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# **Some Shortcomings of Shared Web Hosting**

In today's technological age owning a website is very important for a business. With millions of people visiting the internet on a daily basis, your site can become a never ending source of new clients. Choosing where to host that site is a decision that must be made very carefully. There are many different options and it can be hard to make a choice.

In this article we will talk about one of the most popular hosting solutions, shared web hosting. In this kind of hosting your website is on the same server as others and you can use a fraction of total server resources. There are a few advantages to this type of hosting, such as lower cost, a personal domain, and decent customer support ([wordpress web hosting](#) companies use shared servers because of these advantages). However, there are some disadvantages that outweigh the benefits.

One of the major shortcomings of shared hosting is the high security risk inherent in this kind of arrangement. You have to remember that you are sharing the server with other users, creating a risk in itself. Not only should outsiders be a source of worry, but others who share the server with you could break in and take your sensitive materials.

Sharing a server with many users also creates speed problems. All it takes is one traffic spike for every site to slow down. This can irritate your customers, and even cause you to lose potential profits. Businesses with high internet usage, or unavoidable dependence on the internet, should think about other choices.

Server downtime is another source of headache for shared hosting users. Your site can go down for a whole range of reasons, and once it is down you don't know when it will come back up. When a client tries to log on and gets nothing, he is highly likely to go away and find one of your competitors.

If you own a small company, or want to start a personal website, shared hosting is an acceptable choice. These types of activities use little resources. However, if you own a medium or large business, or a business that deals with lots of sensitive material, this is not the best choice. Keep the above mentioned disadvantages in mind.

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