

FluentPro Software

Successful Migration of PWA
Configuration and Projects Data to
Project Online

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Data migration between Project Online tenants

Project background

The company is a leading supplier of end-to-end ethernet and InfiniBand smart interconnect solutions and services for servers and storage.

The company, an existing FluentPro client, was acquired by another corporation.

The American, multinational technology corporation focuses on personal computer graphics, graphics processing units and artificial intelligence.

As part of the consolidation process, the acquired company needed to migrate data from its Project Online PWA to the corporation's Project Online tenant.

Project description

Data migration between Project Online tenants is a complex task – with several ways available to accomplish such a migration.

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Manual migration

This method requires the team to manually recreate the PWA configuration in the new tenant. Each of the projects must be saved manually as *.mpp files, before being published in the new location. Some data, including custom task fields, is not stored within those files. For successful migration, these will need to be manually populated within Project Online PWA.

Third-party migration solution

Third-party solutions, such as FluentBooks from FluentPro, offer an option of automating the migration process. FluentBooks, for example, allows for the migration of SharePoint data. More importantly, it migrates PWA configuration settings and data. Because this migration includes custom fields, lookups, security, resource pool and Projects data, it minimizes manual work.

An expert-engineered solution

Experts, such as the FluentPro Migration Team, have knowledge and experience to migrate Project Online PWA data in the most efficient way. The team's skilled engineers have already helped thousands of organizations successfully manage their configuration, migration, and data administration needs.

The team's in-depth understanding of this has allowed FluentPro to establish a complete and proven approach ensuring accurate data transformation and integrity on a massive scale to achieve business benefits more quickly.

The decision to work with the FluentPro Migration Team was quite a logical one. As a user of the FluentPro G.A. Suite, the acquired company knew they could depend on the team's experience and expertise to ensure its migration success.

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Challenges faced:

With the client needing to complete migration of PWA Configuration and Projects data from their Project Online PWA instance into another corporation's Project Online tenant by a certain date, the time frame allocated for the migration was tight.

Alongside this, the corporation did have time available for users to train and gain experience in working with its migration tool. Instead, the corporation relied on the vendor with the most appropriate experience to support the team of professionals.

Beyond time constraints, execution of the project resulted in an additional challenge related to the project data complexity. By successfully addressing this during the test migration phase, further phases ran more quickly and smoothly.

The team overcame all challenges, thanks to its modern and flexible approach to data migration. Through this project, they successfully enabled an accurate data transformation and integrity on a massive scale with verifiable results.

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Solution provided:

Migration to Microsoft Project Online is a complex process. Doing so successfully requires skills and expertise with both Project Server/Project Online and the migration tool.

The FluentPro migration approach is based on the migration guidelines provided by Microsoft, together with best practices derived from years of performing data migration projects for customers.

The FluentPro approach to migration guides engineers through seven phases of work:

- Scope evaluation and planning
- Migration process adjustment (based on client's specific requirements)
- Migration environment setup
- Test migration
- Initial production migration
- Re-migration of modifications (prior to go-live)
- Post-migration support

The FluentPro Migration Team utilises the FluentBooks migration tool for every type of data migration activity, including: data download, upload, verification and bulk update.

FluentBooks is the only solution capable of providing engineers with every tool needed – ensuring a secure, fast, and full migration of Microsoft Project Server and Project Online data.

As well as migrating SharePoint sites, it handles PWA configuration, including resources, custom fields and lookups, security and all the other parameters.

Project Plans and Project Plan Templates offer outstanding granularity – allowing organizations to choose the exact elements for migration to a new environment.

Alongside its main data migration activities, the FluentPro Team are well-equipped to make recommendations and suggest best practices throughout the project.

As well as proven guidance on user acceptance testing, the team advise on actions to overcome technical limitations of the migration tool/Project Online wherever possible and are available to address questions and concerns during the migration project, as well as the post-migration warranty period.

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Values delivered:

The data from the Project Online PWA instance migrated with ensured data accuracy and integrity.

Working to specified deadlines, the FluentPro Migration Team ensured every migration milestone, or phase, was completed on schedule.

While the migration successfully delivered the data into the new tenant, it was achieved with minimal impact on operations during the transition.

The process results met the client's requirements and expectations, as affirmed by migration outcomes.

Following data migration into the new Project Online PWA, the client's data is now stored and managed as part of the corporation's tenant. As a result, the client works more efficiently. The migration has eliminated the need for managing the same entities in two different tenants.

Client feedback indicates that the provided migration solution satisfied the requirements, as well as the needs of the business.

Alongside this important work, FluentPro team transferred the existing license of G.A. Suite from the previous acquired company's PWA to the new final PWA.

Client feedback:

"As we are live with the new PWA environment for a week now. I think it is safe to say that the migration process passed smoothly.

"We would like to thank you for the professional service. The process was very clear and smooth.

"You kept us updated on each step and responded to each of our concerns and questions.

"It was pleasure working with you!"

IS Engineer

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About FluentPro Software Corporation

FluentPro Software helps organizations simplify and automate migration, implementation, configuration management, data protection, and integration of the Microsoft PPM solutions.

Since 2010, over 500 leading enterprises use FluentPro software to effectively manage Microsoft PPM Platform solutions including: Microsoft Project Online, Microsoft Project Server, and Power Platform.

The company provides software and services to some of the largest businesses in the world, including: Microsoft, NBS Universal, Good Year, Abbott, BOSE, Valeo, CyberPort and Gulfstream.

Employing a team of more than 60 employees, FluentPro is a US-based corporation with headquarters in Redmond, Washington.

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FluentPro offers solutions for migration, disaster recovery/backup, configuration management, implementation, administration, business intelligence, and report development:

- **FluentBooks**

Is a complete toolbox for PWA Administrators and consultants. This advanced software reduces time spent on migration and configuration management activities in Microsoft Project Online and Project Server by up to 70 percent, simplifying the process and eliminating manual work.

- **G.A. Suite**

Solution ensures complete data protection. It is the only valid backup and disaster recovery platform for Microsoft Office 365 Project Online. The solution provides tools to backup/restore/archive data, manage Microsoft Project Online configuration lifecycle, and implement governance policies.

- **Project Migrator**

This solution delivers the automatic cloud migration tools needed for project migration to the Microsoft Office 365 platform.

- **Integration Hub**

Seamlessly integrates Microsoft Project Online and third-party agile platforms, such as JIRA Software, Azure DevOps, Microsoft Office 365 Planner, and ServiceNow. It helps organizations establish portfolio visibility across all teams and workstreams while enabling advanced coordination and IT processes integration.

- **DataMart**

Is used with platforms including Microsoft Project Online and Office 365. It provides organizations with the advanced business intelligence, analytics, executive reporting, trend analysis, and data visualization they need to make data-driven decisions.

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