Fosshost needs your [donation](#) to continue

Who Is Fosshost?
We offer virtual machines ("virtual private servers", x86, ARM), Mirror-as-a-Service, and other managed services hosting such as Email and Web, DNS, and for Audio and Video conferencing. We serve exclusively people and teams developing Free and Open Source Software (FOSS, "free software", "open source", FLOSS, etc.) and the FOSS community.

Since our formation in March 2020, our network has grown to span five continents and reach more than 140 projects (and their teams and users). We use Tier 1 data centres favored by enterprise and commercial ("Cloud") hosting companies, such as Equinix, Zayo and other facilities to give FOSS projects access to the same quality of computing environments as are enjoyed by governments and the Fortune 500.

What Do You Need and Why Are You Asking?
We most need direct [donations](#), especially, sustaining monthly contributions in any amount. We also accept contributions of rack-space, equipment, talent, and ideas.

Our equipment and most "facilities" costs are covered by donation from our partners and sponsors who absorb costs or donate space and equipment. Unfortunately, many facilities have no choice but to pass-back at least some of their unavoidable costs to us (electricity and IP addresses, most often).

To date, our project has not received a great many or any large cash donations. Additionally, we have done very little to directly encourage it. Our volunteers have come forward personally with "insider donations" each time the need has arisen. Sometimes, though, the costs are too high for our volunteers alone to support.

This is not sustainable and already directly limits our growth.

Fosshost has more than 30 rack-mountable units received and waiting to be installed at a partner facility. We lack the funds to ship, install, and provision them and expect to be responsible for ongoing costs for each node we add to our network, going forward. We cannot expand our network when that could cause our volunteers to feel pressured to donate financially. Meanwhile, access to high-quality internet hosting is and will be one of the most critical barriers to entry for FOSS in the marketplace for the foreseeable future.

How Can I/We Help?

Please consider making a [donation](#) to Fosshost, telling others about the vital service we provide, and sharing with us your ideas to make our project more sustainable. If you work with a larger FOSS project/org, please consider opportunities for our mutual support. Our first year in operation has shown us that what we are doing is needed and appreciated. We are confident of and grateful for the support of our tenants and community.

FOSS is mostly of and entirely for *people*. Thank you. We appreciate you.