**How to properly remove Exchange 2007/2010 after migration to Office 365**

With Active Directory there is a proper way of removing Exchange post migration. You can’t exactly flip a light switch and turn things off. Here is the proper way to remove the on-premise Exchange services after you have migrated to Office 365. The following should be done

* If you did a Hybrid/Remote Move Migration from Exchange 2010 you’’ll need to ensure that Directory synchronization and the hybrid relationship is properly retired before uninstall. OR you could keep a free exchange server on-premis to maintain the hybrid connection. Skip to Step C if you don’t need to remove these configurations

**A. Remove Hybrid Configuration**

1. Check Public folders with Exchange Powershell Snapin

Get-OrganizationConfig | fl PublicFoldersEnabled

* If this returns a value of “Remote,” then you will need to migrate public folders to Exchange Online first.

1. Check MX & Autodiscover in DNS

Be sure DNS mail records are set for Office 365

1. Remove the service connection point (SCP) with Powershell in step 1

Get-ClientAccessServer | Set-ClientAccessServer -AutoDiscoverServiceInternalUri $Null

1. Remove the hybrid connectors

Open Office 365 Portal > Admin Centers > Exchange > Mail flow>Connectors

* Disable or delete the inbound/outbound connectors that were created by the Hybrid Connection Wizard. Do not remove other ones that may be in use.

1. Remove Organization Relationship

Office 365 Admin Center > Organization - remove the relationship to on-premise Exchange. You can do this with PowerShell too with Get-OrganizationRelationship | Remove-OrganizationRelationship

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**B. Remove Directory Synchronizatio**

On the server hosting the AD Connect/DirSync, go to Programs & Features and uninstall the sync utility. Also, disable directory syncronization in your tennant with these PowerShell commands:

$UserCredential = Get-Credential

Connect-MsolService -Credential $UserCredential

Set-MsolDirSyncEnabled -EnableDirSync $false

**C. Uninstalling Exchange**

To uninstall it’s just a sequence of Exchange PowerShell Snippets so answer each one with a yes or affirmative for all.

Open the Exchange PowersShell Management Shell as administrator and run

#Remove default Public folders

Get-PublicFolder "\" -Recurse -ResultSize:Unlimited | Remove-PublicFolder -Recurse -ErrorAction:SilentlyContinue

#Remove system Public folders

Get-PublicFolder "\Non\_Ipm\_Subtree" -Recurse -ResultSize:Unlimited | Remove-PublicFolder -Recurse -ErrorAction:SilentlyContinue

#Remove Offline Address Book

Get-OfflineAddressBook | Remove-OfflineAddressBook

#Remove send connectors

Get-SendConnector | Remove-SendConnector

#Remove Public Folder database (Exchange 2010 Only)

Get-PublicFolderDatabase | Remove-PublicFolderDatabase

#Remove arbitration mailboxes (Exchange 2010 Only)

Get-Mailbox -Arbitration | Disable-Mailbox -Arbitration -DisableLastArbitrationMailboxAllowed

#Remove mailboxes

Get-Mailbox | Disable-Mailbox

Uninstall Exchange by running command prompt as administrator.

CD to “C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\v14\Bin”

Run the following command: setup.com /mode:uninstall

After the uninstall you can shut things down.