

Web Web hosting

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Web hosting

- Renting server space, allowing:
 - Having a 24/7 available online website
 - Creating e-mail accounts
- **Domain registry** is mandatory
 - Domain: the name used for accessing the website
- **DNS hosting:** allows the domain to:
 - Redirect to other service
 - Forward to another account
- **Types:**
 - Shared hosting
 - VPS hosting
 - Dedicated server hosting
 - Cloud hosting



Shared hosting

Definition:

- The hosting shared between several users
- It is composed by servers
 - Where other clients' websites are also hosted
- The clients share resources and servers

Advantages:

- Low price
- Fast to install and prepare for the client
- Does not require the client to have high technical skills

Disadvantages:

- The same server is shared by several clients
 - The IP is also shared
- Emails sent by the server can be marked as SPAM
 - They will not reach the recipient
- If the website receives too much traffic it can stop working

VPS hosting

Definition:

- The same server is used by several clients, **but** it is split to fix an amount of resources for each site
- A VPS (*Virtual Private Server*) mimics a dedicated server: the website has the same resources available at each moment
- Better than shared hosting, specially when the website has high traffic
- There are bundles with certain amounts of resources
 - More resources → better VPS

Advantages:

- Average – high price (depends on the resources)
- Hosting environment apart from the other websites
- Hosting is more stable
- Hosting is less prone to stop working

Disadvantages:

- Much more expensive than shared hosting
- More complex to install and maintain
 - Specially if the provider does not offersupport
- The same IP is shared by the several VPS on the server

Dedicated server hosting

Definition:

- The more expensive, **but** if the website receives high amounts of traffic, it is the better option
- Rental of the full server
- Complete control over the server and all its resources
- More compels, **but** more advantageous in speed and performance

Advantages:

- Faster and more efficient hosting
- Server and resources are not shared
- Server can be customised according to the client's needs

Disadvantages:

- Expensive
- High complexity of installation and maintaining
- Client needs high technical skills

Cloud hosting

Definition:

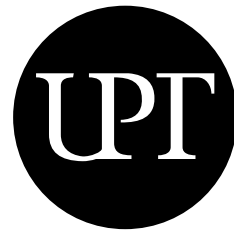
- Several servers connected in a “cloud” contribute with their resources
- “Infinite” amount of servers, with “infinite” amounts of resources added to the network
- Allows the creation of several VPS

Advantages:

- Price less expensive than VPS hosting
- Higher speed and performance
- Easier to add resources
- Possibility of paying resources according to the real time demand

Disadvantages:

- If the client does not know what he is doing, it may become expensive with the real time resource allocation
- Easily mistaken for shared cloud hosting



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