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Four Basic Steps

- **Back up your data**
  - You may not be able to back up everything - e.g. Google Reader didn’t provide an easy way to back up all read articles.

- **Know your import/export options**
  - You may be able to export a lot of data, but that doesn’t mean that other services will let you import it.

- **Read (and heed) all warnings**
  - Most services will give you plenty of notice. Pay attention to the shut down dates. Note that some services, however, have shut down immediately.

- **Delete your account if you can**
  - Particularly if the account has any kind of public presence. However, you may wish to hold off deleting if you weren’t able to get all of the data you wanted out of the account.

More Information

- How To Protect Yourself From Online Services Shutting Down - [http://goo.gl/DkW33C](http://goo.gl/DkW33C)
- How to Protect Your Data in the Event of a Webapp Shutdown (and Prevent the Problem in the Future) - [http://goo.gl/w271km](http://goo.gl/w271km)
- Moving On When A Service You Love Shuts Down: How to Find A Replacement and Migrate Your Data- [http://goo.gl/xc1AAy](http://goo.gl/xc1AAy)
- What to do when your favorite site closes - [http://goo.gl/3RkImC](http://goo.gl/3RkImC)