



Senate of Virginia

About the Senate of Virginia

- 40 Senators
- 11 Committees
- 25 Sub-Committees
- 4 Year Term
- District Size: 200,000 Citizens (approximate)
- Presiding Officer: Lieutenant Governor
- Clerk: Susan Clarke Schaar
- 275 Desktops & 200 Email Accounts



Why we started looking at Cloud Solutions

- Looking to simplify disaster recovery
- Unhappy with current Email System
- We were trying to get Legislative Offices to use Senate Email System year round (only 4 offices before move 10%)
- Already moving applications to the Web
- Less reliance on a heavy client

Pros

- Universal Interface (some may say this is a con)
- More Familiar Interface
- Simpler Licensing Structure
- More accessible
- Greater Smartphone Support
- More Client Options

Cons

- Universal Address Book
- Universal Address Book Sharing
- Cloud Providers are Hacker Targets
- Privacy
- Loss of Control
- Downtime

How we moved to the Cloud

- Pilot began July 2009
- Expanded the Pilot Group later that year
- Began moving users August 2010
- All users moved to Google Apps by November 2010

Findings

- Some will be Happy
- There will be Resistance to Change
- Our Full Time Staff had the hardest time transitioning
- Legislative Offices have liked the switch (for the most part)
- We have about 75% of offices using the account all year

Thank You

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