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Thread: [Shared hosting VS Managed VPS](#)

Ombra - April 20, 2020, 1:46 pm

This may sound obvious but I'm searching and I'm only returned articles about the differences between shared hosting and "generic" VPS.

I don't understand if there's a key difference in terms of what you can do with a VPS when it's fully managed by hosting provider, rather than using a shared (managed hosting).

I mean, you have your own dedicated resources, but you aren't really free aren't you?

Charger - April 20, 2020, 4:28 pm

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__Digital__ - April 21, 2020, 4:38 am

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Squito - April 21, 2020, 6:05 am

Usually when you look at their prices they also list what is included in "managed" (what software they'll install for you, hours dedicated to your server/month, etc.). Fully managed most of the time means that you get zero access to the server (above the usual (S)FTP, phpMyAdmin, etc.). Also these servers usually cost a f**king lot (compared to unmanaged VPSes).

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Management is just a service you pay extra for, that grants you additional support. You'll need to check with the provider to know exactly what's included. But typically it's all maintenance and availability to set up services/configurations per your request. Unmanaged, on the other hand, leaves that all in your hands.

You're free to do what you please on a managed service. It's just a layer of support that's made available to you. Personally I've never seen the value in managed VPS's. But if you're not so comfortable with basic sysadmin work, it might be worth entertaining.