

## Migrating to O365 from on-prem Exchange



In 2019 one of our clients, Centinal Group, decided to take the plunge and move from their ‘on-premises’ Exchange server to the cloud-base Office 365.

This is, obviously, a major step – and considerable planning went into it. In the event, however, it proved to be largely trouble-free. In no small part because of the backup system we had deployed there. This system allowed us to start an independent ‘virtual’ copy of his server, and test various scenarios without impinging on the live dataset.

In this way we could experiment with the different tools on offer, work through their foibles, and come to a very exact figure for the amount of downtime that was likely to be experienced.

And so it transpired. When the time came we were able to connect the migration tool onto the live server, in the knowledge that it would work. The migration performed perfectly as we had ironed out all the problems beforehand. And the downtime to the client was limited to a single overnight session.

So, good job all round!