

2016

Domain Hosting Comparisons

This report compares 6 different web hosting services that were considered to be the best services in 2016. Included are details of each service, cost evaluations as well as recommendations.



Notes

- You will not need an **SSL Certificate** for your website; this is only if you have users who are going to put any type of personal information in the website and it needs to be secure (i.e. credit card information, e-mails, passwords, usernames, etc.). SSL certification secures this type of information that a user may put in, and prevents outsiders from potentially seeing this type of information. I am assuming that you will not need to have users put this information in with the exception of putting in a 'contact' page where the user will put his/her e-mail, name and message. I can implement a third-party software that can take care of this issue without the need to purchase anything beyond necessary.
- Each option grants a free domain, but has different pricing options.
- You will notice when looking around at these options that some offer 'Free **WordPress**'. WordPress is a drag and drop program, which allows users to build websites without code. We are going to be creating the websites with code only (HTML, CSS, JavaScript...) so you do not need to worry about this, or anywhere it says "website builder"
- Each option has 24/7 Customer Support, but some I found to be better than others as I contacted each of the companies.
- For each option, you will have to pay a direct sum as opposed to paying monthly for having the domain itself (i.e. If you choose SiteGround for 3 years, you will be charged \$286.20 up front, minus the additional amenities unless you choose to use them)
- For Cost Evaluations, I only included the plans which you may potentially use. There are either one or three different plans you can choose from, and I have not included the more expensive plans as the additional features included will not be useful for the website you will have. (Note that the plans are ordered from cheapest to most costly. Each website coins different terms for these plans)
- Note: These Cost Evaluations are current; meaning at the end of any given period, deals and discounts may change over time. It is hard to predict what they will be over time, but you can see original pricing at the website to determine what pricing will never exceed)
- If you are looking at this on your computer, you should be able to click on the titles, following with holding 'Ctrl' for direct access to the website.

SiteGround

- 30 Day Money Back Guarantee
- Free SSL Certificate if using medium plan (which you will not need)
- cPanel & SSH (Secure Socket Shell) Free (secure access to your account)
- Includes HackAlert Monitoring for only \$12.00/year for any plan
- 24/7 Customer Support (I had a good experience when contacting them)
- Free Daily Backup

StartUp Plan (\$3.95/month, 60% discount activated and included in costs)

Item	Cost
12 Month Period	\$47.40
24 Month Period	\$94.80
36 Month Period	\$142.20

GrowBig Plan (\$7.95/month, 45% discount activated and included in costs)

Item	Cost
12 Month Period	\$95.40
24 Month Period	\$190.80
36 Month Period	\$286.20

Additional Services

Item	Cost
Domain Privacy (Protects Personal Information)	\$12.00/Year
HackAlert Monitoring (Protects from Malware)	\$12.00/Year
SSL Certificate (ONLY available for GrowBig)	FREE For One Year (\$82.00/Year Afterward)

eHost

- Free cPanel & WordPress
- Unlimited Disk Space
- 45 Day Money Back Guarantee
- 24/7 Customer Support was great
- Many Free Google Marketing Tools valued over \$200 (Google Adwords (\$100), Yahoo/Bing Credit (\$100))
- Online Help & Tutorials for navigating are available

Premium Plan (Only option -- Pricing varies per period, 50% discount activated and included in costs)

Item	Cost
12 Month Period	\$47.40 (\$4.99/month)
24 Month Period	\$83.76 (\$3.49/month)
36 Month Period	\$99.00 (\$2.75/month)

No Additional Optional Services

BlueHost

- Super Modern Hardware included
- 24/7 Customer Service included (my experience wasn't excellent, the guy I talked to sounded uninterested. However, you may not have that same experience)
- 30 Day Money Back Guarantee
- \$150+ in advertising offers from Google & Bing (If you use the plus or pro editions; not included in basic)
- Can receive refund for time you didn't use if you choose to opt out after 30 days and before the end of the lease
- Site lock Security billed annually at \$23.88/year (Highly Recommended), spots malware on website
- Search Engine Jumpstart billed annually at \$35.88/year (Can help give your website a short boost for Google searching, making your website show up at the top when searching 'Jabooda' for example)
- Site Backup Pro can create a copy of website first uploaded. If for whatever reason an HTML document gets removed or anything else does, it can be restored.
- Unlimited Disk Space for plus edition (50GB for basic)

Basic Plan (Pricing varies per period, discount activated and included in costs, also varies per period)

Item	Cost
12 Month Period	\$59.40 (\$4.95/month)
24 Month Period	\$94.80 (\$3.95/month)
36 Month Period	\$125.64 (\$3.49/month)

