



DOMINIC SYSTEMS | MS ACCESS MIGRATION

*HELPING MS ACCESS USERS MIGRATE TO DYNAMICS
365 OR POWER PLATFORM AND WHY*

WHY THERE ARE GROWING CONCERNS ABOUT MS ACCESS

For **20 years**, Microsoft Access was the go-to system for small to medium-sized companies and individual users. This development tool allowed non-developers the ability to create custom applications and connect to other data sources.

In its golden years, MS Access **dominated the desktop database market**. Many companies were using MS Access for their business needs and refused to migrate elsewhere due to its ease of use and cost effectiveness.

Now, in 2025, MS Access has a **Market Share of around 7% - 8%** in the database market and around **57,000-95,000 companies** are still using MS Access for their business needs. Microsoft Access, once the leading desktop database system, experienced a significant decline in popularity from **2011 to 2017**. In response to the technological shifts and growing business demands, companies are migrating left and right to systems that offer **cloud scalability, mobile access, and real-time collaboration**.

Although Microsoft still has not officially announced its discontinuation, the desktop-based architecture is making it increasingly difficult for MS Access users to keep up with competitors and global demands. **Here is why:**

- **Limited Scalability & Collaboration:** Each Access database operates as a standalone file, making it difficult to scale, collaborate in real time, or access remotely.
- **Complex Customizations & Legacy Dependence:** Years of accumulated customizations and deeply integrated workflows, often built by former employees, make discontinuation a significant challenge for businesses.
- **IT Burden & Infrastructure Risks:** IT departments often struggle with Access because it's an on-premise database each file is standalone, requiring manual management and troubleshooting. Reliance on legacy systems, and sometimes on a single employee who built the solution years ago and is now semi-retired, creates risk.



As a result, many are now facing difficulties with operating efficiently, burdened by outdated systems that no longer meet modern business needs.

WHAT SOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

When it's time to move from MS Access, the last thing you want is to be caught off guard, rushing to migrate under pressure and making hasty decisions. What you want is to already have migrated to a system that is intuitive and cost effective. Something that helps you operate efficiently, just like how MS Access did 20-30 years ago.

Rather than shifting to a completely different system, which brings its own set of uncertainties, why not migrate to something more familiar?

Introducing: **Microsoft Power Platform.**

WHY POWER PLATFORM?

The Power Platform comprising **Power Apps, Power Pages, Power Automate, Power BI, and Dataverse** is a low-code environment that allows organizations to build apps, automate workflows, create public web portals, and analyze data. While initial guidance and training will be required, the platform is designed to help users become self-sufficient over time, reducing reliance on technical experts.

THESE PLATFORMS OFFER:

- **Cloud-based scalability:** No more 2GB limits. Store data in the Dataverse and access it securely from anywhere with automatic scaling and cloud backups for high availability and disaster recovery.
- **Mobile access & Customizability:** Build custom apps with minimal code that runs across many devices—including desktops, tablets, and mobiles. Keep field teams, remote workers, and traveling staff connected.
- **Real-time collaboration:** Enable multiple users to work simultaneously across geographies, with changes synced instantly across devices.
- **Security & compliance:** Meet GDPR, HIPAA, and enterprise-grade security standards.
- **AI & automation:** Use built-in AI tools and automate repetitive tasks with Power Automate and Copilot Studio.
- **Futureproofing:** Stay current with technology changes like AI. Power Platform is the ultimate Future Proof Solution—you will never be stuck on version 2.0 again

This platform makes it ideal for businesses looking to modernize without losing the flexibility they enjoy with MS Access.

CONCLUSION & CALL TO ACTION

MS Access served its purpose well. But the world has changed. Business needs have evolved. And the tools we use must evolve too.

Don't wait until you're forced to migrate. Be proactive.

Let's talk about how Dominic Systems can help you transition smoothly to Microsoft Power Platform—without losing the capabilities and data you've built over the years.

Ready to future-proof your operations? Let's start the conversation.

If you'd like to Chat, Get in Touch



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