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Website Redesign & Migration

Why businesses need it, how to measure value, and what comes next

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EVIDENCE

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Business case and evidence

Executive summary

A redesign changes how people use a site; a migration changes where it lives. Handle both as an operational transition, with redirect maps, testable acceptance criteria and a launch rollback decision.

Why a business needs it

Businesses rebuild to improve content, conversion, accessibility or maintainability. A visually improved site can still lose inquiries if a form, indexed URL, DNS configuration, canonical link or event is dropped during cutover.

Generally at least 1 year [S1]

[*REDACTED*] recommends keeping site-move redirects active for generally at least one year. Permanent HTTP 301 or 308 redirects are preferred when appropriate.

A few weeks for many small or medium sites [S1]

[*REDACTED*] says processing most moved pages can take a few weeks on small to medium sites and longer on large ones; this is a rule of thumb, not a forecast.

2.5 seconds or less [S2]

[*REDACTED*]'s p75 LCP target is a practical loading-experience baseline for representative replacement pages; it is not a ranking guarantee.

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PROCESS

The diagram shows the sequence of work. It does not represent measured impact. Confirm scope and acceptance criteria before committing.

How the work is done

EXHIBIT / SERVICE DELIVERY WORKFLOW



Conceptual sequence. The agreement defines the actual scope, approval gates, and deliverables.

What the service covers

Inventory URLs, traffic and leads, maps and measurement. Preserve useful URLs when possible; document equivalents, intentional removals and redirects. Validate content, forms and analytics, then monitor the migration against a prelaunch baseline.

Baseline

Export URLs, dashboards, conversions, analytics settings and account ownership.

Stage

Check redirects, sitemap, internal links, canonical tags and priority tasks; rehearse rollback.

Cut over

Watch crawl errors, traffic, lead routing and performance; fix differences with named owners.

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DECISION

Compare the alternatives against the current baseline, not against a hypothetical perfect system. Review costs, access, and ownership.

Use cases and decision tradeoffs

Platform migration

An organization moves its brochure site to a CMS that staff can update. Keep durable service URLs if feasible; verify old redirects, asset migration, current page titles and repeatable publishing.

Rebrand with domain transition

A renamed business changes domains and messaging together. Inventory legacy inbound links and customer-facing dependencies; document decisions for retained, consolidated and retired pages. Where practical, stagger major changes so regressions are easier to diagnose.

Redesign without moving URLs

Preserve current slugs and indexability while replacing templates and copy. Verify service journey, outbound phone/email links and analytics parity independently from the design review.

Keep or change URLs

Do not change an established URL solely for cosmetic consistency. If a change is necessary, map nearest equivalents and use intentional 404/410 responses for content removed without a replacement rather than redirecting everything home. Check sitemap and canonical signals.

Build a cutover gate

Agree on launch requirements before deployment: all high-value journeys, control of DNS and assets, analytics parity and an approved rollback time window. Name the person empowered to decide go/no-go.

Evaluate post-launch performance with context

Segment by brand/nonbrand, landing-page type and device. Compare organic clicks to trend and seasonality; separate technical incidents from market demand. Monitor sitemap processing, important error classes and qualified inquiries.

Illustrative: prioritize the URL map

A business inventories 240 old URLs; 60 generate leads or carry meaningful referrals. Prelaunch tests show 57 of those 60 resolve to their intended destination. The priority pass rate is 95%, but three customer paths remain broken. Resolve them before launch or have the owner explicitly accept the residual risk; a high aggregate alone is not proof that launch is safe.

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MEASUREMENT

Define the denominator, source and observation window before comparing results. Keep an owner for each measure.

How to measure impact and prepare for change

Priority URL acceptance

Valid intended redirects or preserved URLs divided by all priority old URLs in the inventory.

Inquiry delivery pass rate

Successful test submissions with correct follow-up and tracking divided by controlled attempts.

Post-launch recovery

Compare relevant organic clicks, qualified inquiries and errors with prelaunch periods, controlling for seasonality where possible.

Future outlook

Use a versioned content model and stable URLs to reduce repeat migration risk. Design the new site for portable analytics, explicit business entities and accessible content that can support future discovery channels.

Boundaries and limitations

Search visibility can fluctuate; exact signals and timing cannot be promised. When traffic is low or demand shifts, recovery trends may not establish causation.

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