Migrating from IBM Lotus Domino to Oracle Beehive
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Overview

The Oracle Beehive collaboration platform provides a unified set of communication and collaboration services including enterprise messaging, team collaboration and synchronous collaboration. By migrating existing employees to Oracle Beehive enterprise messaging, you can standardize on a single architecture that allows you to centrally manage, securely audit, and globally apply compliance rules across an integrated set of communication and collaboration services, from email to team workspaces to conferencing.

Migrating data between messaging systems is a more complicated process than a simple upgrade, but Oracle Beehive comes with a Beehive Migration Tool (BMT) that helps make migrating easier. The Oracle BMT supports migrating from any version of IBM Lotus Domino.

Oracle Beehive Migration Process

The migration process can be done in a phased approach or be completed all at once. A phased approach can involve both the moving of user groups and the moving data in various stages. The Oracle BMT is designed to easily customize the process to meet your needs, including support for lists describing how accounts and data will be migrated and the ability to delimit email and calendar data migration by date.

Oracle Beehive Migration Tool Components

Calendar Migration

The BMT migrates appointments, meetings, day events, and resource bookings, with filtering by date ranges if desired. The following calendar data is not migrated: holidays, journals, reminders, personal annotations, contacts links, "show time as" values, "would prefer another time" flag, web conference information, and categories.

Email Migration

Email data migration moves mail data from the IBM Lotus Domino servers to Oracle Beehive. Specific date filters can be used to limit the amount of data being migrated. The migration tools will preserve message flags and folder structures. The BMT supports migration via a 'pre' and 'full' migration stage. In the 'pre' migration stage, the messages are migrated without any association content. The 'full' migration stage includes all associations so, for example, messages are associated to folders. There are some limitations to what is migrated, including categories and certain user level flags on mail messages.

Oracle Beehive Coexistence

Oracle Beehive's interoperability with Lotus Domino provides advanced collaboration between users of both systems and facilitates Oracle Beehive's deployment by leveraging existing infrastructure, until such time as the transition to Oracle Beehive can be completed. For complete details on this please see the Oracle Beehive Coexistence with Lotus Domino datasheet.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to use Oracle Beehive Coexistence as part of the strategy to move to Oracle Beehive?

No, but we find that in doing so IT can do phased deployments to smooth the transition period. Additionally, since the BMT only supports email migration from IBM Lotus Domino, if calendar data needs to be migrated as well, Oracle Beehive Coexistence must then be used.

What are the migration options?

It is recommended that you engage with Oracle Support to determine which migration option is best for your

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organization. There are currently two common Lotus Domino migration options.

- **Migrate to Oracle Beehive On Demand**: Oracle Beehive On Demand is available as a managed service where you purchase the Beehive licenses but Oracle experts manage the application on-site, at Oracle's data center, or at a partner's site. Another option is an Oracle Beehive On Demand subscription. This Software as a Service (SaaS) option bundles the license, support, hosting and software management in one predictable monthly fee that avoids large up front capital expenses.

- **Assisted Migration using a Partner**: A qualified partner can help manage the data migration process to ensure it goes smoothly for your users. Different partners are available to help with both developing the migration plan as well as managing the actual data migration.

For More Information

For more information about migrating to Oracle Beehive, please contact Oracle Support.

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