

HIGHLIGHTS

- Autonomy EAS archive migration
- 500 mailboxes, 18 million emails
- <1% failure rate
- Delivered with minimal disruption

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Ultimate Migrator is committed to delivering software that works. We help you move messaging data between platforms quickly, reliably and securely. We are asked to migrate some of the World's most complex messaging environments by some of the largest global organisations including banks and governments.

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Two Finnish universities

The Customer

Two leading Finnish universities, home to more than 9,000 students and 1,000 staff, embarked on a major IT transformation following the merger of two the universities and two separate ICT departments. Both had run their own Microsoft Exchange 2010 environments, alongside a legacy archive using Autonomy Enterprise Archive Solution (EAS).

With this consolidation came a key objective: to modernise the email platform and bring all archived content into a single, manageable location. The university chose to upgrade to Exchange 2016 and migrate over 9 million archived emails across 670 mailboxes—without interrupting access for staff or compromising on compliance.

The Requirement

The universities needed a reliable and efficient way to move its legacy archive data into the new Exchange platform. Initially, the scale of the project, combined with limited internal resources, made building a bespoke solution unfeasible. Manual migration was ruled out early on—it would have been too slow, too complex, and too risky.

With a requirement to retain all email indefinitely for compliance reasons, failure to migrate the legacy archive simply wasn't an option. The university needed a partner and a product that could handle the scale, ensure data integrity, and deliver results without disrupting staff or core services.

The Solution

The university partnered with the team behind Ultimate Migrator, who deployed a purpose-built migration solution tailored to the environment.

From the outset, the approach was clear: automate wherever possible, reduce risk, and empower the internal IT teams to manage the process confidently. Ultimate Migrator was used to run initial pilot migrations, document the environment, and deliver training—allowing the university to take over and complete the remaining work independently.

The tool handled the varied age and format of archived items with ease. Even when edge cases appeared—such as corrupted or unusually formatted emails—Ultimate Migrator was able to identify, isolate, and resolve them before they caused any issues downstream.

Implementation and results

The migration was completed smoothly, with less than 1% of emails failing to transfer. Where retries were needed, Ultimate Migrator ensured only unmigrated messages were reprocessed—saving time and bandwidth.

Flexible batch sizes meant the university could adapt to available resources, and with automation in place, the team were able to meet their goals without the need for additional support. Staff experienced no loss of access to archived material, and the legacy archive was successfully decommissioned.

Conclusion

This was a complex project with diverse stakeholders and highlights the power of Ultimate Migrator to handle complex, large-scale archive migrations—particularly in environments with limited in-house resources.

By combining automation, control, and expert support, the university was able to eliminate legacy infrastructure, reduce ongoing costs, and transition smoothly to a modern Exchange platform. Ultimate Migrator delivered exactly what was promised—no disruption, no surprises, just results.

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