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SiteGround Review 2025: Features, Pricing & More

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Starting price

\$14.99 per month for your first year (renews at \$19.99 per month)

Storage and bandwidth

10GB, unmetered

Extras and inclusions

Free domain, free SSL, free business email, free CDN, daily backup

Our Verdict

In our 2025 SiteGround review, we'll take a close look at this hosting service's user reviews, customer support, cost, features and plans. Find out if this is the best hosting option for your needs.

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SiteGround is a popular web host that offers shared and cloud hosting plans. It's a popular choice for personal projects and small businesses, offering fair pricing and resources. There are three ways in which the web hosting company sets itself apart from most competitors: speed, renewable energy match and consistently positive customer reviews. Here's everything you need to know about this hosting service.

Pros

- All plans use SSD storage
- Free CDN for faster loads
- Static and dynamic caching
- Free SSL
- Free email (webmail)
- Managed hosting
- Uses Google Cloud data centers

Cons

- Pricier option than competitors
- Priority support for high-level plans only
- No phone support
- Limited storage and site visitor allowances
- No physical scaling options

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What Is SiteGround?

SiteGround was founded in the early 2000s; it's offered web hosting for the past 15 years and expanded across many countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, Spain and Australia.

In addition to basic shared hosting, SiteGround offers cloud and reseller hosting with higher limits of disk space, bandwidth and processing power.

SiteGround tends to quantify how much of something you get, for example, it doesn't measure your data transfer but estimates its lowest web hosting plan will allow for about 10,000 monthly visitors, after which you may need to upgrade.

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As a web host, SiteGround provides the foundation of hardware, software and service you need to publish a website online. SiteGround hosts your website's files on its servers and the internet, which allows anyone accessing your site to see it.

A website is vital for any business to have to increase current and potential customer awareness of your company. A digital presence can help you be found locally for brick-and-mortar businesses and is paramount for e-commerce businesses. Individuals use websites to host their résumés, photos or announcements for events. It's one of the best ways to communicate anything to a large group of people.

WordPress, a content management system (CMS), is one of the most popular platforms on which you can build a website. SiteGround offers managed WordPress hosting as a package, which costs a bit more than its standard shared hosting but makes it easier for new users to run a website. SiteGround handles all the updates and maintenance of the CMS, so you don't have to worry about security exploits.

Although SiteGround offers free domains with all of its shared, WordPress and WooCommerce hosting packages, you may already have a domain you want to use. Connecting your domain to SiteGround is easy enough, and the web host offers a WordPress installer that further simplifies the migration process.

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Is SiteGround Right for Me?

SiteGround is an excellent web host for individuals and small businesses, depending on your budget and needs. What's unique about SiteGround is that it offers a lot of free added value with free email, site migration help, a free domain for the first year for most of its hosting packages and no additional charges for a content delivery network ([CDN](#)). A CDN can help sites load faster because it mirrors websites on multiple servers across the globe. SiteGround also prioritizes speed with static and dynamic caching, so your website doesn't get sluggish for visitors.

SiteGround Is Best For:

Individuals and businesses that need a web host that uses the latest technology to keep performance and site load speed high. SiteGround offers a CDN and caching to increase speed across all sites.

SiteGround Is Not Recommended For:

Those on a budget who also need lots of disk space. SiteGround is stingy with its storage allowances on all of its low-cost shared hosting plans. To get more space, you would need to upgrade to cloud hosting, which is far more expensive.

What Sets SiteGround Apart

The biggest benefit in choosing SiteGround over some of the other [best web hosting services](#) is the boost in performance and speed you get for your sites. The CDN and caching actively work to make your site load faster, which helps keep visitors from giving up on your site.

Page speed can affect whether a site visitor will stay to browse products or read through a blog post. In Google's most recent [industry report](#), it was found that more than half of mobile site visitors will give up on a page if it takes longer than three seconds to load. Your site speed is not only important to visitors, it's also important to search engine optimization (SEO). Giving your visitors a good experience directly affects your rank. If your site is slow, so will be your ability to attract organic traffic.

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SuperCacher services are developed by our server optimization experts to increase the number of hits a site can handle seamlessly and dramatically boost your website's loading speed. There are 3 different caching options for maximum optimization of your websites. Our tests show that a website using simultaneously NGINX Direct Delivery & Dynamic caching along with Memcached can handle 100 times more hits than a regular website without any caching.

