Approach	Description	Effort	Speed / Performance	Fees	Support for Complex Mapping
Don't / Archive!	Don't migrate historical information. If needed, archive it in your old system. Ideal for information that may be reference occasionally, and it not critical to maintain going forward.	None.		Free (aside from costs associated with archiving)	
Manual Entry	Brute force. Manually re-enter the data into the new system. Appropriate for small data sets only.	Very laborious.	Due to the time and effort required to manually re-enter data, it is difficult for organizations to do a trial migration using this approach.	Free	
Imports (flat files)	Use the import templates provided to import data into CRM. This works well for simple / foundational entities.	Must be a CRM power user who understands the data model	Dependencies between import jobs / files. Some data may require several to ensure completeness.	Free	Can support simple parent child relationships.
Instance Adapter DOWNLOAD HERE	A utility, provided by Microsoft that will help migrate instances between environments. Can only be used for migrations between like environments.			Free	Only supports migrations between like environments (eg. On Prem to Online)
Web Services	Custom jobs to migrate data between environments. Because they are custom, they are very flexible, but not reusable.	Developer required to build jobs		Free	
BizTalk / SSIS	Microsoft integration tools such as BizTalk and SSIS. Can be used to connect any number of environments, but no existing free Dynamics CRM connector.	Expert Developer or DBA required to build jobs		SSIS is free w/ SQL, BizTalk requires a license	

| Scribe | A more 'friendly' ETL integration and migration tool that can be used to connect any number of systems. Available both on premise and online. Existing Dynamics CRM adaptor. | Developer needed to build jobs | | Server or subscription license requried | |