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# Shared hosting, VPS, Cloud or dedicated: the full comparison

Choosing the Right Plan

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Four ways to put a site or a system online, from the simplest to the most powerful. The choice is not about which is best: it is about **how much you want to administer** and **how far you need to grow**.

## All four, side by side

|                       | Shared hosting                                                                             | VPS                                                                                                                                   | Cloud                                                                                                                                                                               | Dedicated server                                                                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Resources</b>      | Resources shared with other accounts, with per-account limits (CPU, memory and processes). | <b>Reserved for you alone</b> 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 <b>private network</b> between your machines. | <b>The whole physical machine:</b> Xeon or i7 processor, 16 to 64 GB of RAM, its own disks in RAID 1. |
| <b>Administration</b> | <b>Ours.</b> System, security and updates are on us.                                       | <b>Yours.</b> We hand it over with the operating system installed and root access; from there it is on you.                           | <b>Yours</b> , same as a VPS: delivered with the OS and root access.                                                                                                                | <b>Yours.</b> Delivered with the operating system installed.                                          |
| <b>Control panel</b>  | cPanel included.                                                                           | <b>Not included.</b> Can be bought separately, at order time or later by ticket.                                                      | <b>Not included</b> , bought separately.                                                                                                                                            | <b>Not included</b> , bought separately.                                                              |
| <b>Growing</b>        | Change plan in minutes, no migration.                                                      | Move up a plan, with a machine restart.                                                                                               | Scales by adding machines, linked over the private network.                                                                                                                         | Changing machine means a migration and a maintenance window.                                          |
| <b>Backups</b>        | Taken by us every night before dawn.                                                       | <b>Not included.</b> Bought separately, at their own cost.                                                                            | <b>Not included</b> , bought separately.                                                                                                                                            | <b>Not included</b> , bought separately.                                                              |

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|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Built for</b> | Company websites, small and medium shops, business e-mail. | 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. | High, constant load, full isolation requirements, lots of disk. |
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## One sentence each

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**Shared** - to have a site online without minding servers. It covers the overwhelming majority of cases, for far longer than people assume.

2

**VPS** - when you need to install whatever you like, or consumption no longer fits inside shared limits. You gain freedom, and take on the administration with it.

3

**Cloud** - when the project grows separate pieces that talk to each other over a private network.

4

**Dedicated** - when the load is high all day, when you need a lot of your own disk, or when nothing may be shared.

## The question that decides it

It is not "how much traffic do I get". It is this: **who is going to look after the system?** If the answer is "nobody in particular", stay on shared hosting - a server with no administrator ends up out of date, and an out-of-date server is a security problem, not a saving.

## Order

[See Shared hosting plans](#)[See VPS plans](#)[See Cloud plans](#)[See Dedicated server plans](#)

**Moving later is normal.** Almost nobody starts in exactly the right place, and there is nothing wrong with that. Migration happens without the site going offline and the domain never notices. Start with the simplest thing that solves today.

**From the VPS up, administration is yours.** Updates, firewall and backups move to your side - see **what changes between managed and unmanaged** before you decide.

Tell us what you need to run and we will tell you which of these is enough.

[Talk to our team](#)

#### SEE ALSO

**Shared hosting vs VPS: which one does your project need?**

**Shared hosting vs dedicated server: when the jump is worth it**

**Shared hosting vs Cloud: what actually changes**

**VPS vs Cloud: the difference is the network, not the marketing**

**VPS vs dedicated server: virtual resources or the whole machine**

**Cloud vs dedicated server: flexibility or raw hardware**

And the server system: **Linux or Windows hosting: which does your site need?**

## VPS AND CLOUD SERVERS

# For when shared hosting is no longer enough.

Dedicated resources, root access and freedom to install whatever you need. With the same support team behind it.

[\*\*See servers\*\*](#)

Linux or Windows · scale when you need to



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