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In short: when you buy a VPS or a Cloud server for a client, you pick three things: the **operating system**, the **control panel** and the **data centre**. You choose them at purchase time, through the API or in Meu Interweb. Nearly everything is available on both server types, with three exceptions: CloudLinux is Cloud only, Docker is VPS only, and Sydney and Singapore are VPS only. The same list is on the **server reseller page**.

Operating systems

System	VPS	Cloud
Ubuntu	Yes	Yes
Debian	Yes	Yes
AlmaLinux	Yes	Yes
Rocky Linux	Yes	Yes
CentOS	Yes	Yes
Fedora	Yes	Yes
CloudLinux	No	Yes
Windows Server	Yes	Yes

The system is not fixed for good: you can reinstall a different one later. If your client has not decided yet, see **which operating system to choose**. On Windows Server you log in with Remote Desktop, as we explain in **connecting to a Windows VPS**.

Control panels

Panel	VPS	Cloud
cPanel, with 1, 5, 30 or 100 accounts	Yes	Yes
Plesk	Yes	Yes
Docker	Yes	No
No panel	Yes	Yes

The number of cPanel accounts is how many sites with their own account your client can run on that server. To choose between the two panels, see **cPanel or Plesk on your VPS**. With no panel, your client runs everything by hand: **here is what that means**.

> **Windows and a cPanel licence do not go together.**
> CPanel runs on Linux. If you ask for this combination through the API, the purchase answers `422` with `incompatible_options` and nothing is bought.

Data centres

City	VPS	Cloud
New Jersey	Yes	Yes
Los Angeles	Yes	Yes
Dallas	Yes	Yes
Beauharnois	Yes	Yes
London	Yes	Yes
Frankfurt	Yes	Yes
Strasbourg	Yes	Yes
Gravelines	Yes	Yes
Warsaw	Yes	Yes
Sydney	Yes	No
Singapore	Yes	No

The rule of thumb: pick the one closest to your client's visitors. After the purchase, `GET /v1/servers/{id}` shows where the server is, in `location`, and the installed system, in `operating_system`.

Choosing through the API

1. **Open the plan in the catalog** with `GET /v1/catalog/products/{id}`. `config_options` lists the options (system, panel and the rest), each with its choices and the price of each choice per billing cycle.

2. **Note the option `id` and the choice `id`** your client wants.

3. **Send them with the purchase**, in `config_options`. Anything you leave out takes the first choice, just as in Meu Interweb. The purchase itself is `POST /v1/services/purchase`, paid from credit.

Changing system later:
`GET /v1/servers/{id}/operating-systems` lists the systems that server can install, and the reinstall uses the `id` from that list. Reinstalling wipes the server: see **reinstalling or changing your VPS operating system**.

RECOMMENDED

Want to show your client every option before you buy? The server reseller page has the full list and the button to apply.

See server reselling →

SEE ALSO

- **Which operating system to choose for your VPS or server** →
- **cPanel or Plesk on your VPS: the differences that matter** →
- **Reinstalling or changing your VPS operating system** →
- **VPS and Cloud plans from the smallest to the largest: cores, memory, storage and network** →
- **Installing Docker and Docker Compose on a VPS** →

Running a VPS without a control panel: what the panel did and how you do it by hand

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