



## Microsoft M&A Solutions

### Making Integration Work for Business

Mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures are some of the most challenging projects that an organization can undertake. While it is typically beneficial in the long run to merge common technologies, such as Active Directory Domain Services and Exchange after an acquisition, it can also impact the productivity of employees as well as add confusion to an already hectic and stressful situation. Arraya has a proven track record with helping organizations manage this risk and increase the speed with which newly acquired systems are integrated. Arraya can help you execute these complex projects from discovery and planning, through migration, and ultimately sun-setting the legacy environment.



## The Arraya Solutions Approach

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT** — While all of our engagements include a Project Manager to ensure project success, for M&A activities, this role is even more critical. Our Project Management staff will work with your IT group and key decision makers to keep communication flowing, ensure milestones are met and keep the project on schedule. Our project dashboard makes reporting the status of projects to upper management simple, giving your business the insight into the project it needs.

**HOLISTIC METHOD** — Microsoft-focused M&A activities never exist in a vacuum and often can impact workstations, servers, users, mailboxes and line of business applications. Through our M&A experience, we have learned what questions to ask and have built repeatable processes that can also be customized to ensure your success.

**BACKED BY DIVERSITY** — Arraya covers many areas of expertise including virtualization, networking, storage and service management. Your unique M&A project might just require some additional help and each Arraya practice stands ready to assist!

The Arraya Microsoft Practice has the depth and experience to strategize, plan, design, implement and manage very large enterprise M&A solutions including:

**IDENTITY, END USER COMPUTING AND WORKLOADS** — Consolidation of various identities from multiple companies or business units will result in enhanced productivity for end users and easier management for IT staff. Whether you're synchronizing your identities to the cloud, linking them to other on-premises technologies, or streamlining day-to-day management, there are many reasons why you would want to integrate an acquired Active Directory with your own. Arraya can help by conducting interviews to understand the implications of your environment. From understanding the user account lifecycle to migrating servers and workloads to another domain, we've got you covered.

**MICROSOFT EXCHANGE MIGRATION** — It doesn't matter if you have Exchange servers deployed on-premises or have migrated to Office 365, Arraya can help you understand the complexities of a cross-organization mail migration and help you execute it. There are many benefits to pairing an Exchange migration with an Active Directory migration when inside the M&A process, but it can be complex. We'd like to help you navigate those waters with our expertise in advanced mail routing techniques and co-existence between environments.



## Best Practices with Unique Experience

No M&A activity is ever the same, but some common elements tend to emerge. It's upon these parallels which we have built Arraya's innovative, award-winning approach:

**STARTING OUT ON THE RIGHT FOOT** — We can engage with the acquired company and you before IT activities start in order to perform Health Checks on both environments to help identify unknown risks that you might be taking on. They can also provide useful insight into how to plan the migration.

**DESIGNING THE PLAN** — Arraya builds on the Health Checks by engaging with you to create and scope out a plan to get you to the desired end state (integration, migration, or decommission).

**IMPLEMENTING THE IMPOSSIBLE** — The tight integration of your team, our team and our Project Managers takes the load and worry off of your IT staff, allowing you to focus on moving other relevant business initiatives forward.

**FINISHING STRONG** — Arraya believes in partnering with your company to grow your business. We close out all activities with knowledge transfer and documentation so that you always know what was done and can move on to the next big project!