Plan a Website Migration with Minimal Disruption

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A controlled migration moves a website, database and related services with minimal disruption. The exact duration depends on data size, transfer speed, DNS caching and the amount of testing required; Jansma VIP therefore does not promise a fixed completion time.

Plan the move

1. Inventory domains, files, databases, mailboxes, DNS records, scheduled tasks and integrations.
2. Create verified backups and record current versions and credentials.
3. Copy the site to Jansma VIP Hosting and test it with a temporary address or local hosts-file entry.
4. Reduce DNS TTL in advance when appropriate, then schedule the final synchronisation for a quiet period.
5. Update DNS only after the new environment passes functional, security and performance checks.

Downtime and verification

Many migrations can be prepared before DNS changes, but dynamic sites may require a short content freeze or final database sync. During propagation, visitors can reach either environment. Keep the source available until HTTPS, forms, login, checkout, email, scheduled jobs and analytics have been checked on the new service. Do not cancel the old service solely because the domain begins resolving correctly.