Moving from Firebase Studio

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Google is closing the Firebase Studio editor on March 22, 2027. Firebase itself keeps running. Your live app and the Firebase services it already uses (sign-in, data, and hosting) keep running. The important first step is to save a copy of your project before that date.

Bring your idea and screenshots to Social Butterfly AI™, and the crew builds a better version. You cannot upload your Studio project today.

These guides are in the User Guide. There is a shorter Help Center article on the same topic, a Firebase Studio alternative page, and a short five-question plan. Use the five-question plan when you are ready to start, and this guide for the full steps.

What keeps running

These do not stop when Firebase Studio closes. Firebase itself keeps running:

- Your live app and its web address
- How people sign in (Firebase Authentication)
- Your saved data, such as members, schedules, and class lists (Cloud Firestore)
- The place your live site is published (Firebase Hosting or App Hosting)

Google's own docs say apps already deployed to Firebase keep running after the shutdown date, and core Firebase products such as Cloud Firestore, Authentication, and App Hosting are not impacted. This change is only about the Firebase Studio editor, not your live app.

What does end

- On March 22, 2027, Firebase Studio shuts down. Google permanently deletes any workspaces still there (the Studio spaces that hold your project files), and they cannot be recovered.
- Since June 22, 2026, nobody can create a new Studio workspace or sign up. You can still open the workspace you already have, until March 22, 2027.

Official Google path: save your code and leave Firebase as it is

This is the path Google documents for getting a copy of your project out of Studio. You do not need to change your Firebase project. Leave it as it is.

1. On your computer, open a browser and go to studio.firebase.google.com. Sign in with the same Google account you used to build the app.
2. Open your workspace.
3. At the top of the workspace, click **Move now**, then click **Zip and Download**. If you do not see that button, open the command box (press Ctrl+Shift+P on Windows, or Cmd+Shift+P on a Mac) and run **Firebase Studio: Zip and Download**.
4. When the file finishes downloading, save a second copy somewhere you trust, such as Google Drive or a folder you already back up. This file is your copy of the project. Keep it.
5. Optional: you can also save the project to a private GitHub repository (an online backup of your code). Google's steps are in Upload your app to GitHub.
6. Stop there if you only needed a safe copy. You do not need to change or rebuild anything for your live app to keep working.

Only the person who created the workspace can use the **Move now** button. If someone shared the workspace with you, ask them to download it. You can also save a copy from Code view (the screen that shows your project files) with **Firebase Studio: Zip and Download**, as Google describes.

If you later want to keep editing the original code in a Google tool, that is optional and can take longer. Google's official options are:

- **Google AI Studio** (in the browser): click **Move now**, then **Prepare for AI Studio**, then **Move to Google AI Studio**.

- **Google Antigravity** (a desktop editor): download the file, open the folder in Antigravity, and follow Google's prompts.

Those steps are on Google's official page for leaving Studio. Saving the download in steps 1 to 4 is the important first task.

The Social Butterfly AI™ option

If you want a version of your app in Social Butterfly AI™, bring your idea and screenshots of the screens you have now, and the crew builds a better version. You cannot upload your existing project.

1. Save a copy of your project first, using the official Google path above.
2. You can start from the short five-question plan, which asks five short questions and then opens Vibe Coding Studio with your description filled in. For the full Studio walkthrough, see the Vibe Coding Studio guide.
3. Or sign in and start a build in Vibe Coding Studio yourself. Tell the crew what your app does, who it is for, and what screens it has. The Vibe Coding Studio guide has the steps.
4. The Architect writes a plan first. Nothing is built until you approve it.
5. Your Firebase data stays where it is. Your members, schedules, class lists, and sign-ins stay in your existing Firebase project.

New to describing an app in plain words? See How to describe your app idea to AI.

Official sources

- Firebase Studio sunset and project migration
- Firebase Studio release notes
- Firebase Studio overview
- Firebase blog, March 19, 2026
- Upload your app to GitHub

Frequently asked questions

When does Firebase Studio shut down?

On March 22, 2027. That is when Google permanently deletes any workspaces still in Firebase Studio. New workspaces and signups already stopped on June 22, 2026.

Will my live app keep running?

Yes. Firebase itself keeps running. Google says apps already deployed to Firebase keep running after the shutdown date, and core Firebase products like Cloud Firestore, Authentication, and App Hosting are not impacted.

How do I save my project?

Open your workspace in Firebase Studio, tap **Move now** at the top, then **Zip and Download**. Only the person who created the workspace can use **Move now**, so if someone shared a workspace with you, ask them to download it.

Can Social Butterfly AI™ use my existing project files today?

No. You cannot upload your Studio project file or connect a GitHub repo today. Bring your idea and screenshots, and the crew builds a better version. Your original code stays yours.

What happens to my Firebase data?

Your data stays in your Firebase project. Your members, schedules, and sign-ins stay there.

Do I need to know how to code?

No. You answer questions and approve plans in plain words. The crew writes the code and keeps it out of your way unless you ask to see it.

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