



3 Free M365 Migration Tools from Microsoft That Admins Need to Know

There are three ways to migrate to Microsoft 365 from another cloud or on-premises environment:

1. **DIY (do it yourself)**
2. **Purchase third-party software**
3. **Pull in a consulting company**

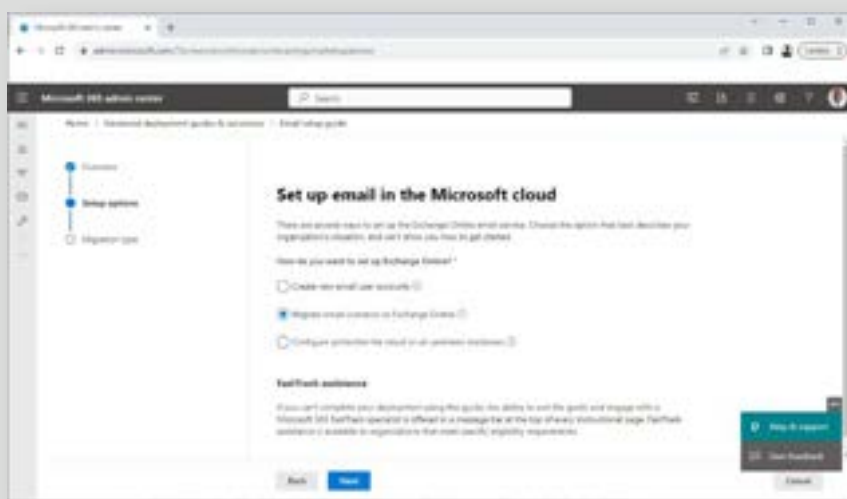
Depending on your skill level and budget, you may opt for the DIY method. If you do, Microsoft offers a variety of free tools to make the email migration process as easy, inexpensive, and stress free as possible.

The Email Setup Guide *(aka the Mail Migration Advisor)*

This [guide](#) is accessible through your M365 admin center after logging in. Choosing “Migrate email scenarios to Exchange Online” will allow you to select the type of migration that makes sense for your organization, including:

- Moving from Google Workspace, Gmail, or another IMAP system
- Importing .pst files directly into Exchange
- A cutover, staged, or remote (hybrid) migration
- Moving from one M365 tenant over to another

If you’re not sure, the guide will help you determine the right option and provide next steps so you can move forward.



The Email Setup Guide

Deployment Migration and Adoption Tool

This [site](#) is a helpful starting point to assist in navigating the journey through the Learn, Deploy, Migrate, and Adopt options, increasing your understanding of the choices available and best practices to migrate smoothly.



The Remote Connectivity Analyzer

This [tool](#) simulates client logon and mail flow scenarios to assist with connectivity issues for on-premises Exchange, as well as Microsoft 365 and Teams, and can help when on-premises email is not set up quite right for an integration with M365.



Remote Connectivity Analyzer

Conclusion

The key to a smooth migration is advanced planning, the right tools, and clear expectations. These Microsoft tools can make the migration process easier for novices and veterans alike. Migrations are also a good time to evaluate your [email security](#) options to ensure your organization has the protection it needs.