Caching Levels

NGINX DIRECT DELIVERY

DYNAMIC CACHE

MEMCACHED



NGINX DIRECT DELIVERY

With NGINX Direct Delivery we will serve most of the static resources of your website (images, JS, CSS and others) directly through NGINX to achieve the fastest possible loading time. It works for all kind of applications without additional customisation.

For best results we highly recommend having NGINX Direct Delivery enabled at all times. However, if you need to use custom caching .htaccess rules for your static content you may need to switch it off.

Host

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Actions



SiteGround Features

Storage and Bandwidth Limits

SiteGround limits storage and the number of site visitors per plan, which is uncommon. The StartUp plan only allows 10GB of storage, which is low compared to most other web hosts. Upgrade one level to double your web space to 20GB, or bump it up to GoGeek, which will get you 40GB. Although it seems stingy, these allowances should be enough for most small businesses.

Although SiteGround doesn't offer unlimited bandwidth, it does allow unmetered traffic. It doesn't mean you can be hit with a spike of traffic and expect your site to load quickly or not crash. The data you transfer is defined as your site's content and your visitor traffic. So your host isn't going to monitor how much data your site transfers but your speed may be affected.

SiteGround estimates that you'll have a limit of 10,000, 25,000 or 100,000 site visitors per month, which is generous. Most web hosts won't put a limit on site visitors, but this is a good way to quantify what bandwidth should look like for most individual or small business websites.

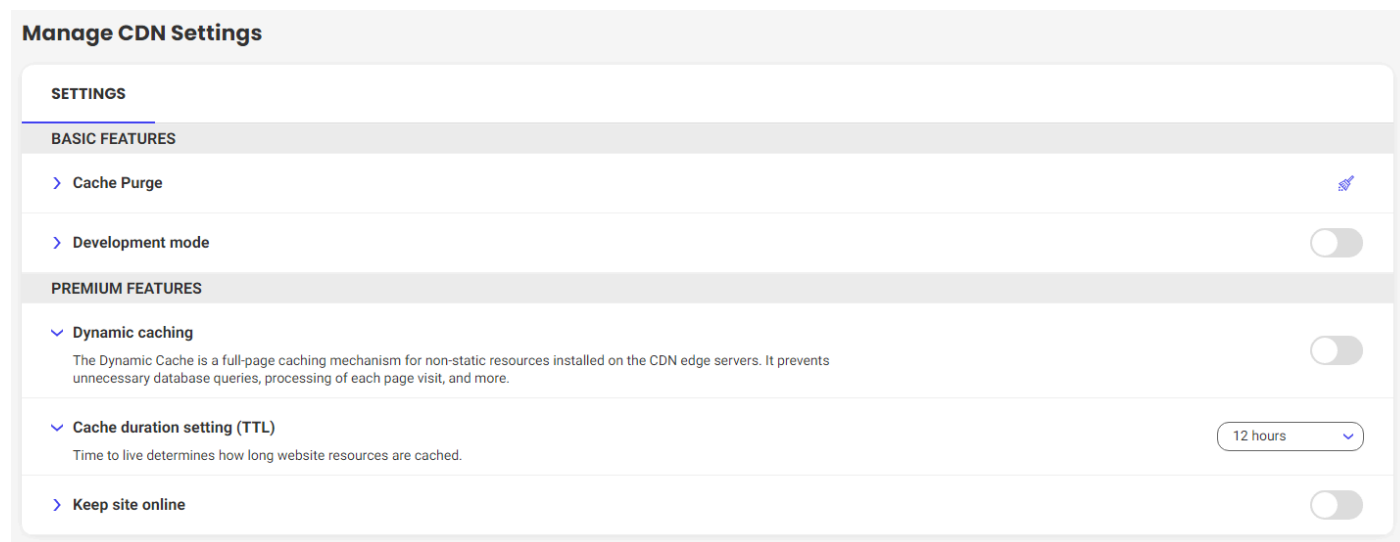
Free CDN

All plans include a free CDN feature from Cloudflare. Some of SiteGround's competitors offer this feature as a plugin in the control panel, and it's free to use up to a certain point. SiteGround puts a larger emphasis on speed, so it highlights the CDN and other features that increase site response times.

