

Re: Hosting Referral

Source: <http://coding.derkeiler.com/Archive/PHP/comp.lang.php/2006-03/msg01259.html>

- *From:* Scott <nospam@xxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Sun, 19 Mar 2006 15:46:44 -0500
-

Thanks Jerry.

Scott

Jerry Stuckle wrote:

noone wrote:

Scott wrote:

Can anyone refer me to a good hosting provider? I'm looking for a reseller plan with PHP 5, MySQL 5, 24 x 7 support, and most importantly, a solid uptime record.

Customer referrals only, please.

Thanks,
Scott

just curious – but why not host it yourself? A good PC with Linux and a battery-backup unit and a BUSINESS DSL or Cable account does the trick. Then you are not at the mercy of the provider. I have an OpenVMS and Linux server that has been running via DSL for 7+ years now – via Dynamic DNS no less... (DHCP IP address).

Noone:

1. Many cable/dsl providers do not allow web hosting on their systems, even with a business line.
2. Upstream speed is typically much lower than downstream – ok for a browser but not a

Re: Hosting Referral

server

3. Even if they are the same, no cable/dsl provider provides the same speed as any competent data center.
4. No backup links.
5. No backup generators
6. No one to restart the site should it crash when you're not home (or worse yet, just left on a two week vacation),
7. The hosting company maintains the servers (applies patches, etc.), saving me time.
8. Many mail users are filtering email from DHCP addresses due to SPAM problems (open relays)

Need I keep going?

I would NEVER host it myself on a cable/dsl connection, even if my ISP allowed it. A good data center results in more faster speeds, higher uptime and in general a more reliable service. And if my time is worth anything at all, it saves me money. The cost of hosting for a month doesn't pay for 5 minutes of my time. And I could easily spend more an hour or two each month just researching patches and maintaining the system.

Scott,

For suggestions on where to look, try <http://www.webhostingtalk.com>. There's a lot of people (mostly resellers) advertising there, but skip those. Rather, look for the user reviews to see what others think about particular hosting companies.

Then ask your question there and just ignore the sales pitches you'll get. A bit of a hassle sometimes, but still the best resource I've found for hosting recommendations.