Developer Hosting Decision Guide

Choose shared hosting for a website or a VPS for custom software. Keep control of deployment, data and access.

What to check

Runtime and packages

List the software versions, packages, ports and background services your application needs. Choose a VPS when the project needs operating-system control.

Separate environments

Keep development and staging separate from production credentials and customer data. Prevent test systems from sending real emails or payments.

Deployment process

Record how to build, release and roll back the application. Test the process from a clean environment.

Capacity and backups

Measure normal and peak resource use. Back up data that cannot be recreated, and test a restore before relying on it.

Services to compare

Check the linked product pages for current prices, included resources, availability and terms.

VPS

Self-managed virtual servers with administrator access. Check current resources, licence costs and backup requirements.

Dedicated

A physical server quoted to your application, storage and networking requirements.

Domains

Register, transfer and renew domains, and manage the DNS records used by your website and email.

Backups

SFTP storage for your backup software. Confirm physical separation when the source is also at DotMoose.

Plan the next steps

1. Use shared hosting when a website is all you need
2. Use VPS when the application needs operating-system control
3. Move to dedicated hardware when the workload justifies it
4. Keep recovery and migration paths documented

Your project notes

Keep this page with your project. Do not write passwords, private keys or other secrets here.

Project / website	
Software and data	
Service / full ongoing cost	
Account owner / administrator	
Backup location / restore test	
Move or launch date / rollback plan	

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