

Kickstarter Article

Kickstarter.com is a web based project funding website. There architecture of the server is very undisclosed, however it is a cloud based service. It is hosted by Amazon's EC2 service. They have very low bandwidth usage on their server because it does not embed or display a large amount of data heavy content. This also, allows CPU's to use a low amount of processing power, due to a minimal amount of commands, links, and videos on the site. The RAM usage requires minimal amounts as well as disk space. There is not a lot of data that is saved on the server, except for personal/financial information. Even though all of these things are low, the traffic for the website is extremely high. Kickstarter is a hosting website, which allows the website to handle large amounts of traffic, add necessary or remove unused resources easily, and use its resources efficiently. They keep their server details very close to the company, but given their current status with handling money security is important. About eight months ago, Kickstarter had a security breach and released 70,000 project ideas before they were ready to be released. There was no private data released, however project details were.