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# SharePoint Case Study

## Overview

### Industry

Life Sciences Company

### Contact

Project Manager

### Solution

Microsoft SharePoint Online Migration Services

### Background

This leading life sciences company was challenged with migrating its aging **Microsoft SharePoint** platform from on-premises to **Microsoft SharePoint Online** in order to manage costs and move towards cloud-readiness.

The large-scale platforms hosted more than 2.5 terabytes (TB) of data and was accessed by more than 10,000 employees globally, so the idea of migration raised many concerns about performance, security, and loss of data. After redesigning the platform on **Microsoft SharePoint Online**, and by providing ongoing engineering and technical support, **Xavor** was able to facilitate a successful migration.

### About Xavor Corporation

Headquartered in Irvine, California, **Xavor** has provided business and software consulting services to enterprise companies since 1995. Our **Microsoft SharePoint** Collaboration and Content team delivers products and services for better insights, enhanced innovation and improved productivity through connected intranet and extranet portals. We perform new implementations, migrations, upgrades and customizations of SharePoint solutions for tomorrow's connected enterprises.

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## Challenge

Since early 2000, this life sciences company extensively used **Microsoft SharePoint** as their enterprise portal and collaboration platform. In addition to document management, the platform was used not only to facilitate collaboration amongst its 10,000 employees globally, but also for their external users and partners.

Being an early adopter of **Microsoft SharePoint**, they had three different versions (2003, MOSS and 2010) running on-premises. They wanted to find a better way to manage the costs associated with running such a large-scale platform. The life sciences company decided that moving to the cloud was ideal because it would reduce costs while also aligning with the company's overall initiative to become more cloud-ready.

However, since the platform was built on aging **SharePoint** versions and was heavily used by many users, their second challenge was to maintain the platform's availability throughout the duration of the project while they migrate everything successfully to **SharePoint Online**.

## Solution

**Xavor** proposed, designed and developed the Information Architecture (IA) of their new collaboration platform on **SharePoint Online** which is globally utilized. Since the platform is hosted on the cloud, this required a redesign of the security model and overall architecture. **Xavor** also developed tools and processes to simplify and speed up migration to **SharePoint Online**, ensuring all data migrated with full-fidelity at the site, subsite or item level while retaining all of the associated versions, metadata and permission settings on the new platform. In addition, **Xavor** assisted in verification, fixes, and post-launch which helped make the migration and launch as smooth as possible for the client.

## Results

**Xavor** worked with this life sciences company by migrating 900 sites with over 2.5 terabytes (TB) of data from legacy **SharePoint** versions to **SharePoint Online**. The migration ensured continuity for users throughout the project by having all legacy content migrated with full fidelity, including security, version history, all associated metadata and customizations. In addition, the migration established standard operating procedures for site maintenance, retention and archival.

## Benefits

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