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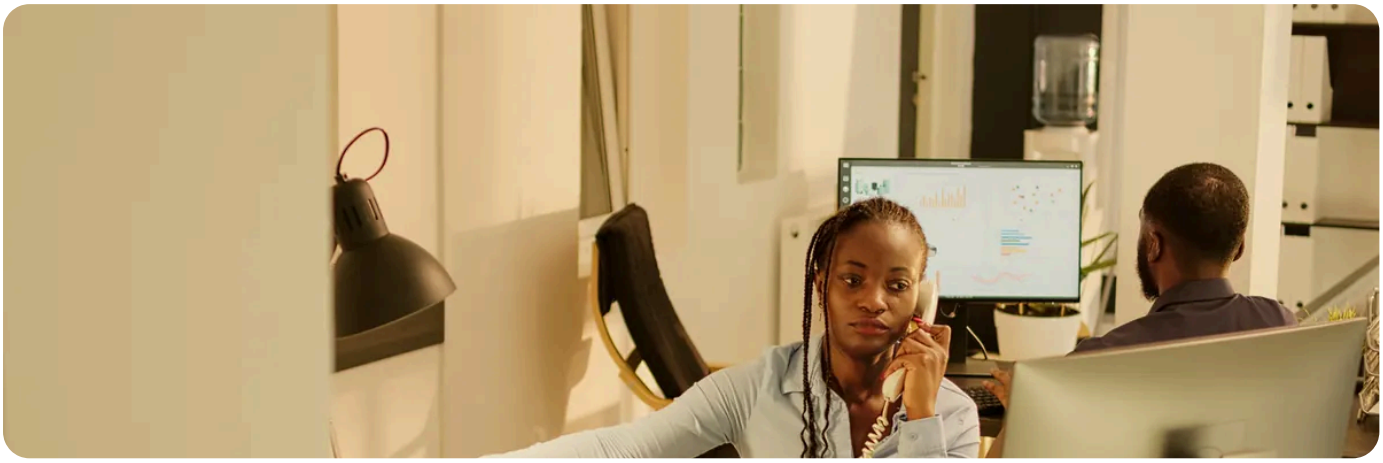
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They are close relatives: in both cases you get a virtual machine of your own, with root access and administration on your side. There are two real differences: **the ceiling** and **the private network**.

Side by side

	VPS	Cloud
Resources	**Reserved for you alone** on KVM virtualisation: from VPS1 (1 vCPU, 2 GB of RAM) up to VPS6 (32 vCPU, 64 GB of RAM), on NVMe SSD.	Reserved, in the same range as the VPS: from Cloud1 (1 vCPU, 2 GB of RAM) up to Cloud6 (32 vCPU, 64 GB of RAM). Public network plus a **private network** between your machines.
Administration	**Yours.** We hand it over with the operating system installed and root access; from there it is on you.	**Yours**, same as a VPS: delivered with the OS and root access.
Control panel	**Not included.** Can be bought separately, at order time or later by ticket.	**Not included**, bought separately.
Growing	Move up a plan, with a machine restart.	Scales by adding machines, linked over the private network.
Backups	**Not included.** Bought separately, at their own cost.	**Not included**, bought separately.
Built for	Custom applications, several heavy sites, anyone who needs to install what they like.	Projects that grow in layers - application on one machine, database on another.

The short answer

For a single machine doing its job, a **VPS** is enough and costs less. Choose **Cloud** if you will have more than one machine working together over a private network.

See VPS plans → | See Cloud plans →

Signs it is time to move

1. You want two or more machines talking over a **private network**, without exposing ports to the internet.
2. You need to spread the load over several machines instead of growing a single one.
3. You are designing the system in layers, with growth in mind.

Moving up a tier changes who administers it.
Above shared hosting, the system becomes your responsibility: updates, firewall and backups. Read **what changes between a managed and an unmanaged service** before deciding - that is the part that catches people out.

What does not change with the plan.
The domain stays registered in your name and e-mail can come along. Migrating does not force an address change or lose messages - it is planned and done without the site going offline.

If you are not sure, tell us what the site does and how much traffic it gets. Asking costs less than moving twice.

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