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You have no guaranteed up-time. There is not any up-time guarantee because the service is free. A free service provider has no obligation to warn you if they go offline for servicing. You can lose money if this happens. You can't sell your product if your website isn't online. Who will pay you for that?

There are very few features. If they are providing a free service, they don't really have any reason to improve their software and hardware. That's why there aren't a lot of features. You will have good tools to use, like a user friendly control panel that is easy to use, when you have a paid web hosting solution. You will only get basic features for designing and posting your pages if you use a free web hosting service.

There is no support. A good web hosting company will offer reliable support. You will be able to talk to a real person if you have a problem with your website. If you enter a support ticket, you will usually get a response within a day. You can get help right away from a company that provides live chat. Companies that don't charge for their services, don't provide many services. If there is a problem, you will still be able to contact them by e-mail. They are unlikely to answer your e-mail, however.

The shared server environment is unstable. Free users tend to abuse free services in droves. Abusive users will get a free account and then upload tons of other sites. These sites may consume more than their fair share of resources. That's the reason you often see free hosting sites going offline from time to time. The servers are simply overwhelmed.

There is no warning for the shut down. This could be a real nightmare for you. Naturally, the free web hosting providers will soon realize that offering free hosting is not beneficial to them. This leads them to either totally shut down their servers or start charging for their services. It is normal for them to alert users to a shut down so that files can be removed quickly. If you did not see the email, though, then you might as well have gotten no warning at all! If you want to run a serious online business, you won't want to use a free web hosting provider. It is better to have a paid hosting account that you share, than a free one. You can get a shared hosting account for only \$10 monthly. Anyone can afford that! Even a student! You can get coupons from review sites that will give you good discounts with web hosts. An online coupon is rather like a password. All you have to do is cut and paste the coupons when you are signing up for your new site. Then you will enjoy a significant savings. Use a coupon and save 20 or 30 percent. There isn't any service commitment with free web hosting, so it is naturally unstable. It really isn't so expensive to host your website with a top web hosting company.

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