MSP Client Hosting Standardization Checklist

Choose shared hosting, VPS or dedicated services for client systems, with clear administration and recovery responsibilities.

What to check

Service inventory

Record each client's domains, websites, applications, licences and dependencies. Keep unrelated clients' access and data separate.

Administration agreement

Specify who handles server updates, application support, monitoring and security incidents. Match those duties to the purchased service.

Backup responsibility

Identify what is backed up, where copies are stored and who can restore them. Check physical separation when the source is also at DotMoose.

Client handover

Document renewals, recovery contacts and migration steps. Agree how the client receives their accounts and data if support ends.

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.

Backups

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

Domains

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

Plan the next steps

1. Standardize common client workloads
2. Choose shared, VPS, or dedicated by requirement
3. Keep independent backup storage in the design
4. Document migrations and ownership

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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