

Route Migration Guide



Last Updated: 18 December 2025
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
<code>/blog</code> (standalone)	<code>/blog</code> (in <code>simplified</code>)	 Complete	Dec 18, 2025
<code>/blog/[slug]</code>	<code>/blog/[slug]</code> (in <code>simplified</code>)	 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



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 ✓



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



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



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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