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Thread: [Server Move Tuesday Sept 29](#)

Omniscient - September 26, 2026, 8:57 am

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loadman - September 26, 2026, 8:58 am

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Scrub - September 26, 2026, 9:00 am

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Mix - September 26, 2026, 9:14 am

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Omniscient - September 26, 2026, 9:24 am

(Sep 26, 2026 09:14 AM)Mix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Quick one, do you think the site will be down for a day or two or just a few hours?

It's just the database dump, move, and insert time that we should be down.

Dump = 20 minutes

Move = 30 minutes
Insert = 60 minutes

So around 2 hours is a rough estimate.

Your DNS update for resolving to the new server might take longer. That's not up to me. If you're mobile, it could be up to 2-3 days. Likely changing your DNS resolver to Cloudflare's 1.1.1.1 would make it faster (will be part of the instruction message when site closed).

Oh, I'll also have real-time updates on HF's X account. <https://x.com/HackForumsNet> Follow if you wish to get notifications.

Raijin - September 26, 2026, 10:28 am

Best of luck, should feel good to have this experience under your belt.

Respect - September 26, 2026, 10:39 am

Exciting times! I'm glad I got my Flip Reaper before convo going down haha. Good luck with everything

Omniscient - September 26, 2026, 10:48 am

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Omniscient - September 27, 2026, 3:39 pm

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CHAOS - September 27, 2026, 6:45 pm

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Terry A. Davis - September 27, 2026, 9:25 pm

something something something Award for first 50 visitors? something something something

I look forward to seeing how blitzing the new server is. Good work on the progress Champ.

Jamika - September 28, 2026, 12:33 am

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I'm really excited to see what happens. I can't wait! Best of luck, my friend. I expect you'll face some problems at first, to be honest, but I think it'll be worth it.

Omniscient - September 28, 2026, 3:29 pm

(Sep 27, 2026 06:45 PM)CHAOS Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What's your go to AI for tasks like these or daily driver?

OpenAI's ChatGPT.

So far it just seems to stay ahead in terms of features.

I have Grok as well. Don't currently have Claude.

The work is slowing down. At the phase where I'm doing manual fixes and edits one at a time. But overall the site is working on the new server it's mostly just Undefined Array and Undefined Variable warnings.

I see no reason why tomorrow we can't move.

I've always said that for a week or two things will be broken once we move. That's not changed. Convo is definitely going to be offline for a time (1-2 weeks?).

Stay tuned. Tomorrow it's GO TIME!

Omniscient - September 29, 2026, 10:16 am

It's move day.

Give me 2-3 hours and HF is going to get closed while we move.

Omniscient - September 29, 2026, 12:01 pm

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Dotexe - September 29, 2026, 12:37 pm

(Sep 29, 2026 12:01 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Less than an hour remaining before we go offline. Fingers crossed ?

Terry A. Davis - September 29, 2026, 12:47 pm

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jK-NcRmVcw>]

Wait you're moving before my work day is even halfway over, what will I do to shitpost while I wait?

DemonAsylum - *September 29, 2026, 3:59 pm*

Looks like we're officially back online! Congrats and well done on the successful server move [Omniscient!](#)

Dotexe - *September 29, 2026, 3:59 pm*

Welcome back fellas

Terry A. Davis - *September 29, 2026, 4:00 pm*

Welcome back everyone, I've missed you!