

HIGHLIGHTS

Legacy archives create silent cost and compliance risks

Inaction blocks cloud strategy, increases regulatory exposure

Fast, disruption-free archive migration

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The hidden cost of doing nothing with legacy email archives

When it comes to legacy email archives, many organisations are stuck in limbo. Systems like Mimecast, Enterprise Vault, and EMC SourceOne were once vital parts of the enterprise stack - but in the age of Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace, they're more often than not technical debt.

And yet, countless IT teams continue to "do nothing." The archive still works. The emails are still there. Migration sounds complex, expensive, and potentially disruptive. So they leave it for another year.

But inaction comes with a price; and it's usually far higher than anyone expects.

1. Ongoing costs, with diminishing returns

Licensing costs don't go away. Many legacy platforms charge per user, per archive, or per gigabyte. You're paying year after year to keep old data sitting on old systems, often on-premise or in hosted environments that don't align with your cloud-first strategy.

Storage costs, maintenance fees, and support contracts quietly accumulate in the background. And as infrastructure ages, the risk (and cost) of failure increases.

2. Compliance exposure grows over time

Regulatory frameworks like GDPR, FOI, and eDiscovery demands aren't static. As new rules emerge and legal expectations evolve, so does the risk of being caught out.

Legacy archives often lack modern compliance tooling. Defensible deletion, flexible retention policies, subject access requests, and searchability are all harder to achieve on outdated systems, especially if they're no longer receiving updates or security patches.

Doing nothing can mean falling out of compliance, simply because your platform can't keep up.

3. Operational inefficiencies compound

When archives aren't integrated into your core productivity suite, users suffer. HR needs to retrieve a leaver's mailbox. Legal needs access to historic correspondence. IT is called in to run legacy searches manually, export PSTs, or chase down credentials from long-retired services.

The result? Wasted hours, repeated tasks, and staff frustration. In some cases, organisations pay twice: once for Microsoft 365, and again for the legacy platform they thought they'd left behind.

4. You can't complete the cloud journey

Migrating email to the cloud is only a partial win if your archives stay behind. Legacy systems create hybrid dependencies that block consolidation, increase risk, and limit your agility.

Until you migrate your archives into your primary platform, you're not fully cloud-native - and you're not realising the cost, resilience, and manageability benefits that come with it.

A better way forward

Ultimate Migrator is designed to make archive migration fast, secure, and seamless. Whether you're decommissioning Mimecast, moving off Enterprise Vault, or consolidating decades of PSTs, we'll get your data where it needs to be, without disruption, risk, or drama.

Because doing nothing isn't free. It's just deferred pain.