Need recommendation to host client websites?

Posted by johncam - 2020/02/07 13:01

Hi,

I have managed to on-board three to four clients and I manage website hosting for two of them. One of my client (eCommerce store) went live on Product Hunt on Monday and his website crashed. Though I have fixed the issue, but I think I cannot work with BlueHost's $2.95/mo* shared hosting plan in long run. A fellow consultant have recommended me to migrate my clients website to any managed cloud hosting provider like this hosting for agency provider, but I and neither my developers have ever worked with a managed hosting provider before, so is it worth to have a trial if I am moving from a shared hosting provider?

Thanks,
John

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Re: Need recommendation to host client websites?

Posted by edwin2win - 2020/02/14 13:22

Dear John,

Cloud hosting is effectively a possibility but personally, I only worked with private cloud provided by ovh.com that is far expensive than shared hosting that you mentioned.

Shared hosting should work as this is the kind of things that we used for many years with some customer as well as VPS and dedicated servers.

When working with VPS and dedicated servers, I recommend to manage the server yourself and have the root access to allow you secure the server as you want.

In general, we recommend using cPanel as administration tool but Plesk also works perfectly now.

A key element that we also recommend is to use the "weekly backup" with an export of the backup outside of the hosting company.
So that, if you have a problem with the hosting company, you have a rescue solution to restore the latest backup on another hosting server (temporally or definitively.
https://www.jms2win.com/en/component/docman/doc_details/41-weekly-backup-script-all-dbs

The advantage of Cloud solution is that you can grow as you want.
You can also have fault tolerance setup and high availability that might be available.
You can buy additional resources and create multiple virtual machine for different purpose.

The OVH "private Cloud" that we know, is based on VMWare technology but is very expensive.
For just 4 clients or websites, this is not recommended.
I think that for 4 websites that would not be required except if those websites have a large traffic and very sensitive that could justify such technology.
The VMWare technology and OVH private have a firewall that can be setup outside the Virtual Machine

that you will setup.
https://www.ovh.ie/private-cloud/

The fact that we provide a link to OVH does not mean that we recommend this hosting company.
You need to have a lot of skill to manage such kind of servers or technology yourself.
If you don't have such skills this may result that you will have to pay more to get support and assistance.

We just mentioned that to illustrate our experience with cloud and VMWare technology.

At the end, in most cases, this result by using a Virtual Machine ruining under CentOS with WHM/cPanel for the administration.

I hope this will help you deciding the kind of technology that you would like to use in the future.

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