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Shared hosting vs dedicated server: when the jump is worth it

Choosing the Right Plan

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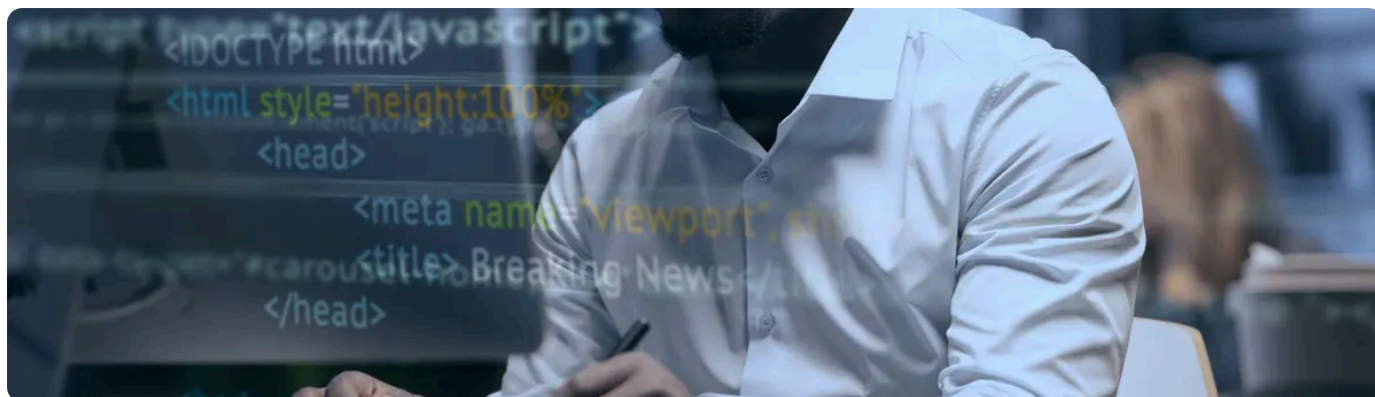
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These are the two extremes: on one side, everything handled by us on a shared machine; on the other, **an entire physical machine** that is yours alone, to administer.

Side by side

	Shared hosting	Dedicated server
Resources	Resources shared with other accounts, with per-account limits (CPU, memory and processes).	The whole physical machine: Xeon or i7 processor, 16 to 64 GB of RAM, its own disks in RAID 1.
Administration	Ours. System, security and updates are on us.	Yours. Delivered with the operating system installed.
Control panel	cPanel included.	Not included , bought separately.
Growing	Change plan in minutes, no migration.	Changing machine means a migration and a maintenance window.
Backups	Taken by us every night before dawn.	Not included , bought separately.
Built for	Company websites, small and medium shops, business e-mail.	High, constant load, full isolation requirements, lots of disk.

The short answer

This jump is rarely justified in one go. If shared hosting is no longer enough, the natural step is a **VPS**, not a dedicated server. Dedicated wins when the load is **high and constant**, when you need a lot of your own disk, or when isolation or compliance requirements mean nothing may be shared.

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Signs it is time to move

1 The load is high **all day**, not only in peaks.

2 You need several terabytes of your own disk in RAID.

3 You have isolation requirements that allow no neighbours, not even virtual ones.

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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