provided to meet the most demanding of migration requirements. These rules are created as scripts and loaded into the project, after which they can be used in the transformation process.

Batch loading and switching to Teams calling

The migration process may be segmented into *Batches* and these batches then aligned with the migration process and cut-over schedule (EV Enabled). Each batch typically contains a nominated set of *Sites* and these in turn contain users, devices and associated services. During a migration, the process will normally be tested with a *Model Office Test Site*, followed by batches of live sites (of increasing size as the migration progresses).

Flexible filters are provided to collect sites into batches – or some alternative mechanism such as a department or manager – assuming this information is available in the source data set.

During each batch run, the data set may be refreshed quickly and easily – by uploading a new import – automation ensures the latest settings are then migrated into Microsoft Teams and change windows are kept short.

Manage - Configuration and service management for Microsoft Teams

VOSS provides an intuitive web portal – VOSS Automate – to allow project teams to review the configuration of the voice service, as migrated to Microsoft Teams, and feedback or make any final amends before go live.

Once live, the portal may be used to support the new service and make regular day to day changes (MACDs) for a period of 90 days – or longer by separate agreement with VOSS.

Transaction and change log

All activity is recorded in the transaction log to provide a full audit and trace back capability. This log also provides mechanisms to rapidly identify issues encountered during a batch migration for fast resolution, or if required to roll-back to the previous configuration – for the batch, site, or an individual user.

Access control

Access is controlled using secure admin credentials, associated with comprehensive RBAC role profiles – no direct access is provided to the Microsoft Tenant – keeping the service secure and data confidential.

Direct Connect

In certain migration scenarios – when business requirements ask for it – the migration toolset may be installed on site and directly connected into the source system, providing immediate access to configuration data.

Configuration (SBC and adjacent applications)

Additional services can be configured as part of the migration workflow, and may include services for Microsoft Direct Routing (SBCs), telephony breakout (PSTN) and value add applications (e.g. – Call Recording, IVR and Analog Device services).

Microsoft licensing

As part of the migration process, user licenses may also be reviewed (License Dashboard) and managed – uplifting as required to either a Microsoft E5, Phone System or equivalent license – as a requirement to enabling voice services. During this license uplift, any voice configuration is staged whilst the license takes effect.

Number management

All E164 numbers are maintained in the number inventory, along with details regarding usage and availability, providing visibility across the solution. Where numbers are migrated from an existing system, these are automatically marked as *used* as part of the migration process.

Technical Details

Project Containers

For efficiency and a rapid project start-up, the process can be used for several migration projects, each managed by a separate team. The data and settings related to each project are managed separately. Access is controlled through appropriate RBAC role settings.

Phone server application

Non-native SIP devices – traditional IP Phones and Analog devices (ATA Adapter) cannot be connected directly into Microsoft Teams – and must be connected through an application server or gateway device, e.g. *VOSS Phone Registration Server*. Configuration of the server (including call routing and numbering) may be included as part of the migration – contact VOSS to discuss your requirements.

Analytics and performance management

As the migration progresses, tracking of user adoption and experience is critical to ensure the successful rollout of the new service. *VOSS Insights* is available as an optional service and provides detailed dashboards, diagnostic information and reporting to monitor service levels, call quality, and performance.

[Contact VOSS](#) to discuss VOSS Insights in more detail.

Machine specification (private data center install)

The migration toolset is designed to run from the cloud. Where, for business requirements, a local installation is required, the machine specifications are:

Migrate: 4x vCPU, 16GB RAM, 100GB DISK (Thick provisioned, eager zeroed)

