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Almost anything you put on a website fits on a shared hosting plan. What differs between providers is not the list of what is permitted - it is what **fits** inside a resource shared with other people. Here are the answers to three questions we get a lot.

☆ Can I put video and audio on the site?

Yes. Embedding videos, running a gallery, publishing podcast episodes - all of that is an ordinary website and raises no problem.

No problem	Does not fit on shared
Embedded YouTube or Vimeo videos	An anonymous upload service where anybody can send large files.
A gallery, a portfolio, plenty of images	Hosting video to serve many people at once - it uses bandwidth the plan shares.
Files for your customers to download	Using the account as an archive disk, with no website attached.
Your podcast episodes	Continuous live broadcasting. That is a different product - see just below.

The difference that decides it.
A file somebody downloads now and then is a website. A file dozens of people receive *at the same time*, continuously, is media distribution - and there shared hosting stops being the right place, not by prohibition but by arithmetic.

Can I run an online radio or TV station?

Yes - and we have a product just for it. Continuous audio or video broadcasting is not done on a hosting plan: it needs a server built for it, holding connections open and managing the playlist, the live sources and the listeners.

That is what our **Streaming Server** plans do, with their own panel. If you already have one, start with **first steps with SonicPanel**. Alternatively, a VPS gives you complete freedom to install whatever you like - see **shared hosting vs VPS**.

Do you have Windows hosting?

We do - and not only VPS. There are three routes, depending on what you need:

What you need	What we have
A site in ASP.NET or using MSSQL	**Shared Windows hosting**, with the Plesk panel. It is the equivalent of ordinary shared hosting, on the other side.
To sell Windows hosting to your own customers	**Windows reseller hosting**, also on Plesk.
A Windows machine of your own	**Windows VPS**, with Remote Desktop access - see **connecting to a Windows VPS**

If you are not sure which of the two worlds suits your site, the quick rule is in **Linux or Windows hosting: which does your site need**. In short: WordPress, Joomla, PHP and MySQL live better on Linux; ASP.NET and MSSQL require Windows.

What does not belong on any plan

This part is short and has no exceptions. It is not about resources - it is about legality and not harming others:

1. Content that is neither yours nor licensed: copied films, music, software or courses.
2. Unsolicited bulk e-mail, or anything built to deceive whoever receives it.
3. Files or pages used in attacks - including when they were put there without your knowledge, which happens more often than people think.

When a site starts weighing too much.

If your account starts consuming well above what the plan allows for, we do not switch anything off without talking to you. We tell you, we show what is consuming it, and there is nearly always an explanation with a fix - a badly written query, no caching, or a scanner hammering the site. See **the site is slow** and **how to monitor performance in cPanel**. Only when the site has genuinely grown does the conversation become about a bigger plan.

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