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The short answer: both run Node.js and Python apps as well as PHP; the difference is everything else. **Webuzo** is a full, paid hosting panel: e-mail, DNS, customer accounts and resellers. **CloudPanel** is free and only looks after the apps: **no e-mail and no DNS**. If the server will hold mailboxes, it is Webuzo.

🔍 Side by side

What to compare	Webuzo	CloudPanel
Licence	Paid (the vendor gives a 15-day trial). Requested through a support ticket; not chosen when you order.	Free. There is no licence.
Systems you can order	AlmaLinux 8 and 9, Rocky Linux 8, CloudLinux 8, Ubuntu 20.04 and 22.04. Ubuntu 24.04 through a support ticket. Not Debian. SELinux off.	Ubuntu 22.04 and Debian 12. Ubuntu 24.04 and Debian 13 through a support ticket. No AlmaLinux, Rocky or CloudLinux.
Web server	Apache, Nginx, LiteSpeed or OpenLiteSpeed, or Nginx in front of Apache; switchable after install.	NGINX with PHP-FPM; Varnish and Redis available.
E-mail included	Yes: Exim and Dovecot (POP and IMAP), with SpamAssassin.	No. The documentation says to use a separate e-mail service.
DNS	Yes: BIND, with DNS clustering.	No DNS server: the records stay wherever the domain is managed.

What to compare	Webuzo	CloudPanel
Several accounts and reselling	Yes: administrator, resellers and users, with plans and privileges.	Users with three roles (Admin, Site Manager, User). No packages and no reselling.
WordPress	WordPress Manager (install, update, staging, cloning) and Softaculous, with more than 350 applications.	A dedicated WordPress site type.
Node.js and Python apps	Application Manager: Node.js, Python and Java, also through Passenger.	Built in: Node.js and Python site types, plus PHP, static and reverse proxy.
Backups	Scheduled and incremental, on the server or to S3, Google Drive, FTP and SFTP.	Off the server only: S3, Dropbox, Google Drive, SFTP and anything Rclone supports; manual restore.
Minimum memory and disk	1 GB (2 GB recommended). Disk: 5 GB (10 GB recommended).	2 GB. Disk: 10 GB.
Learning curve	Two interfaces, as with cPanel: an admin panel and a user panel.	Few menus: sites, users and backups, no e-mail and no DNS.
First login	Admin at https://IP:2005 (2004 without SSL), user panel at :2003 (2002 without SSL).	https://IP:8443

➞ Choose Webuzo if

- 1 You want e-mail on the same server**, with mailboxes for each domain.
- 2 You want to run DNS on the server.** The domain has to point at your VPS: **pointing a domain at your VPS**.
- 3 You will give accounts to clients or have resellers**, each with their own panel.
- 4 You need AlmaLinux, Rocky Linux or CloudLinux**, or you are coming from cPanel or DirectAdmin, which Webuzo imports.

➔ Choose CloudPanel if

1 The server is only for apps in PHP, Node.js or Python, and e-mail is with another service.

2 DNS stays at the domain registrar or at Cloudflare.

3 You do not want to pay for a licence and no clients will log into the panel.

4 You prefer Debian 12, which Webuzo does not support.



From Webuzo to CloudPanel, e-mail and DNS are left homeless.

Move the mailboxes and the zones to another service before you switch. CloudPanel wants an empty server and Webuzo a freshly installed system: they cannot live side by side, and the reinstall is requested through a support ticket, after copying everything out. Neither documentation offers an importer for the other panel: files and databases move by hand.



Your VPS is unmanaged:

You install and look after the panel yourself. The steps are in [installing Webuzo](#) and [installing CloudPanel](#). A VPS1 or a Cloud1, with 2 GB, meets the memory minimum of both. To compare with the other three, see [which panel to install](#) and [what the licence buys you](#).



NEED A HAND?

Not sure which of the two fits? Tell us what will run on the server.



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[Installing Webuzo on your VPS, step by step](#)



[Installing CloudPanel on your VPS, step by step: a free panel for PHP, Node and Python apps](#)



[Which control panel to install on your VPS: cPanel, Plesk, Webuzo, HestiaCP or CloudPanel](#)



[Free or paid control panel on your VPS: what the licence buys you](#)



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