How to transfer a domain with no downtime

Before you start

- Review the contact information
- Domain cannot be expired
- Transfers extend the domain expiration date by 1 year
- SSL certificates are not affected
- Transfers can take up to 5 days to complete
- TLDs, like .CO.UK follow a different set of rules

STEP 1

Transfer the DNS

1. Import the DNS records at your new provider.
2. Verify that DNS records respond correctly with the new provider.
3. Change the name servers at your current registrar.

If the DNS for your domain is not managed by your current registrar, there will be no downtime while you transfer the domain.

If the DNS for your domain is with your current registrar, you’ll need to transfer the DNS first.

This step allows your site and email to keep responding while the domain is transferring.

STEP 2

Transfer the Domain

1. Unlock the domain at your current registrar.
2. Disable Whois privacy.
3. Request the authorization code.
4. Start the transfer at the new registrar.
5. Approve transfer authorization email.
6. If the loosing registrar allows immediate for transfer approval, you'll receive an email to approve the transfer at the new registrar. If not, you'll need to wait up to 5 days before the transfer auto completes.
7. Verify that your domain was transferred.

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