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and someone from Finland goes to your website, a CDN ensures your site loads quickly because there's a copy of it on a server nearer to Finland.

Using SiteGround as your web host with the Cloudflare CDN can also help protect against distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, thanks to the distributed traffic among other servers.



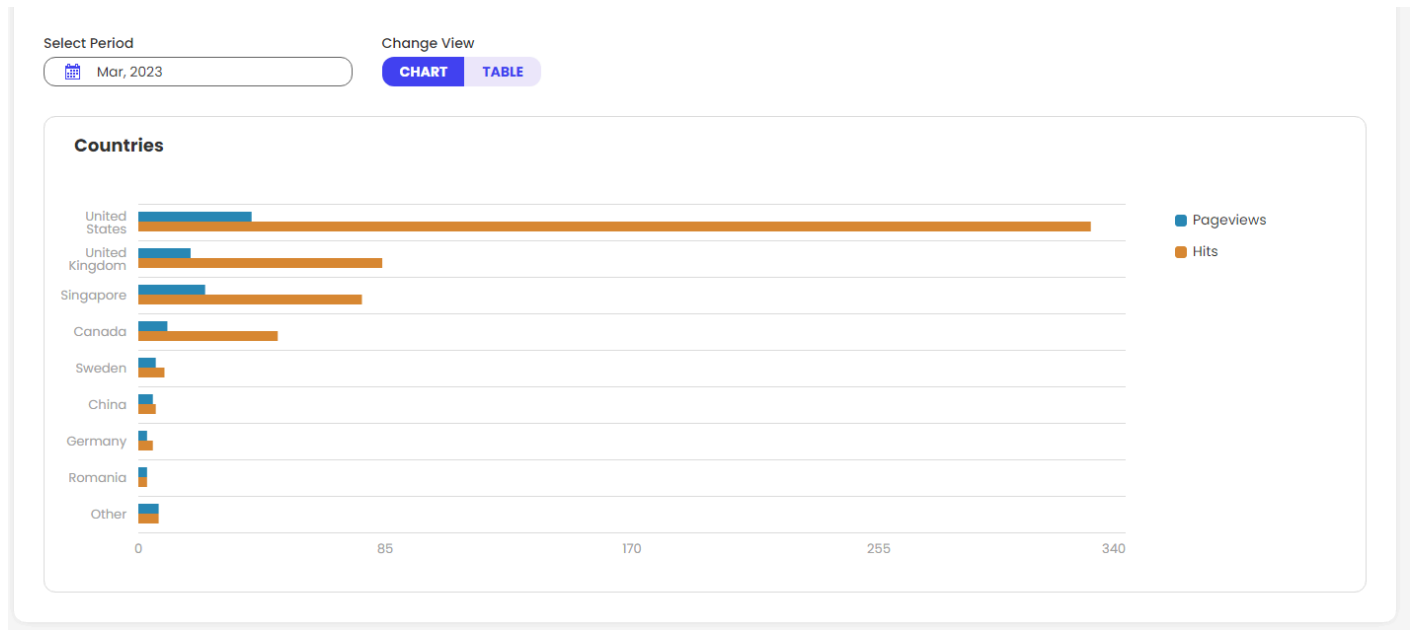
Cloud Hosting

SiteGround doesn't offer virtual private servers (VPS) or dedicated hosting, unlike many of the best web hosts. It does offer cloud hosting, though. So, if you find you're outgrowing a shared hosting plan, there's no medium plan, such as a VPS. You'll have to move directly into a cloud hosting plan, which starts at \$100 per month.

With cloud hosting, you won't have a physical server all your own, as with a dedicated server. It's essentially the same, though. SiteGround's lowest-priced cloud hosting plan starts you with four CPU cores, 8GB of RAM and 40GB of storage. If you need more processing power, RAM or storage, you can configure that and pay only for what you need.

Extras and Inclusions

SiteGround offers several extras at no added charge. The company has recently included a free domain name for the first year for all shared hosting packages. You can also expect a free secure sockets layer (SSL) certificate, free CDN, site statistics, multiple caching options (static and dynamic), free email and a free email migrator.

