Free Website Hosting

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Story

- DreamHost charging \$84/yr to host cucug.org
- Kevin Hisel didn't want us to pay for that
- Researched his options
- Came up with Cloudflare Pages
- Asked for my help with deploying

Free?!?

What are the catches?

CF Pages Catches

- Web pages in a GitHub or GitLab repo
 - Repos can be private though
- Must be static web pages
 - HTML, Typescript, Jekyll, Hugo, etc.
 - No PHP, Python, Node.js, Ruby, etc.
- Can't go crazy changing (500 per month)

CF Pages Benefits

- Provided domain name (*.pages.dev)
 - Can use your own domain name too
- Free and automatic SSL cert management
- Free CDN (Content Delivery Network)
- Free DNS