WHAT IS GOVERNANCE-FIRST SHAREPOINT MIGRATION?

DEFINITION Governance-first SharePoint migration is an approach that evaluates sensitive data, access risk, content disposition, future-state controls, and validation requirements before approved content is moved.

Migration Should Begin With Understanding the Data

Before migration begins, organizations need visibility into the content they are moving. ASP identifies and classifies sensitive data across SharePoint content and correlates that information with effective access. This provides a clearer understanding of where sensitive information resides, who can access it, how that access is granted, and where inappropriate exposure may exist. Content can then be evaluated to determine what should remain active, be reorganized, remediated, migrated, archived, retained, or retired rather than automatically carrying every legacy condition into the future-state environment.

Access Is Part of the Migration

SharePoint migration is not only a content problem. It is also an access-governance problem. Legacy environments can contain direct permissions, inherited access, Microsoft 365 groups, SharePoint groups, external identities, and sharing links accumulated over years of collaboration. ASP evaluates effective access before migration and uses approved future-state requirements to reconstruct the access that should exist at the destination. The objective is to preserve legitimate business access while avoiding the recreation of inappropriate exposure.

Migration Must Be Controlled and Auditable

ASP executes SharePoint migration through repeatable, evidence-driven workflows. Approved site- and folder-level migration scopes are copied into the future-state environment while evidence is captured throughout the process. Content, metadata, permissions, and effective access are then reconciled and validated against the approved migration baseline. Source content is removed only after the target environment has successfully passed the required validation controls.

Governance Continues After Migration

Governance-first migration does not end when the files arrive. The future-state SharePoint environment should operate with defined ownership, access controls, lifecycle requirements, workflow automation, monitoring, and governance standards. ASP SharePoint Governance & Remediation combines sensitive-data discovery, effective-access analysis, content rationalization, controlled migration, independent validation, workflow automation, and continuous monitoring within a single governance-led operating model.

ASP PERSPECTIVE Move the right content, with the right access, into the right future-state governance model - and be able to prove it.