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Shared hosting vs Cloud: what actually changes

Choosing the Right Plan

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"Cloud" is so worn out in advertising that it has stopped meaning anything. In our catalogue it means something concrete: a virtual machine of your own, with a private network that links it to your other machines.

Side by side

	Shared hosting	Cloud
Resources	Resources shared with other accounts, with per-account limits (CPU, memory and processes).	Reserved, in the same range as the VPS: from Cloud1 (1 vCPU, 2 GB of RAM) up to Cloud6 (32 vCPU, 64 GB of RAM). Public network plus a **private network** between your machines.
Administration	**Ours.** System, security and updates are on us.	**Yours**, same as a VPS: delivered with the OS and root access.
Control panel	cPanel included.	**Not included**, bought separately.
Growing	Change plan in minutes, no migration.	Scales by adding machines, linked over the private network.
Backups	Taken by us every night before dawn.	**Not included**, bought separately.
Built for	Company websites, small and medium shops, business e-mail.	Projects that grow in layers - application on one machine, database on another.

The short answer

If what you have is a website, shared hosting does the same job with less effort and no administration. **Cloud** pays off when the project stops being "a website" and becomes a system with separate pieces that need to talk to each other over a closed network.

See Shared hosting plans

See Cloud plans

Signs it is time to move

1. You are going to split the application and the database across machines.

2. You need several machines to talk without going over the public internet.

3. You expect to grow beyond what the largest shared plan allows.

Moving up a tier changes who administers it. Above shared hosting, the system becomes your responsibility: updates, firewall and backups. Read **what changes between a managed and an unmanaged service** before deciding - that is the part that catches people out.

What does not change with the plan. The domain stays registered in your name and e-mail can come along. Migrating does not force an address change or lose messages - it is planned and done without the site going offline.

If you are not sure, tell us what the site does and how much traffic it gets. Asking costs less than moving twice.

We will tell you the right option for your case, with no push towards the dearest plan.

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