

# MOVING 130.837 STUDENTS TO THE CLOUD

- Can it be done without chaos?



Sebastian Morsony, IT Architect and Systems Consultant at the Danish IT hosting centre ESIS, had to move 130.837 students and course participants from five large technical colleges to Microsoft's cloud-based collaboration platform, Office 365.

## A SIZEABLE PROJECT

With Office 365, the schools get a well-functioning e-mail system with access from all mobile platforms and lots of capacity.

*"It really made sense to standardize the e-mail infrastructure in Office 365",* says Sebastian Morsony, who wanted to explore the opportunities for distance learning as a result of developments in the educational sector.

ESIS was looking for the best possible integration on the market. After thorough research, they chose UMS, which is an effective user management system known for its frictionless integrations.

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The project was complex and of size but according to Morsony, it was not a cause of frustration: *"UMS made it easy. The task remained the same regardless of the number of users. It just took more time."*

## DENMARKS FASTEST CLOUD INTEGRATION

UMS is now widely recommended in the Danish educational sector for its frictionless integration with, among others, Microsoft Office 365, which the majority of Danish schools choose, when they move to the cloud.

*"We were actually inLogic's first customer way back when they started developing UMS and now the system has now become really popular. It is kind of fun to think about."*

*"That we have been using the system since the beginning also means that we have been able to impact its development. And inLogic is very receptive to ideas and input, I might add".*



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## WHAT IS UMS?

UMS is short for User Management System and it has been developed to automate working procedures and free up resources.

Among other things, UMS makes it possible to have one single login and password for all the school's systems.

UMS integrates with both the school's administrative systems and external systems such as LMS (e.g. Fronter, Moodle and SharePoint LMS) as well as Microsoft Active Directory and Exchange.

*"When we moved our five technical colleges to the cloud with Office 365 everything was centralized around UMS – without UMS we would have needed ADFS, which would have been a good solution too.*

*inLogic has continually adjusted the product to make it fit our need as well as Microsoft's ongoing developments. It means that many of the element have been coded in the process."*

## FREEDOM AND EMINENT SUPPORT

For hosting centres like ESIS, which services multiple schools, choosing IT solutions with financially sound operation and maintenance costs – even in the long run – is essential.

Therefore, independence and freedom of action was of great importance to Sebastian Morsony, when ESIS was choosing their new integration.

*"UMS lets us do a lot in our way, which gives us a high level of freedom. With UMS we don't depend on a consultancy.*

*Especially in regards to updates, this independence and flexibility is an advantage, even for the bottom line figures.*

*We are a large hosting centre and we service many schools, so we are interested in solving as much as possible on our own."*

Accessibility and flexibility was also an important aspect of the decision process.

*"The support has been eminent! Even though more and more customers choose inLogic, we are never just a number to them.*

*They are people we appreciate and the human aspect is actually another good reason for us to keep using them", Sebastian Morsony finishes.*