

# Execute Your Microsoft SharePoint Upgrade with Confidence

## Keys to Selecting the Right SharePoint Upgrade Path

### Challenge

As a Microsoft SharePoint user, you may be aware of the challenges regarding the maintaining and upgrading of your SharePoint environment. Support for SharePoint 2007 and SharePoint 2010 has now been removed by Microsoft. Security patches are still being provided for the time being, but as standard support options are being phased out, Microsoft is indicating its SharePoint environment intentions to the market. Providing secure user enhancements to either of these versions can now only be achieved with a total upgrade.

Operating multiple SharePoint versions are not a cost effective solution, since Microsoft can charge clients for each active license version of SharePoint in operation. Office 365 now includes a set of new functionality, such as Microsoft Teams which support an organization's vision to creating effective collaboration.

There are several upgrade paths currently open to businesses with SharePoint 2016 and SharePoint 2019, however a decision needs to be made regarding the version of SharePoint to upgrade to:

- Will you move your SharePoint environment to SharePoint 2013, SharePoint 2016, SharePoint Online (Office 365), or a hybrid of those versions?

Besides technical support, your organization will need to adopt new customization approaches and development standards. Since the inception of SharePoint, customization has primarily been done using full trust server-side solutions that are deployed directly on the SharePoint servers.

A shift has to be made to client-side cloud-compatible techniques that reduce the risk of customizations negatively impacting your core SharePoint service. This change is not only a necessary 180-degree transformation, it is an unavoidable challenge that must be addressed in order to be ready for hybrid cloud scenarios and future upgrades.

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## Our solution

Sierra Systems, an NTT DATA Company, has long standing commitment to the SharePoint platform. This has resulted in a deep knowledge and a broad toolset that ensures we can deliver even highly customized SharePoint sites safely into an upgraded environment.

Our tenured managed services team can provide a support structure to your existing setup and lengthen the transition period to match your own timeline, rather than those imposed by Microsoft.

## Benefits

- Upgrade to a hybrid SharePoint environment, and keep classified information on-premise while moving unclassified information to the cloud.
- Many organizations take the opportunity of an upgrade to remodel. Information architectures can change over time as business changes and an organization evolves.
- SharePoint 2019 offers many new features, including cloud integration, that organizations are taking advantage of.
- If moving to a Cloud or a Hybrid Cloud solution, many Enterprise License Agreements include cloud licenses for O365 and Azure that IT decision makers want to leverage as part of their infrastructure.
- Upgrade to SharePoint Online, and move your document management system or intranet to the cloud.

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Learn how our proven approach to Microsoft SharePoint solutions can provide your organization with smart, reliable, strategic and tactical decision-making at all levels, by contacting us today.



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