Move a legacy server to a new host: planning checklist

Document the software, services and data on your existing server. Test compatibility and recovery before moving a system you depend on.

What to check

What needs to move

Check moving a legacy server where undocumented services, old runtimes, local mail, cron, hard-coded IPs, certificates, users, firewall rules, and hidden data paths make discovery more important than copying the filesystem quickly.

Test the destination

Copy the site or application to the new host and test it privately. Check logins, forms, database writes, scheduled jobs, email and any external integrations.

Copy the final changes

Choose when to stop or synchronize new writes. Include orders, uploads and mail that arrived after the first copy. Avoid letting both systems accept independent changes.

Switch traffic and retain rollback

Save the old DNS and routing settings. Switch traffic after the final tests, monitor the result and keep the old service until the agreed rollback period has passed.

Before you proceed

Confirm the current product specifications and service responsibilities. Record who can approve a change and how to recover the service if it goes wrong.

Services to compare

Check the linked product pages for current prices, included resources, availability and terms.

Migration help

Get help planning a supported move. Agree on scope, tests, cutover timing and rollback before switching live traffic.

Ask about your project

Send the software, capacity, location and timing requirements. Confirm any feature not shown on the current product page before ordering.

Domains

Register, transfer or renew a domain and manage DNS. Check extension-specific eligibility, transfer rules and renewal prices.

Your project notes

Keep this page with your project. Do not write passwords, private keys or other secrets here.

Project / website	
Software and data	
Service / full ongoing cost	
Account owner / administrator	
Backup location / restore test	
Move or launch date / rollback plan	

Software and data: Which application, files, databases and integrations are included?

People and timing: Who owns the service, who maintains it, and when must the work be finished?

Budget and recovery: What is the full ongoing cost, and how will you recover if the change fails?

Ready for the next step?
Plan a migration
Ask about your project
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