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NON-AMERICAN ALTERNATIVES TO POPULAR U.S. BUSINESS APPS

Canadian companies first. Then trusted non-U.S. SaaS and self-hosted tools you can run on Canadian servers. Search by the app you use today and compare ownership, hosting and data residency side by side.

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TOOLS	CANADIAN	SELF-HOSTED	CATEGORIES

Showing **75** of 75 tools

OFFICE SUITE & EMAIL

Replaces: ~~Google Workspace~~, ~~Microsoft 365~~ · 5 tools

No Canadian company offers a full office suite yet. Pair a Swiss suite with Sync.com for files.

TOOL	TYPE	BEST FOR	OWNERSHIP & DATA
Proton Business Switzerland https://proton.me/business	Non-U.S. SaaS	Encrypted email, calendar, drive and VPN in one plan	Swiss company under Swiss privacy law; servers in Switzerland and Germany.
Infomaniak kSuite Switzerland https://www.infomaniak.com/en/ksuite	Non-U.S. SaaS	Email, online documents, kDrive and meetings for small teams	Independent Swiss company; data centres in Switzerland.
Zoho Workplace India https://www.zoho.com/workplace/	Non-U.S. SaaS	Low-cost mail and office apps that connect to the Zoho suite	Indian company with a Canadian data centre region (zoho.ca). Confirm per app.
Tuta Germany https://tuta.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	End-to-end encrypted email and calendar	German company; servers in Germany under GDPR.
Nextcloud Hub Germany https://nextcloud.com	Non-U.S. SaaS Self-hosted	Files, office documents, calendar and chat on your own server	German open-source company. Host it on Canadian servers to keep data here.

FILES & STORAGE

Replaces: ~~Dropbox~~, ~~Google Drive~~, ~~Box~~ · 3 tools

TOOL	TYPE	BEST FOR	OWNERSHIP & DATA
Sync.com Toronto, ON · Canada https://www.sync.com	Canadian	Encrypted file storage and sharing for teams	Canadian company; files stored in Canada with zero-knowledge encryption.
pCloud Switzerland https://www.pcloud.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Large storage plans with optional client-side encryption	Swiss company; you choose a European or U.S. data region at sign-up. Pick Europe.
Tresorit Switzerland https://tresorit.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	End-to-end encrypted file sharing for regulated work	Swiss company, majority-owned by Swiss Post; several data regions.

PASSWORDS

Replaces: ~~LastPass~~, ~~Keeper~~ · 3 tools

TOOL	TYPE	BEST FOR	OWNERSHIP & DATA
1Password Toronto, ON · Canada https://1password.com/business	Canadian	Team password and secrets management	Canadian company. Choose the Canadian region (1password.ca) when you create the account.
Proton Pass Switzerland https://proton.me/pass	Non-U.S. SaaS	Encrypted passwords and email aliases	Swiss company; part of Proton Business plans.
KeePassXC Open source https://keepassxc.org	Self-hosted	Offline vault file that you store wherever you choose	Free open-source app; no vendor cloud at all.

TEAM CHAT

Replaces: ~~Slack~~, ~~Microsoft Teams~~ · 3 tools

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Element United Kingdom https://element.io	Non-U.S. SaaS Self-hosted	Secure team chat on the open Matrix standard	U.K. company. Use their cloud or host your own Matrix server in Canada.
Wire Switzerland https://wire.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Encrypted messaging, calls and file sharing for business	Swiss-headquartered with engineering in Germany; EU hosting.
Threema Work Switzerland https://threema.ch/en/work	Non-U.S. SaaS	Private messaging that needs no phone number	Swiss company; servers in Switzerland.

