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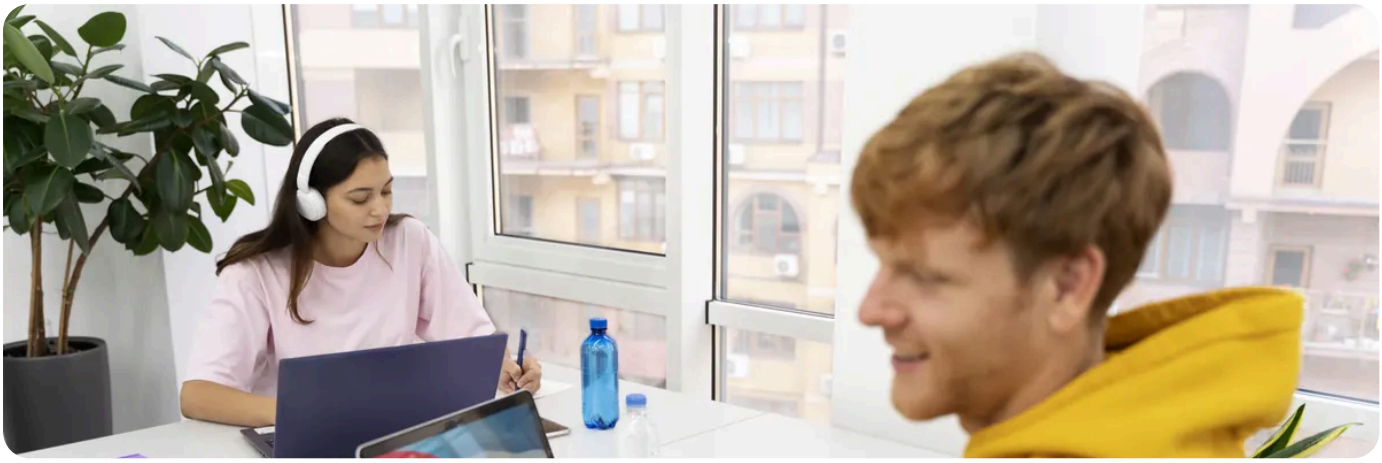
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«My developer asks whether you support X.» This page answers that in one go, with names and versions - and it also says where shared hosting stops being enough.

Languages: what you pick in your own panel

This usually surprises people coming from other providers: our shared hosting does not run PHP alone. There are **selectors** in cPanel that let you choose each language's version, and even run Node or Python applications without needing a server of your own.

Language	What you get
PHP	A wide spread of versions, from old to current, **chosen per domain**. You can also switch extensions on and off - see **how to change your PHP version**
Node.js	**«Setup Node.js App» in cPanel**, with several versions to choose from. You create the application, point it at the folder and the startup file, and it runs.
Python	Its own selector, with several versions of the 3 series. Good for applications and for cron scripts.
Ruby	Selector present, working the same way.
Perl and CGI	**Yes.** Perl installed and the CGI handlers active for *.cgi*, *.pl* and similar. Old Perl scripts run without rework.

This is not the norm.

Several well-known providers answer «Perl/CGI not supported» and «Node only on VPS». It is not like that here. If you were told you need a VPS purely to run a Node application or a Perl script, ask us before buying - you may be paying for something you already have.

The rest of the toolbox

Tool	Detail
MariaDB database	MySQL-compatible, managed through phpMyAdmin - see **creating databases and using phpMyAdmin**
Scheduled tasks (cron)	In cPanel, at whatever interval you like. It is what runs WordPress's own tasks and your scripts on time.
Terminal in the browser	A command line inside cPanel, with nothing to install on your computer.
Isolated accounts	Each account's resources are bounded: a neighbour consuming too much does not steal your processor.
Automatic SSL	Certificate issued and renewed by itself for the account's domains.

«What if I want to run an online game?»

You can - a browser game, a community portal, a turn-based game script are websites like any others. But be realistic about two things:

1. **They consume far more than an ordinary site.** A game has people connected at the same time, requesting pages second by second. Starting on shared hosting to test is reasonable; growing on it is not.

2. **Game servers are not websites.** A Minecraft server, an FPS server, or anything that listens on its own port does not fit on a hosting plan: it needs a machine of its own.

When the game goes from experiment to project, the route is a VPS - see **shared hosting vs VPS: which one does your project need** and **the full comparison**.

> **!** **Betting and real-money gaming: ask first.**
> Real-money gaming, sports betting and casinos are regulated activities in Mozambique and in Angola, and the legal framing weighs more than the technical question. Do not assume yes and do not assume no: talk to us **before** signing up or starting to build, so we can give you an answer in writing and save you investing in the wrong place.

Where shared hosting stops being enough

Bluntly, to save time for anyone deciding:

You need this	Then you need
To install system software, or your own build of it	A VPS. On shared hosting you choose from what is available; you do not install into the system.
A service listening on its own port	A VPS. Games, databases open to the outside, APIs on non-web ports.
To rule the clock and the system limits	A VPS - see **managed or unmanaged VPS**
Continuous audio or video broadcasting	A Streaming Server or a VPS - see **first steps with SonicPanel**
ASP.NET or MSSQL	Windows hosting - see **Linux or Windows: which does your site need**

How to confirm what *your* account has

The exact versions available can differ between servers and change over time, so the value that counts is your account's. Log into **cPanel** and look: the PHP selector tells you which versions are available, and the *Setup Node.js App* and Python selector icons appear if they are enabled for you. If you cannot find one, ask before concluding it does not exist.

What is and is not covered by our support when the problem is the application is in **how far our support goes**; for what may be hosted, **what you can host here**.

NEED A HAND?

Your developer has a technical question? Send it over.

Talk to us →

In our plans

What you can run does not depend on which shared plan you have. The same applies to all of them:

- PHP, Python and Node: every version the panel offers is available. You choose it in cPanel, in Select PHP Version, Setup Python App and Setup Node.js App.
- SSH access and the cPanel Terminal are included. If Terminal or SSH Access appears in your cPanel, your account has SSH.
- Databases: PostgreSQL as well as MySQL.
- Incoming processes, CPU, RAM, I/O and inodes have no fixed number published. To see how your account is doing, open Resource Usage in cPanel. If you need more, move up a plan without losing anything.

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