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Guide to Hostinger

Low-cost WordPress hosting, explained for beginners: plans, intro vs renewal prices and getting started.

Covers: Premium, Unlimited and Cloud Startup

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CHAPTER 1

What Hostinger is

Hostinger is a web host with low-cost plans for WordPress. It sets up WordPress for you and handles updates, backups and security.

You manage everything in the Hostinger dashboard, which used to be called hPanel.

Plans (official)	Premium (3 sites), Unlimited (unlimited sites), Cloud Startup (unlimited sites)
Money-back guarantee (official)	30 days on hosting, except the first payment after a Free Trial. New domains: 96 hours. Free domains from a deal are not refundable.
Uptime (official marketing)	99.9% uptime guarantee
Review type	Tested by Geekett. Facts are checked against official docs and credited reviews.

Older plan name. Videos and some help pages still say "Business". The current WordPress hosting page shows **Unlimited** in the middle slot.

CHAPTER 2

Which plan to pick

Official prices in USD, without VAT, for the **48-month** term, **checked October 12, 2026**. All plans are paid upfront.

Plan	Intro price	Renews at	Jump	Paid upfront	Sites	Storage	Backups
Premium	\$2.99/ mo	\$10.99/ mo	About 3.7x	\$143.52	3	20 GB SSD	Weekly
Unlimited	\$3.99/ mo	\$16.99/ mo	About 4.3x	\$191.52	Unlimited	50 GB NVMe	Daily
Cloud Startup	\$7.99/mo	\$25.99/ mo	About 3.3x	\$383.52	Unlimited	100 GB NVMe	Daily and on demand

Intro price vs renewal price. The low price is for your first term only. When it ends, you pay the renewal price. On Unlimited, that is more than 4 times the intro price.

Hostinger's page showed only 48-month prices on October 12, 2026. Check the price for your term at checkout.

Pick in three steps

1. **Count your sites.** Up to 3? Premium can work. More? Start at Unlimited.
2. **Want daily backups?** Premium has weekly backups. Unlimited and Cloud Startup have daily backups.
3. **Need staging?** Check which plan includes staging before you buy.

[Check Hostinger plans →](#)

Link to the official site. Confirm current prices at checkout.

CHAPTER 3

Getting-started checklist

1. Pick your plan and term. Write down the renewal price and date.
2. Claim your free domain. It is free for the first year only.
3. Install WordPress with the setup wizard in the dashboard.
4. Moving a site? Ask for a free migration in the Migrate Website menu.
5. Check that SSL is on, so your site loads with https.
6. Set up your email inbox.
7. Turn on LiteSpeed Cache in your WordPress overview.
8. Remember the 30-day refund window. A refund deletes your files, so download a backup first.

CHAPTER 4

Key features, explained simply

- **Backups:** Weekly on Premium. Daily on Unlimited and Cloud Startup.
- **CDN:** Delivers your pages from servers close to your visitors. Listed on all three plans.
- **Security:** A web application firewall (WAF), malware scanning and removal, and free SSL.
- **Staging:** A private copy of your site for testing. Check which plan includes it.
- **Free migrations:** Hostinger says it transfers the site within 24 hours. Up to five requests at a time.
- **AI tools:** An AI website builder, troubleshooter and optimizer. Hostinger Agent is a chat helper for your site.
- **Email:** Free mailboxes for the first year.

CHAPTER 5

Good to know: two security incidents

Hostinger has published reports on two security incidents on its shared hosting servers. This is what the company says.

- **December 2025 (Notepad++):** Hostinger says it found suspicious activity on one server on December 1, 2025. It says attackers targeted one customer, the Notepad++ project, and could redirect some of its update traffic until December 2, 2025. Hostinger says it found no evidence that other customers were affected.
- **September 16, 2026 (LiteSpeed zero-day):** Hostinger says an attacker used a previously unknown flaw in its web server software to take over one shared server in Brazil. It says hidden attack tools were placed on 430 accounts on that server, with commands run on 10. Hostinger says it patched all its shared servers the same day and restored affected sites from backups.

Whatever host you pick. Keep your own copy of your site backups, and turn on two-factor login for your hosting and WordPress accounts.

CHAPTER 6

Hands-on rating

3.9_{/5}

Based on Geekett's hands-on testing, with facts checked against official docs and credited reviews. Features 4.0 (50%), Ease of use 4.0 (25%), Value 3.5 (25%). Support is not rated, and its 20% weight was shared out across the other three.

CHAPTER 7

Resource library

Every image and title links to the original video, article or episode. Images belong to their creators.

