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Web Hosting Terms You have never Heard Of!

Are you planning to start a blog sometime in the near future? Want to find out how to do it? For starters, you need to get a domain name (e.g. www.google.com) and some server space as well. During the process, you may read about terms that you've never heard of, in the past.

In this article, we'll talk about some of the most common terms in the web hosting industry. So, without any further delay, lets start -

Web Server - What is a web server? Its a computer where you host your entire website, all the files, images, code, etc. All these can be accessed anytime, from anywhere. If you were to do this yourself, you'd require a high-end computer and an impeccable Internet connection. These two will cost you a lot, both initially and as on-going costs. This is why most of us rent web servers.

Storage Space - The amount of data, i.e. images, files, information, etc that you're allowed to store on your server. This is measured in bytes, and these days you usually get hundreds of gigabytes as storage space. Many times, you'll see web hosts advertise unlimited storage which is simply not true. There has to be an upper cap, depending on the server specs. Since the average webmaster won't ever hit the upper cap, many hosting companies advertise unlimited hosting.

Bandwidth - Again measured in bytes, bandwidth is the measurement of data that you're allowed to transmit from your server. As an example, if your website's homepage is 50kb, each time a visitor comes to your website, they are accessing 50kb of bandwidth. Usually, there is a cap on bandwidth as well.

Control Panel - It is nothing but the place, or the 'backend', from where you control your entire website. This is where you control your server from. Anytime you want to make any change, or get any important information about your server, cPanel is where you need to look. There are quite a few software for the backend, namely cPanel, Plesk, etc.

Uptime - Uptime is a percentage amount. It tells you the approximate time your website is supposed to be up for, i.e. accessible to the general crowd. Hence, when someone advertises hundred percent uptime, it means your website will be up for all the 720 (or 744) hours in a month. At times, the server goes down for maintenance related work or due to some server issues.

These are all the terms that will be useful when you're purchasing hosting. Hope the information above helps you find the perfect host for your needs. If you need more details on [top 10 web hosting](#) and compare different web hosts, just go to [top 10 web hosting](#).

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