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Thread: [Free Forum software/hosting or NAH?](#)

ballar52m - May 24, 2014, 2:03 am

Hey guys, (made a joke out of the title). Anyways i was wondering if you guys recommend free forum software hosting or do ya'll recommend buying hosting. I was using freeforums.org but noticed there are many benefits or customizable aspects.

Recommendations??
Thanks!

En Jävla Noob - May 24, 2014, 3:39 am

It really depends what you want to do with the forum. Free will do fine for you and your 5 friends. If you want something serious, then pay for it.

If you're going the paying route. There are different levels of hosting to recommend but it all depends on your needs.

Hosting for \$1 - \$10 /month, is budget hosting. It is fine for "very" small businesses and hobbies. (Managed)

The next step would be getting a VPS (Managed or Unmanaged). Managed is more expensive but you don't have to install, configure and handle the hosting your self. Could cost anything between \$5 to \$100.

Best is to get one or multiple dedicated servers. Usually costs \$100+ /month. Only needed for large sites. (Managed or unmanaged)

Can't really recommend any specific service without knowing what you are going to host. It all depends on your needs.

ballar52m - May 25, 2014, 6:06 pm

Looking to create a community forum. Yes, i am hoping for it to get big but i meant just to start off because i dont have a huge budget at the moment...

guycheap - May 25, 2014, 6:12 pm

Sent you a message, I think I can help you out.

ballar52m - May 25, 2014, 7:12 pm

Sorry, i cannot send any PMs yet. My budget isnt alot to create one but just enough to get it started and i feel like if i put enough work it, the project can shoot off.

@guycheap, you can add me on msn if you would like?

guycheap - May 25, 2014, 10:01 pm

(May 25, 2014 07:12 PM)ballar52m Wrote: [CITE](#) Sorry, i cannot send any PMs yet. My budget isnt alot to create one but just enough to get it started and i feel like if i put enough work it, the project can shoot off.

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Do you not have skype? Add me uzma.tahir55

Ventures - May 25, 2014, 11:19 pm

I'd definitely go with MyBB, find a nice theme, and pay for some nice plugins.

If you really want to be unique, find a good designer who can change the look of MyBB completely and restructure the default forum. It would look awesome and unique :)

ballar52m - May 26, 2014, 8:15 pm

yeah, dont have a big budget so gonna start out slow and progress from there. Thanks everyone for the comments and suggestions, they're appreciated