

CHECKLIST

12 REVIEW POINTS 9 MIN REVIEWED 11/08/2026

Plan hosting move and restart

Check dependencies, data, switchover, fallback path and operation together before changing hosting.

FOR WHOM

IT managers, development teams and management before a provider, data center or platform change.

WHEN TO USE IT

Before a contract change, technical migration or a significant change to the operating platform.

THE SHORT ANSWER

A hosting move is planned reliably when the application, data, DNS, certificates, secrets, external services, backup, switchover window, fallback path and subsequent monitoring have been fully named and technically rehearsed at least once.

01

Capture dependencies

A server alone is rarely the complete application.

- ☐ **Inventory components and responsible parties**
Application, database, storage, jobs, identities and external services are considered together.
- ☐ **Determine data classes and volumes**
Quantity, rate of change, protection requirement and permissible interruption influence the migration path.
- ☐ **Include DNS, certificates and email**
Expiry times, entries, sender rules and technical responsibilities are clarified in advance.
- ☐ **Plan secrets and access**
Keys, tokens and privileged accounts are securely transferred or renewed.

02

Sample migration

The first complete takeover should not take place in the actual switching window.

☐ **Test recovery on the target**

Backup and restore are checked with realistic data volumes and documented durations.

☐ **Define application tests**

Registration, core processes, background jobs, exports and integrations receive concrete test steps.

☐ **Prepare data comparison**

Completeness, time stamps and technically critical sums are compared before and after the switchover.

☐ **Test the fallback path**

Criteria, decision and technical steps for the return are known in advance.

03

Switch and operate

After the change, the new company needs increased observation and clear handover.

- ☐ **Establish schedule and communication**
Start, write stop, synchronization, switchover and release receive times and those responsible.
- ☐ **Enable monitoring before switching**
Accessibility, errors, resources and core technical signals become visible during the migration.
- ☐ **Old environment preserved in a controlled manner**
The shutdown will only take place after an agreed stability and storage phase.
- ☐ **Clean up documentation and access**
Operating routes, contacts, emergency access and authorizations that are no longer required are updated.

Result of the joint review

- ✓ A complete operational and dependency inventory
- ✓ A rehearsed data transfer
- ✓ A clear switch and fallback path
- ✓ Monitoring and responsibility for the new operation

Related guidance

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Moving to the data center



Sources and professional basis

This working aid translates general recommendations into a compact initial review. The primary sources and your specific context remain decisive.

BSI: Cloud Computing



NIST: Contingency Planning Guide



Frequently asked questions

Is a backup alone a fallback route?



Can a hosting move happen without interruption?



Browser checkmarks are not stored or transmitted to sudo/PORT.