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Perform your own website transfer

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Many times when a customer is new to InMotion Hosting they will already have a complete website that they'd like to move over to us from their existing hosting company.

In this guide we'll review some key articles that can help you facilitate your own website transfer if you wanted to get things setup right away and you didn't wish to wait for our support team to complete a website transfer for you.

Shared website transfer from cPanel host

These articles cover steps you can follow if your previous website hosting company also utilizes cPanel. You can simply create a partial home directory backup at your previous cPanel host, as well as a backup of your MySQL databases, and then restore those directly onto our server.

Backing up your data

- [Backup your website files in cPanel](#)
- [Backup your database in cPanel](#)

Restoring your data

- [Restore your website files in cPanel](#)
- [Restore your database in cPanel](#)

VPS and Dedicated website transfer

These articles go over how to copy single or multiple cPanel accounts from another cPanel host to your [VPS](#) or [dedicated server](#) with InMotion Hosting.

Copying accounts with cPanel access

- [Copy an account from another server with the cPanel password](#)

Copying accounts with root server access

To follow these articles you would need to have [root access](#) on your VPS or dedicated server.

- [Copy an account from another server with root access](#)
- [Copy multiple accounts from another server with root access](#)

Merge or split cPanel accounts to fit hosting package

On a [shared cPanel hosting package](#) you can only have 1 cPanel account. So if you happen to be moving from another cPanel host where you have multiple cPanel accounts you might want to merge them all together so they can be placed on a shared server.

VPS and dedicated servers support multiple cPanel accounts, so if you had multiple domains all under 1 cPanel account at your previous host, and are moving to a VPS or dedicated server with InMotion Hosting, you might consider splitting up your 1 cPanel account into multiple cPanel accounts so that you can split up access and management between your different websites.

Merge / split accounts via cPanel

- [Merge multiple cPanel accounts into one](#)
- [Split a single cPanel account into multiple ones](#)

Merge / split accounts via SSH

- [Merge multiple cPanel accounts into one account using SSH](#)
- [Split a single cPanel account into multiple accounts using SSH](#)

Website transfer from non-cPanel host

If you are migrating your website and your previous host doesn't utilize cPanel then there are a few more steps involved for getting all of your data over to our servers, these articles will cover that in-depth.

- [Migrate your website from another host to InMotion Hosting](#)

Testing your website and making it live

After you've finished moving your website data to our servers, more than likely you'll want to directly check on your website to ensure everything is running properly. Once you've confirmed things look good, you can then update your domain's name servers entries to start pointing at our name servers.

Testing your website

- [Testing your website using your temporary URL](#)
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Make your website live with InMotion

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2015-10-07 4:41 pm

Thank You

Peter



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Hello Peter,

2015-10-08 7:49 am

When you are setting up your account, make sure to speak with your sales person for the account from InMotion, you simply need to say that you need help with migrating your site. We have a team of tech's who can handle the migration for you. In order to have multiple cPanel and dedicated IP address you will need have a VPS or Dedicated server account. The Web Transfer team also handles the databases if you require assistance.

I hope this helps to answer your question, please let us know if you require any further assistance.

Regards,
Arnel C.

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