

SAP Data Center Migration Best Practices

MIGRATE

During the migration phase, the IT organization will need to communicate its plans; obtain, install and configure any necessary software, and perform the actual data migration. A premigration data validation test is recommended, in addition to post-migration validation testing. These tests confirm that the data is in the same state after the migration as it was before.

Clearly, the most important part of this stage is the migration itself. As out-lined above, software technology can simplify this process by enhancing the speed of migration, by minimizing or eliminating application downtime, and/or by enabling migration during regular business hours, helping the organization to get back to business as quickly as possible.

VALIDATE

After the migration has been completed, the IT organization should compile migration statistics and prepare a report to highlight what worked, what didn't work and lessons learned. The report should be shared with all members of the migration team. These types of reports are critical in building a repeatable and consistent process through continuous process improvement - building on what worked and fixing or changing what didn't work. Further, documenting the migration process can help train staff, and simplify or streamline the next migration, reducing both expense and risk.

SUMMARY

Data migration is a critical part of any IT organization in today's business environment. Even so, it often causes a major disruption as a result of downtime or application performance problems, and it can severely impact budgets. To prevent these problems, organizations need a consistent and reliable methodology that enables them to plan, design, migrate and validate the migration. Further, they need migration software that supports their specific migration requirements, including operating systems, storage platforms and performance. In addition, migration technology that maintain continuous data availability during the migration without affecting performance are desirable. Wharfedale Technologies with their deep expertise provides a variety of options and capabilities to support critical SAP Data center migration with minimal downtime.



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