MEETINGS & VIDEO

Replaces: ~~Zoom~~, ~~Google Meet~~, ~~Loom~~, ~~Otter.ai~~ · 6 tools

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BigBlueButton Ottawa, ON · Canada https://bigbluebutton.org	Canadian Self-hosted	Video classes and webinars with whiteboard and breakouts	Open-source project led by Blindside Networks in Ottawa. Host it in Canada.
Fellow Ottawa, ON · Canada https://fellow.app	Canadian	Meeting agendas, AI notes and action items	Canadian company. Ask which cloud region stores your notes.
Vidyard Kitchener, ON · Canada https://www.vidyard.com	Canadian	Recorded video messages for sales and support	Canadian company. Ask which cloud region stores your videos.
Whereby Norway https://whereby.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Browser video rooms with no download for guests	Norwegian company; GDPR-based privacy terms.
Infomaniak kMeet Switzerland https://www.infomaniak.com/en/kmeet	Non-U.S. SaaS	Free, simple video meetings	Swiss company; hosted in Switzerland.
Jitsi Meet Open source https://jitsi.org	Self-hosted	Free video meetings you run on your own server	Open source, stewarded by 8×8 (U.S.). Self-host it to keep calls on your servers.

PROJECTS & TASKS

Replaces: ~~Asana~~, ~~Trello~~, ~~Jira~~ · 4 tools

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monday.com Israel https://monday.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Visual boards and workflows for any team	Israeli company; offers EU and other data regions.
Teamwork.com Ireland https://www.teamwork.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Client projects, time tracking and billing for agencies	Irish company; EU data hosting available.
MeisterTask Germany https://www.meistertask.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Simple Kanban boards for small teams	German company; servers in the EU.
OpenProject Germany https://www.openproject.org	Non-U.S. SaaS Self-hosted	Gantt charts, agile boards and time tracking	German open-source company; use their EU cloud or host it yourself.

CRM & SALES

Replaces: ~~Salesforce~~, ~~HubSpot~~ · 5 tools

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Maximizer Vancouver, BC · Canada https://www.maximizer.com	Canadian	CRM for sales teams and financial advisors	Canadian company. Ask about Canadian hosting for your account.
Zoho CRM India https://www.zoho.com/crm/	Non-U.S. SaaS	Full-featured CRM at a small-business price	Indian company with a Canadian data centre region (zoho.ca).
Pipedrive Estonia https://www.pipedrive.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Visual sales pipeline for small sales teams	Founded in Estonia, but majority-owned by Vista Equity Partners (U.S.).
Odoo CRM Belgium https://www.odoo.com/app/crm	Non-U.S. SaaS Self-hosted	CRM that grows into a full business suite	Belgian company; use their cloud or host the open-source edition yourself.
SuiteCRM United Kingdom https://suitecrm.com	Self-hosted	Free open-source CRM for teams with IT help	Maintained by SalesAgility (U.K.). You choose the hosting.

ACCOUNTING, BILLS & SPEND

Replaces: ~~QuickBooks~~, ~~Bill.com~~, ~~Brex~~, ~~Ramp~~ · 6 tools

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FreshBooks Toronto, ON · Canada https://www.freshbooks.com	Canadian	Invoicing, expenses and bookkeeping for service businesses	Canadian company. Confirm where your books are hosted.
Wave Toronto, ON · Canada https://www.waveapps.com	Canadian	Free invoicing and accounting for freelancers	Built in Toronto, owned by H&R Block (U.S.) since 2019.
Plooto Toronto, ON · Canada https://www.plooto.com	Canadian	Pay bills and collect payments with approvals	Canadian company built for Canadian bank payments.
Float Toronto, ON · Canada https://floatfinancial.com	Canadian	Corporate cards and spend controls in Canadian dollars	Canadian company serving Canadian businesses.
Xero New Zealand https://www.xero.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Cloud accounting with a large app ecosystem	New Zealand company; hosted on a U.S. cloud provider.

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Sage United Kingdom https://www.sage.com/en-ca/	Non-U.S. SaaS	Accounting and payroll with Canadian tax support	U.K. company with Canadian operations. Confirm hosting per product.

