

Route Migration Guide

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Status: Active Migration

Target: Simplified Interface Consolidation

Overview

This document tracks the migration of legacy routes to the new **Simplified Interface** ((simplified) route group). All routes are being consolidated to provide a consistent dark-theme experience with unified navigation.

Completed Migrations

Blog Routes

Old Route	New Route	Status	Migration Date
/blog (standalone)	/blog (in simplified)	 Complete	Dec 18, 2025
/blog/[slug]	/blog/[slug] (in simplified)	 Complete	Dec 18, 2025

Changes:

-  Moved to (simplified) route group
-  Dark theme applied
-  API routes created (/api/simplified/blog)
-  Added to SimplifiedNavigation
-  Middleware protection added
-  Removed PublicNav dependency

Active Redirects

The following redirects are now active in middleware:

Legacy Route	Redirects To	Status	Added In
/client-portal/dashboard	/dashboard	✓ Active	Subtask 1
/client-portal/content-planner	/topical-authority	✓ Active	Subtask 1
/client-portal/content-library	/content	✓ Active	Subtask 1
/client-portal/settings	/instellingen	✓ Active	Subtask 1
/client-portal/account	/account	✓ Active	Phase 1
/dashboard/overzicht	/dashboard	✓ Active	Subtask 1
/dashboard/content	/content	✓ Active	Subtask 1
/dashboard/instellingen	/instellingen	✓ Active	Subtask 1
/dashboard/platforms	/platforms	✓ Active	Phase 1
/dashboard/account	/account	✓ Active	Phase 1

🎯 Current Simplified Routes

These are the canonical routes users should use:

Route	Purpose	Component	Protection	Phase
/dashboard	Unified Dashboard	(simplified)/page.tsx	Protected	Phase 1
/topical-authority	Content Planning	(simplified)/topical-authority	Protected	Existing
/content	Content Overview	(simplified)/content	Protected	Existing
/blog	WritGo Blog	(simplified)/blog	Protected	Subtask 1
/platforms	Platform Connections	(simplified)/platforms	Protected	Phase 1
/performance	Performance Metrics	(simplified)/performance	Protected	Existing
/account	Account & Billing	(simplified)/account	Protected	Phase 1
/instellingen	Settings	(simplified)/instellingen	Protected	Existing

⚠️ Deprecated Routes

These routes show deprecation banners but remain functional:

Route Group	Status	Deprecation Banner	Removal Target
/client-portal/*	⚠️ Deprecated	Active	Q1 2026
/admin-portal/*	⚠️ Deprecated	Active	Q1 2026

🚧 Pending Migrations

High Priority Legacy Routes

Routes to migrate in Phase 2:

1. Dashboard Routes

- /dashboard/* (49 routes) → Consolidate into /dashboard

2. Content Routes

- `/client-portal/content-*` → Merge into `/content`

3. Admin Routes

- `/admin/*` (70 routes) → Migrate to admin section in simplified
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Migration Statistics

- **Total Routes:** 248
 - **Simplified Routes:** 17 (7% - up from 3%)
 - **Deprecated Routes:** ~200 (81%)
 - **Active Redirects:** 10 (up from 7)
 - **Deprecation Banners:** 2
 - **Phase 1 Progress:** 3 core routes migrated
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Technical Details

Middleware Configuration

The middleware now:

1. Protects `/blog` routes (requires authentication)
2. Redirects legacy routes to new canonical routes
3. Blocks AI bots
4. Maintains admin access controls

```
// Matcher includes:
'/blog/:path*',           // Protected blog routes
'/dashboard/:path*',      // Dashboard routes
'/topical-authority/:path*', // Content planning
'/content/:path*',        // Content overview
'/instellingen/:path*',   // Settings
```

API Routes

New API routes created:

- `/api/simplified/blog` - List blog posts
 - `/api/simplified/blog/[slug]` - Get single blog post
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User Communication

Deprecation Banners

Active banners inform users about:

- Route deprecation timeline
- Links to new routes
- Migration benefits

Locations:

- Client Portal Layout
 - Admin Portal Layout
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Developer Notes

Adding New Routes

When adding new routes, follow this pattern:

1. Create in (simplified) group

```
app/(simplified)/[feature]/page.tsx
```

2. Use dark theme styling

- bg-gray-900 backgrounds
- text-white text
- border-orange-500 accents

3. Add to SimplifiedNavigation

```
typescript
{
  href: '/feature',
  label: 'Feature',
  icon: Icon,
  description: 'Description'
}
```

4. Protect in middleware

```
typescript
'/feature/:path*',
```

5. Create API routes if needed

```
app/api/simplified/[feature]/route.ts
```

Testing Checklist

When migrating routes:

- [] Dark theme applied consistently
 - [] Navigation links updated
 - [] Middleware protection added
 - [] API routes functional
 - [] Old routes redirect correctly
 - [] No console errors
 - [] Responsive design works
 - [] Authentication works
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Rollback Plan

If issues arise:

Quick Rollback

```
# Revert git changes
git revert [commit-hash]
git push

# Or restore backup
rm -rf app/(simplified)/blog
mv app/blog.backup app/blog
```

Partial Rollback

- Disable redirects in middleware
- Keep old and new routes parallel
- Add feature flag for gradual migration

Support

For migration questions:

- Technical Lead: Development Team
- Documentation: This guide + `writgo_action_plan.md`
- Issues: Create GitHub issue with `migration` label

July 17 Timeline

Phase 1: Critical Fixes COMPLETE

- Week 1 (Dec 18-24, 2025)
- Blog migration
- Core redirects
- Deprecation banners

Phase 2: Legacy Cleanup PLANNED

- Week 2-4 (Jan 2026)
- Dashboard consolidation
- Component cleanup
- Full testing

Phase 3: Final Migration PLANNED

- Q1 2026
- Remove deprecated routes
- Archive old code
- Final documentation update

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