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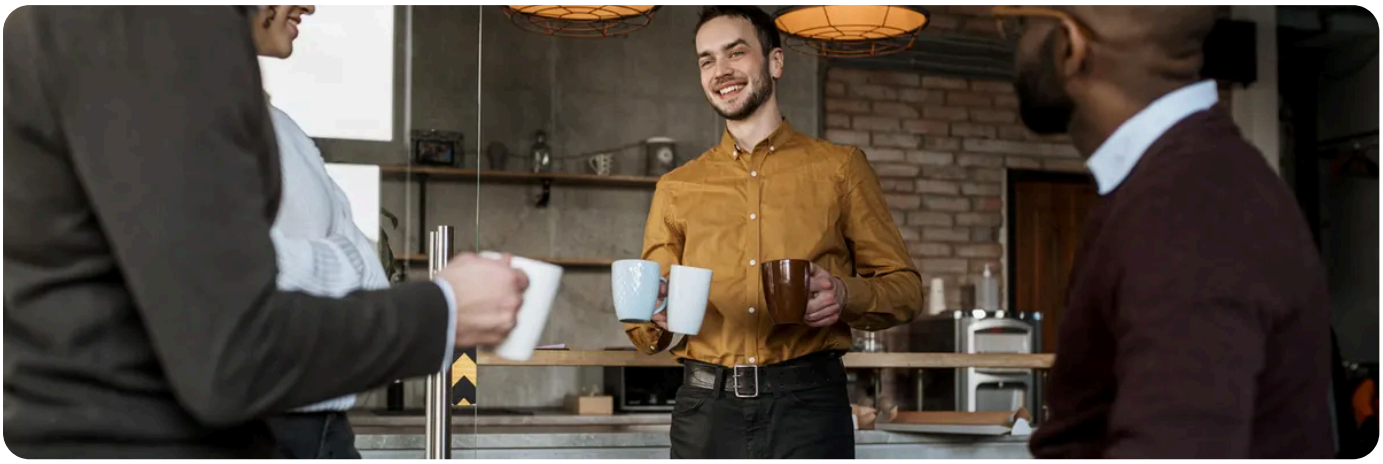
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It is one of the most common questions when buying hosting for the first time - and behind it is nearly always the same confusion.

The mistake that costs money.

The server's operating system does not have to match your computer's. Working on Windows at the office does not require Windows hosting. The overwhelming majority of the world's websites - built and managed on Windows computers - are hosted on Linux, and work perfectly.

What actually decides: the site's technology

The right question is not "what system do I use?", it is **"what language was the site built in?"**

	Linux hosting	Windows hosting
Language	PHP, Python, Node	**ASP.NET**, classic ASP
Database	MySQL, MariaDB, PostgreSQL	**MS SQL Server**, Access
Web server	Apache, LiteSpeed, Nginx	IIS
Typical panel	cPanel	Plesk
What runs there	WordPress, Joomla, Drupal, Magento, Laravel, PrestaShop	.NET applications, links to Microsoft systems
Cost	No licences to pay - **cheaper**	Windows licence included in the price

In two questions

1. **Is the site WordPress**, or built in PHP? Then it is **Linux**. That covers the overwhelming majority of cases.
2. **Was the site built in ASP.NET**, or does it need an MS SQL Server database? Then yes, it is **Windows**.

If you cannot answer, ask whoever built the site - or send us the address and we will tell you.

What does not change either way

1. **The domain.** A .co.mz works the same on both.
2. **E-mail.** Mailboxes on your domain work on both, and are set up the same way in Outlook and on your phone.
3. **The visitor.** Nobody visiting the site notices any difference, on Windows, Mac or a phone.

One technical difference that catches people out

Linux **distinguishes upper from lower case** in file names; Windows does not. A site built on Windows where the image is called `Logo.PNG` while the code asks for `logo.png` works there - and shows broken images once it moves to Linux. That is not a hosting fault: it is a slip Windows used to forgive.

What we offer

We have both. You do not need to pick a provider based on the system:

1. **Linux hosting with cPanel** - for WordPress, online shops, company websites and anything PHP. It serves the overwhelming majority of cases.
2. **Windows hosting with Plesk** - for ASP.NET sites and anyone who needs MS SQL Server or already works in the Plesk panel.

If you are not sure which you need, send us the current site address and we will tell you - faster than guessing, and it avoids buying the wrong plan.

See Linux hosting → **See Windows hosting →** **See WordPress plans →**

Still deciding the type of plan?
Choosing between shared, VPS, Cloud and dedicated is a different decision, and comes before this one - see **the comparison of all four** .

NEED A HAND?

Not sure what your site was built in? Send us the address and we will check.

Talk to our team →

In our Linux plans

Plan	Sites	Space
Pro	1	10 GB SSD NVMe
Plus	6	20 GB SSD NVMe
Ultra	Unlimited	30 GB SSD NVMe
Business Pro	Unlimited	50 GB SSD NVMe
Business Plus	Unlimited	100 GB SSD NVMe
Business Ultra	Unlimited	200 GB SSD NVMe

These are the Linux plans with cPanel, the ones for WordPress, online shops and anything PHP. All of them have unlimited traffic, e-mail accounts, databases and FTP accounts, a daily automatic backup with free restores, and you can move up a plan without losing the site.

SEE ALSO

- **Shared hosting, VPS, Cloud or dedicated: the full comparison** →
- **Cloud vs dedicated server: flexibility or raw hardware** →
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- **Need hosting? See the plans.** →

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