OBTAIN HOSTING

Self-hosted

Shared / Free

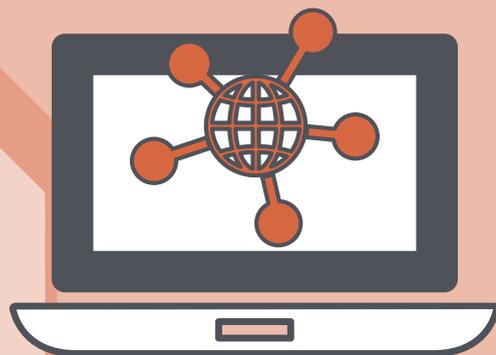*Site is hosted by a third-party hosting company.*

PROS:

- 100% control over site
- access to all website files
- access to cPanel
- access to site analytics
- more possibilities in terms of monetizing the site (ads etc.)

CONS:

- monthly fee
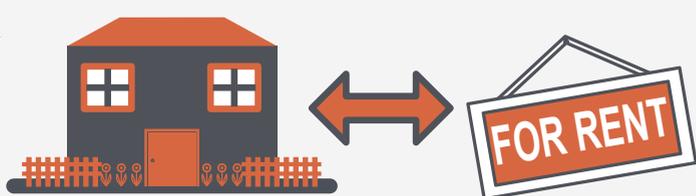
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PROS:

- no cost
- site backups done by provider
- host security is provider's responsibility

CONS:

- you don't really control your web space
- web space can be taken down any time
- analytics is a paid feature

Pro tip: Unless money is an issue, it is peferable to go with Self-Hosted web hosting.

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What should you choose?

The difference is kind of like between owning your own home or renting it. You may pay more if you buy your home and you have more responsibility, but you choose what siding to put up, and you can't be evicted as easily.

Not all web hosts are created equal! Pick one that offers a true cPanel so you can install free scripts. Google "web hosting" and "cPanel" and compare prices.

NOTE: "Quick Install" is not the same thing as cPanel.

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