

WordPress Migration Checklist

Move a WordPress website smoothly and safely.

Important

Always keep a restorable copy of both the original files and original database until the migrated site has been fully tested.

Prepare the Site

- Create a complete backup before migration.
- Confirm WordPress administrator access.
- Record the active theme, plugins and PHP version.
- Remove abandoned plugins or themes if safe to do so.

Copy WordPress Files

- Transfer the complete WordPress installation, including wp-content.
- Include hidden files such as .htaccess when present.
- Verify that uploads, themes and plugins transferred completely.
- Check file ownership and permissions after the copy.

Move the Database

- Export the WordPress database.
- Create and import into a new database in Plesk.
- Update DB_NAME, DB_USER, DB_PASSWORD and DB_HOST in wp-config.php.
- Confirm the configured table prefix matches the imported database.

Update WordPress

- If the domain changes, update WordPress Address and Site Address.
- Use a safe serialized-data-aware search-and-replace tool when changing URLs.
- Resave Permalinks to regenerate rewrite rules.
- Clear WordPress, plugin, CDN and browser caches.

Go Live Checklist

- Point DNS to the new hosting service.
- Enable SSL and confirm WordPress uses HTTPS.
- Test login, forms, checkout and other critical workflows.
- Watch PHP and web server logs for migration-related errors.

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| ✓ Backup complete |
| ✓ Files copied |
| ✓ Database imported |
| ✓ wp-config.php updated |
| ✓ URLs checked |
| ✓ Permalinks flushed |
| ✓ SSL enabled |
| ✓ Critical workflows tested |