PAYROLL & HR

Replaces: ~~Gusto~~, ~~ADP~~, ~~BambooHR~~ · 5 tools

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Wagepoint Canada https://wagepoint.com	Canadian	Simple payroll for small Canadian businesses	Canadian company; handles CRA remittances and T4s.
Humi Toronto, ON · Canada https://www.humi.ca	Canadian	HR, payroll and benefits in one place	Canadian brand. Confirm current ownership and hosting before you sign.
Nethris Quebec · Canada https://www.nethris.com	Canadian	Payroll and HR for Quebec and Canadian employers	Subsidiary of Desjardins, a Quebec co-operative.
Personio Germany https://www.personio.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	HR records, time off and hiring for growing teams	German company; EU hosting. Confirm Canadian payroll support.
HiBob Israel https://www.hibob.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Modern HR platform for mid-size companies	Israeli company. Ask which region hosts your employee data.

PAYMENTS & POINT OF SALE

Replaces: ~~Stripe~~, ~~Square~~, ~~PayPal~~, ~~Toast~~ · 4 tools

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Helcim Calgary, AB · Canada https://www.helcim.com	Canadian	Card processing and terminals with interchange-plus pricing	Canadian company.
Moneris Toronto, ON · Canada https://www.moneris.com	Canadian	Payment terminals and online payments from a Canadian processor	Canadian payment processor. Confirm current ownership.
Lightspeed Montreal, QC · Canada https://www.lightspeedhq.com	Canadian	Point of sale for retail, restaurants and golf	Canadian public company. Ask which region hosts your store data.
Adyen Netherlands https://www.adyen.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Enterprise payments across many countries	Dutch company; best suited to larger merchants.

WEBSITES, STORES & COURSES

Replaces: ~~Squarespace~~, ~~BigCommerce~~, ~~Leadpages~~, ~~Teachable~~, ~~Kajabi~~ · 5 tools

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Shopify Ottawa, ON · Canada https://www.shopify.com/ca	Canadian	Online store, point of sale and payments	Canadian company; the platform runs on a U.S. cloud provider.
Unbounce Vancouver, BC · Canada https://unbounce.com	Canadian	Landing pages and A/B tests for campaigns	Canadian company. Ask which region hosts your pages and leads.
Thinkific Vancouver, BC · Canada https://www.thinkific.com	Canadian	Online courses, memberships and communities	Canadian public company. Ask which region hosts student data.
Wix Israel https://www.wix.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Drag-and-drop websites with bookings and stores	Israeli company. Confirm where site and customer data are hosted.
Ghost Singapore https://ghost.org	Non-U.S. SaaS Self-hosted	Websites, blogs and paid newsletters	Run by a non-profit foundation. Use Ghost(Pro) or host it yourself in Canada.

EMAIL & SOCIAL MARKETING

Replaces: ~~Mailchimp~~, ~~Constant Contact~~, ~~Buffer~~, ~~Sprout Social~~ · 8 tools

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Cyberimpact Quebec · Canada https://www.cyberimpact.com	Canadian	Bilingual email marketing built around CASL	Canadian company; data hosted in Canada.
Maropost Toronto, ON · Canada https://www.maropost.com	Canadian	Email, SMS and commerce marketing at scale	Canadian company. Ask which region hosts your lists.
Hootsuite Vancouver, BC · Canada https://www.hootsuite.com	Canadian	Social media scheduling, inbox and reporting	Canadian company. Ask which region hosts your account data.
Brevo France https://www.brevo.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Email, SMS and simple CRM on a generous free plan	French company; EU hosting.
MailerLite Lithuania https://www.mailerlite.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Easy newsletters and landing pages	Lithuanian company. Confirm hosting region.
Agorapulse France https://www.agorapulse.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Social scheduling and inbox for agencies	French company. Confirm hosting region.

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listmonk Open source https://listmonk.app	Self-hosted	Self-hosted newsletter and mailing list manager	Free open-source app. Pair it with a Canadian server and email relay.
Postiz Open source https://postiz.com	Self-hosted	Open-source social media scheduler	Hosted plan or self-host the open-source code.

HELP DESK & LIVE CHAT

Replaces: ~~Zendesk~~, ~~Intercom~~ · 4 tools

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Ada Toronto, ON · Canada https://www.ada.cx	Canadian	AI agent that answers customer questions	Canadian company. Ask which region hosts conversations.
Zoho Desk India https://www.zoho.com/desk/	Non-U.S. SaaS	Ticketing, help centre and SLAs	Indian company with a Canadian data centre region (zoho.ca).
Crisp France https://crisp.chat	Non-U.S. SaaS	Live chat, shared inbox and chatbot	French company; EU hosting.
Zammad Germany https://zammad.com	Non-U.S. SaaS Self-hosted	Open-source help desk with email, chat and phone	German company; EU cloud or self-host in Canada.

