CIOs IT Strategy incorporate MS SharePoint

Within the past years, Microsoft’s continues strategic investments into MS SharePoint, the easy to use and cost efficient application server, introduced a superior level of maintainability, scalability, operability and technology designed to host the business applications of the corporate world. Based on straight-forward business cases, many CIOs have taken a decision to incorporate MS SharePoint into the IT strategy of the company yielding into a key question, how quick can existing and grown Lotus Notes business applications be transferred into a state-of-the-art but cost efficient MS SharePoint architecture while significantly reducing maintenance and licensing costs? Infosys has taken a strategic investment in answering this key CIO question while creating customizable technology based assets – supporting the selection strategy of applications as well as the migration of standard and custom build Lotus Notes business application and the underlying content.

Our Migration Approach is tailored to the needs of clients

Infosys established best practices to migrate business applications from Lotus Notes to SharePoint based upon multiple successful projects. An initial strategic assessment phase is required to scan the Lotus Notes applications and derive the complexity, dependencies, and usage information which can be used to plot a high-level migration strategy and initial project plan. Since many corporations might have hundreds if not thousands of Lotus Notes business applications, Infosys recommends splitting a migration project into multiple waves to reduce risks. With the “Design”, a “Migration”, and a “Data-Migration” sub-phases, the identified Wave applications will be migrated to the new MS SharePoint architecture before they will be handed over towards the operating department. Within the “Run” phase, the applications will be operated and maintained.

While creating a new SharePoint landscape, architecture governance should be established to define the overall MS SharePoint strategy within the company and decide upon arising architecture questions and outline best practices and processes – combining the business as well as IT perspective.

Graphic 1 visualizes the individual tasks within each project phase. However, Infosys will tailor the migration approach based upon the individual needs of the customer.
Infosys offers the full range of services to drive a Lotus Notes to SharePoint migration project in Germany and France with local experts.

Developing business cases based upon quick ROI principles.

Incorporating MS SharePoint architecture governance while combining IT strategy as well as the business requirements.

Enhancing the MS SharePoint framework with our strategic Microsoft partnership.

Provide Lotus Notes to SharePoint migration expertise regarding the differences between these two different worlds.

Establishing a proven Program Management methodology from an end-to-end perspective, managing the migration over a complete project lifecycle.

Provisioning of license free tools, supporting the migration from Lotus Notes to MS SharePoint during an engagement.

A strategic planning of the overall endeavor is supported by the Domino Assessment Tool* (DAT) which is scanning the Lotus Notes applications and derives information regarding the potential migration complexity as well as usage information. This information will be used to develop the custom specific migration strategy. Furthermore, the tool provides indications if potential applications should be migrated or is a candidate for application archiving. The Independence Tool scans for interfaces and dependencies to other applications. Our LN2SP-Tool* will transfer the available data into the new MS SharePoint applications including the transfer of attachments, formatting, and access security. If required, the tool can also be used to support data consolidation. Furthermore, a semi-automatic mapping of fields can be used to migrate standard Lotus Notes applications, e.g. “Team Room” or “Discussion”, into common MS SharePoint site templates. Based upon previous references, the overall efforts for a Lotus Notes to MS SharePoint migration can therefore be reduced by up to 75% with our tools (while migrating standard templates). Within an Infosys engagement, our tools can be used within a project without additional license costs.

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