

How to transfer to another web hosting provider without too much downtime involved. It can be done!

Going to a different hosting company could go smoothly for you or it could be a bit of a headache. Of course you wish to have things to go your way in a positive note. The following steps may assist you for a possible smooth transition from your old host to your new host. Now, grab yourself a cup of coffee, here we go!

1. Sign up with your new web hosting company you wish to be with. At this point, do not cancel with your previous hosting provider, nor inform them that you are canceling yet. This could prevent some web site downtime for you while the following instructions are going on.
2. At this point you may be feeling a bit excited, but breath slowly and stay focused. Here we go again. Now that you have two hosting accounts going on (the old and new one) you can now upload your entire web site from the old web host to the new web host via FTP.
3. Now at this point you have all of your files on both the old and new hosting accounts. At this time you will update your domain names DNS. The new web hosting company usually provides you with their DNS settings. DNS stands for Domain Name Servers in case you did not know. If you didn't receive your new DNS settings, simply contact your new hosting provider and ask for your new DNS settings for your domain name.

The DNS may look as follows:

ns1.yourhostsname.com
ns2.yourhostsname.com

Hosting with us, then the DNS would be:

ns1.domswebhosting.com
ns2.domswebhosting.com

The DNS changes are usually done wherever you had purchased your domain name from. Now if you had bought your domain name from your host, you would then need to ask them to adjust the DNS settings.

You could simply say the following to them: "Greetings, my domain name that resides on your server is (yourdomainname.com), my Username is _____, and my Password is _____. Kindly modify my domain names DNS settings to ns1.yournewhostsdnssettings.com and ns2.yournewhostsdnssettings.com

4. After the DNS settings have been modified, you may need to wait a couple of days (usually 2 days) before your web site is fully recognized (propagated world-wide) on the new hosting server.

5. Once the 48 hours have passed, and you are satisfied with the web hosting transition, then it's time to contact your old hosting provider and cancel your account with them.

Congratulations, you have made a successful transfer to another web hosting provider!