FORMS, SURVEYS & E-SIGNATURE

Replaces: ~~SurveyMonkey~~, ~~Google Forms~~, ~~DocuSign~~ · 6 tools

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Signority Ottawa, ON · Canada https://www.signority.com	Canadian	E-signatures and document workflows	Canadian company offering Canadian data hosting.
Notarius Montreal, QC · Canada https://notarius.com	Canadian	Certified digital signatures for engineers, lawyers and accountants	Canadian company recognized by professional orders.
SimpleSurvey Canada https://www.simplesurvey.com	Canadian	Surveys and forms with Canadian data storage	Canadian company. Confirm hosting terms for your plan.
Typeform Spain https://www.typeform.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Conversational forms that people finish	Spanish company. Confirm hosting region.
Yousign France https://yousign.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Simple e-signatures for small businesses	French company; EU hosting.

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LimeSurvey Germany https://www.limesurvey.org	Non-U.S. SaaS Self-hosted	Advanced surveys for research and public sector	German company; cloud or self-hosted open-source edition.

WEBSITE ANALYTICS

Replaces: ~~Google Analytics~~ · 3 tools

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Fathom Analytics Canada https://usefathom.com	Canadian	Cookie-free website stats on one simple dashboard	Canadian-owned company with EU-isolated data processing.
Plausible Estonia https://plausible.io	Non-U.S. SaaS Self-hosted	Lightweight, privacy-friendly analytics	EU company with EU hosting; open-source edition to self-host.
Matomo New Zealand https://matomo.org	Non-U.S. SaaS Self-hosted	Full analytics suite you can host yourself	New Zealand company; EU cloud or self-host in Canada.

CLOUD HOSTING

Replaces: ~~AWS~~, ~~Microsoft Azure~~, ~~Google Cloud~~ · 5 tools

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ThinkOn Toronto, ON · Canada https://www.thinkon.com	Canadian	Sovereign cloud, backup and disaster recovery	Canadian company; data centres across Canada.
Canadian Web Hosting Vancouver, BC · Canada https://www.canadianwebhosting.com	Canadian	Managed servers and cloud hosting for small businesses	Canadian company; data centres in Vancouver and Toronto.
OVHcloud France https://www.ovhcloud.com/en-ca/	Non-U.S. SaaS	Servers, storage and managed Kubernetes at low cost	French company with a large data centre in Beauharnois, Quebec.
Hetzner Germany https://www.hetzner.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	Low-cost cloud servers for developers	German company; data centres in Europe and the U.S., none in Canada.
Scaleway France https://www.scaleway.com	Non-U.S. SaaS	European cloud with GPUs and object storage	French company; data centres in Europe.

BEFORE YOU MIGRATE

FIVE CHECKS FOR EVERY SWITCH

1. **Find out where the data lives**
   Ask for the storage and backup regions in writing. A Canadian region is often an option you have to turn on.
2. **Check who owns the company**
   Look at the parent company and major investors. An acquisition can move a Canadian brand under U.S. law.
3. **Confirm you can leave**
   Test the export: file formats, attachments, history. If you cannot export it, you cannot switch again.
4. **Read the privacy terms**
   Compare them with PIPEDA, and with Law 25 if you operate in Quebec. Note who the sub-processors are.
5. **Pilot with one team first**
   Run the new tool for two to four weeks with a small group before you move everyone.

VERIFY BEFORE YOU MIGRATE

Ownership, hosting and data residency change. Companies get acquired, and a Canadian company can still store your data on U.S. servers or with a U.S. cloud provider. Before you migrate, confirm each vendor's current owner, where your data is stored and backed up, and their privacy terms against PIPEDA and, in Quebec, Law 25. This guide is for information only, reflects public information as of October 2026, and is not legal advice. No vendor paid to be listed.

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