

Choosing a webhost for your Video Script

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A video script is a special kind of animal when it comes to web hosting. Unlike our usual blog, forum scripts etc, it requires a very specialist environment (server wise). Our requirements page highlights all these requirements. It is key therefore to take all these requirements when deciding on a web host for the script. There are three main ways in which one could go

- Shared
- Dedicated
- Virtual Private Server

Each of these has its own benefits and we will consider them in this article.

Shared Hosting for your Video Script

There are literally thousand of web hosts, however there is only a handful that actually has all the requirements for running your PHPmotion based web site. If you are going to go with shared, then you must ensure that they offer FFmpeg HOSTING service. If they do, then chances are that your script will run on their website. FFmpeg is a set of server side video conversions tools, which will automatically covert all videos uploaded onto your website to a format that is viewable in the web browser.

The main downside of going with shared, is that is likely that yours will not be the only video script running on the website and you will have to be sharing resources. This may result in longer waits for your videos to be converted.

The main plus side is the cost. Most of these hosts start as little as a few dollars a month.

Dedicated Hosting for your Video Script

If you know that your website is going to become very popular, then is the real way to go. You can pretty much get any dedicated server you like, as long as its running some form of Linux on it. This can be Centos, Fedora etc. The server will most likely not come with any of the video conversion server side tools such as Ffmpeg. This is not much of a problem as we can set up the whole server for you.

The main plus side with going dedicated is that yours will be the only script that will be running on the server. As such there will be no sharing of resources and your will be the only script running on there.

The downside is cost. This however has changed a lot of the years and you can now get a decent one for less than \$100/month.

In our opinion, this the the most solid was to go for your video sharing website

VPS Hosting for your Video Script

This is almost the same as the dedicated route, apart from the fact that its actually one server, that has been virtually divided into say 10 or 20 servers. From your point of view, you will not really notice or feel that you are say one of 20 vps's, but you will feel as if your are on your own dedicated server.

Each one will come with its own dedicated resources such as memory, cpu, hard drive etc. The key is to ensure that you select a package that comes with a good amount of resources.

As will dedicated, in order for you script to run, the server will need to be set-up with all the modules such as FFmpeg etc. Again we can do this for you.

The main plus side is cost. You get more power than shared and less than dedicated but this middle ground is pretty good, especially if you are starting our your video website.

The main down side is that you could soon out grow in and you will need to them move to a dedicated solution