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The Old Website Nobody Remembers May Still Be Online

The campaign ended and the team stopped using its page. The supplier delivered the next project. Months later, the old subdomain still responds, with a form nobody checks and an administration account without a clear owner.

Inside the company, the project belongs to the past. To someone who finds the address, it remains an accessible part of the business. A useful inventory includes experiments, integrations and services that outlived their purpose.

Give Each Address an Owner and a Decision

Start with your domains and subdomains, hosting accounts and administration panels. For each item, find someone who can explain its purpose and who maintains it. A recent invoice can help locate a service. It does not establish that the service is current or still being used.

- Confirm who controls the domain and the services it points to.
- Identify test environments that remain accessible from the internet.
- Review third-party tools that still receive data or retain credentials.
- Decide what to keep, restrict or retire, with a named owner for each action.

Retiring a Service Needs Checks Too

Shutting down a server without checking dependencies can interrupt a form or a process another team still uses. Confirm its purpose, agree the retirement and review the references left behind. A domain record pointing to an abandoned service deserves attention even if the main website works.

During an audit, this inventory defines the boundaries of testing and distinguishes your systems from shared infrastructure. If penetration testing follows, written permission must identify the assets and conditions. Discovering an address does not authorise testing it.

> *An external review describes what was found within a scope at a particular date. It does not establish*

that every asset or vulnerability has been discovered.

A Check You Can Run

An illustrative inventory entry might be an old campaign subdomain pointing to a retired hosting account. Record the domain owner, hosting owner and whether a live page still links to it. Decide what should replace it before changing DNS. Checking an address you own is a starting point; active testing of someone else's infrastructure requires their authorisation.

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