Featured video



Hostinger Review 2026 (my honest opinion)

Metics Media · Mar 2026, 13:08

The featured video in our review. A clear look at plans, intro vs renewal pricing and refunds. It's an affiliate review with a creator coupon, which we don't share. It uses the older Business plan name; today that slot is Unlimited.

[Watch on YouTube →](#)

Build-alongs

Written guide

How to install WordPress: 4 methods and troubleshooting tips

Hostinger Tutorials · Updated Oct 2026

Made by the vendor. Current dashboard.

[Read the guide →](#)



How to EASILY Install WordPress on Hostinger (2026)

Hostinger Academy · Uploaded Aug 2024, 8:01

Made by the vendor. Older than its title says, so screens may differ.

[Watch on YouTube →](#)



How to Migrate Your Website to Hostinger (Step-by-Step Guide)

Hostinger Academy · Feb 2025, 7:10

Made by the vendor. Has a discount code.

[Watch on YouTube →](#)

Written guide

How to create a WordPress staging environment at Hostinger

Hostinger Help · Updated Sep 2026

Made by the vendor. Says you need a Business plan or higher (older name).

[Read the guide →](#)



LiteSpeed Cache: How to Get 100% WordPress Optimization

Hostinger Academy · Mar 2022, 13:30

Made by the vendor. Older dashboard.

[Watch on YouTube →](#)



Hostinger WordPress Tutorial 2026: Build a Website Step by Step

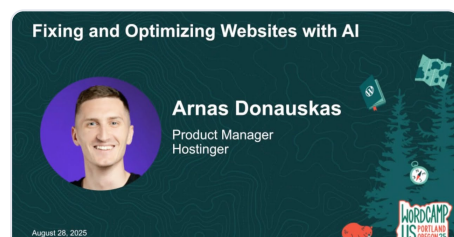
Darrel Wilson · Jul 2026, 44:45

Independent. Has an affiliate link and coupon code.

[Watch on YouTube →](#)

Webinars and replays

We found no recent Hostinger-run webinar replay. These are WordCamp US talks by Hostinger staff.



WordCamp US 2025: Arnas Donauskas "Fixing and Optimizing websites with AI"

WordPress · Sep 2025, 27:36

Talk by Hostinger staff.

[Watch the replay →](#)



Building WP-CLI Automation for Large WordPress Content Sites | Lukasz Wilczak

WordPress · Aug 2026, 1:45:02

Workshop by Hostinger staff. General WP-CLI.

[Watch the replay →](#)

Podcasts

Every guest in these episodes works for Hostinger, so they give the company view. We found no independent podcast review of Hostinger.



All-in-One No-Code AI Web App Builder: Hostinger Horizons | SourceForge Podcast, ep. #63

SourceForge Podcast · Jun 27, 2025, 41 min

About Hostinger Horizons, an AI app builder, not WordPress hosting. Guest: Hostinger's Head of Product (staff).

[Listen to the episode →](#)

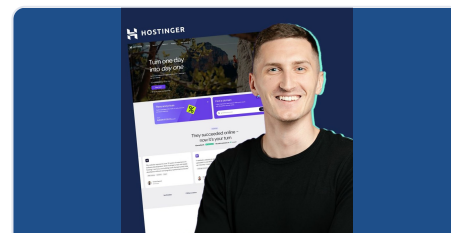


#191: Arnas Donauskas on AI-Powered Troubleshooting for Websites

WP Tavern Jukebox · Oct 29, 2025

Guest: a Hostinger product manager. Hostinger staff.

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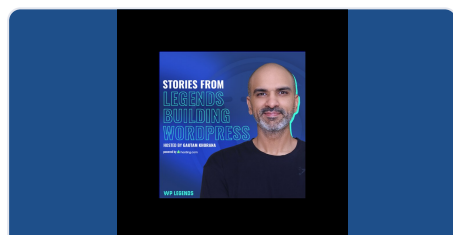


Arnas Donauskas, Product Manager at Hostinger, on Hosting, Product Thinking & Better Tools

WP Legends · Jul 3, 2026, 37:41

Hostinger staff. Show notes carry a Hostinger discount link.

[Listen to the episode →](#)



Christian Schneider, Head of Hosting at @Hostinger on the Future of Web Hosting and Innovation

WP Legends · Jul 3, 2026, 47 min

Hostinger staff.

[Listen to the episode →](#)

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Checked on: October 12, 2026. Prices and features change, so confirm them at checkout.



Thumb Test Master Checklist

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