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When you decide to host your website, the most important decision that you need to take is about the kind of website hosting service you should opt for. There are many types of services available for you to use, but your choice should primarily be based on your budget and requirements.

First and foremost, you should undertake extensive research to find out as much as you can about the different kinds of web hosting services on offer today. Secondly, you should analyse the cost that each service would entail, in terms of the main package, monthly/yearly charges, as well as additional costs, if any.

In general, website hosts offer the following three kinds of hosting services:

Shared Hosting

Commonly referred to as 'Basic Hosting', it is the kind of server that most customers end up with. A simple, non-complicated and highly economical choice (a package costs as low as \$3-10 per month), shared hosting is ideal for small-time businesses that have basic, static websites, or individuals who simply want to host their blog or have their own space in the online zone. In shared hosting, multiple single websites are shared on a single server and user has limited control over the servers functioning.

VPS Hosting

Under VPS hosting, multiple websites can run on a single web server. However, the biggest difference it has from a shared hosting package is that a VPS client can run his own operating system on the server. To cite an example, say both Website A and B are hosted on the same server. VPS gives Site A the flexibility to run on a Unix platform, even as Site B runs on a Windows platform. A VPS web hosting package generally costs somewhere between \$20-75\$ per month or more.

Dedicated Hosting

Dedicated hosting is the most advanced and expensive (it generally costs between \$50-500 per month or even more than that) type of website hosting service available. A dedicated hosting service is when a client leases an entire server which is not shared with anyone. A single website is run on a single server, giving the webmaster complete control of the sites administration and functioning. Highly flexible and better than shared hosting in terms of control, dedicated servers give users the choice of operating system, hardware, etc.

Whatever option you choose for hosting your site, make sure you hire the services of a company that is reliable and offers you great deals on its hosting packages. Linux Web Host is one of the most trusted names in web hosting in Australia. The company gives its clients some amazing offers and packages for website hosting.

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