Magento to Shopify Migration Checklist

Your Complete 27-Point Pre-Migration Guide

Before you begin your migration journey, use this comprehensive checklist to ensure a smooth transition from Magento to Shopify. Each phase is critical for maintaining data integrity, preserving SEO rankings, and minimizing downtime.

Phase 1: Pre-Migration Audit (Days -14 to -7)

Technical Assessment

- Document current Magento version and all installed extensions
- List all third-party integrations (ERP, CRM, payment gateways)
- □ Audit custom functionality and business logic
- □ Review server specifications and hosting requirements

Data Inventory

- Count total products, categories, and attributes
- Document customer segments and groups
- □ List all active promotions and pricing rules
- □ Inventory CMS pages and static blocks

Phase 2: Business Preparation (Days -7 to -3)

Strategic Planning

- □ Define migration timeline and key milestones
- □ Identify features to migrate vs. rebuild vs. retire
- □ Set up Shopify Plus account (if applicable)

Plan URL structure and redirects strategy

Team Preparation

- □ Assign project roles and responsibilities
- □ Schedule team training for Shopify platform
- □ Create communication plan for customers

Important: Complete full backup of Magento database and files before proceeding to migration phase.

Phase 3: Data Preparation (Days -3 to 0)

Data Cleanup

- Remove duplicate or obsolete products
- □ Clean customer database (merge duplicates)
- □ Archive old orders (if not migrating all)
- Optimize product images and descriptions

SEO Preservation

- Export all URLs and meta data
- Document current search rankings
- Prepare 301 redirect mapping
- □ Back up XML sitemap

Phase 4: Final Pre-Migration Checks

- Freeze catalog changes on Magento
- Notify customers of maintenance window
- □ Prepare DNS switching instructions
- □ Set up monitoring and analytics
- □ Create rollback plan

Ready to Migrate?

Once you've completed this checklist, you're ready for a smooth migration.

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