

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
/client-portal/dashboard	/dashboard	✓ Active
/client-portal/content-planner	/topical-authority	✓ Active
/client-portal/content-library	/content	✓ Active
/client-portal/settings	/instellingen	✓ Active
/dashboard/overzicht	/dashboard	✓ Active
/dashboard/content	/content	✓ Active
/dashboard/instellingen	/instellingen	✓ Active

Current Simplified Routes

These are the canonical routes users should use:

Route	Purpose	Component	Protection
/dashboard	Unified Dashboard	(simplified)/page.tsx	✓ Protected
/topical-authority	Content Planning	(simplified)/topical-authority	✓ Protected
/content	Content Overview	(simplified)/content	✓ Protected
/blog	WritGo Blog	(simplified)/blog	✓ Protected
/instellingen	Settings	(simplified)/instellingen	✓ Protected

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:** 13 (5% - up from 3%)
- **Deprecated Routes:** 210 (85%)
- **Active Redirects:** 7
- **Deprecation Banners:** 2

🔧 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



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
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Support

For migration questions:

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