Plus Plan (Pricing varies per period, discount activated and included in costs, also varies per period)

Item	Cost
12 Month Period	\$95.40 (\$7.95/month)
24 Month Period	\$166.80 (\$6.95/month)
36 Month Period	\$214.20 (\$5.95/month)

Additional Services

Item	Cost
Site Backup Pro (Good for recovering website if something ends up missing)	\$2.99/month (Billed per hosting term)
SiteLock Security (Protects website from malware)	\$23.88/year
Search Engine Jumpstart (Can enhance result in Google search)	\$35.88/year

iPage

- The cheapest option, where there is one plan only which costs \$1.99/month
- Over \$500 in extras included free: Security Tools (Malware Scanning, Business Verification, Network Scanning, Highly Secure Data Center), \$100 Bing Credits, \$100 AdWords, 1GB Storage (Small), and WordPress
- 30 Day Money Back Guarantee
- Unlimited Disk Space
- Tutorials are included for navigations
- Daily Backup can be purchased, \$25.90 billed per every 24 months (highly recommended)
- Advanced Site Protection to protect site from malware, billed \$19.95 annually (highly recommended)
- Google Apps can be implemented, but this is optional. This is \$5.00 billed monthly.
- Option for mobile friendly templates (You will not need this)

Premium Plan (Only option -- \$1.99/month, 83% discount activated & included in all costs)

Item	Cost
12 Month Period	\$23.88
24 Month Period	\$47.76
36 Month Period	\$71.64

Additional Services

Item	Cost
Domain Privacy	\$9.99/Year
Daily Backup (Restore lost contents)	\$25.90/24 months
Advanced Site Protection & Performance Accelerator	\$19.95/12 months
SSL Certificate	\$19.99/12 months

IdeaHost

- \$100 Google Adwords Marketing, \$100 Bing Credit
- 24/7 Customer Support was good
- Online Tutorials available
- 45 Day Money Back Guarantee
- All plans include Unlimited Bandwidth
- Express plan includes 500GB Disk Space, Create & Business Plans have unlimited
- Business plan includes \$300 in Ad Credits (More than the \$200 from Google and Bing together)

Express Plan (Pricing varies per period, 25% discount activated and included in costs)

Item	Cost
12 Month Period	\$59.85 (\$4.99/month)
24 Month Period	\$71.64 (\$2.99/month)

Create Plan (Pricing varies per period, 25% discount activated and included in costs)

Item	Cost
12 Month Period	\$71.82 (\$5.99/month)
24 Month Period	\$95.76 (\$3.99/month)

No Additional Optional Services

InMotionHosting

- Numerous Features Available; including free Solid State Drive (SSD). Others are not free. This generates faster delivery for your website, making it faster to navigate.
- Unlimited Disk Space
- \$100 Google Advertising, \$75 Yahoo/Bing, \$50 in Promoted Tweets
- Simple Installation & Upgrades can be made
- Free Data Backups
- 90 Day Money Back Guarantee (Longest span amongst all other hosting services)
- SSH Access Included (Gives secure access to your account)
- Includes cPanel, easy to navigate and has tutorials on how to do this
- Can park up to 6 domains with the simple version (medium can park up to 26). This may be good if you are interested in using this hosting service as your primary choice, and can move some of your other businesses to this domain hosting

Launch Plan (Pricing varies per Period, \$2.00 off OP for EACH item included in cost)

Item	Cost
12 Month Period	\$93.87 (\$6.99/month)
24 Month Period	\$143.76 (\$5.99/month)

Power Plan (Pricing varies per period, \$2.00 off OP for EACH item included in cost)

Item	Cost
12 Month Period	\$117.87 (\$8.99/month)
24 Month Period	\$190.80 (\$7.99/month)

Additional Services

Item	Cost
Domain Privacy (Protects Personal Information)	\$9.99/Year
Additional Fees	\$14.99/Year (FREE For First Year)

Recommendations

Ultimately, it is up to you to determine which one of these will suit your needs. However, analyzing these six options, the best ones for your needs are listed below (In no particular order). Any of these three will fulfill your needs better than the other three, so it's all up to personal preference:

InMotionHosting – While it may be slightly more costly than the other options, it has every feature you will need for either of the plans you decide to choose, and it will enable your website to run faster than the other domain hosting services.

iPage – Due to its low cost and having all of the added features available that each of the other hosting services already have

BlueHost – For its unique additional features that you may choose to buy (i.e. The Search Engine Jumpstart), and having the other additional features necessary

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions regarding these analyses. Furthermore, you may get in touch with the companies individually.