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Ease of Use

SiteGround makes everything easy to do, from ordering a service to installing an app. Choosing a plan is self-explanatory, and you can pick your term length before checking out. The marketplace includes extras you may want to add, including a premium CDN, dedicated IP and domain privacy.

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WordPress is the most popular content management system in the world. It's super versatile and can be used for blogs, business sites, portfolios and a lot more. WordPress is open-source and built and updated by thousands of volunteers around the world. It's free, but priceless.

APPLICATION SETUP

Domain

Language

Installation Path ⓘ

ADMIN INFO

Username

Password ⓘ

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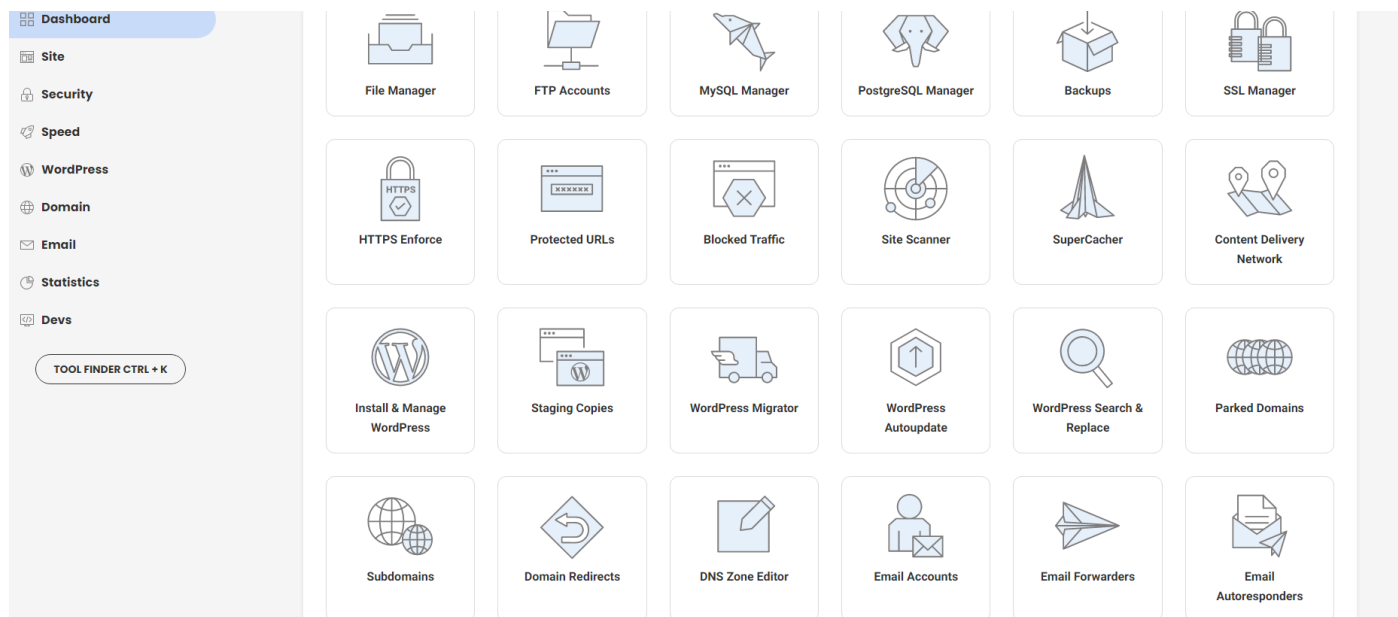
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ADD-ONS

☒ Install with WordPress Starter ⓘ**INSTALL**

User Dashboard/cPanel

The dashboard to your account is a reimagined version of cPanel. The site tools you use most get pinned to the top, or you can set which tools you want to pin. You get a one-click install for some of the most popular apps added to websites, including WordPress, Drupal, OpenCart, Moodle and osTicket. All the tools are aptly named, such as SSL Manager, Backups and Site Scanner, so it's easy to figure out what to use.

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Security

There are multiple security features you employ from your SiteGround account, including backups, SSL certificates and a site scanner. The backup manager lets you create up to five manual backups (on mid- and high-tier plans) to save on the server in addition to the automatic daily backups the system creates. You can access up to about a month's worth of backups at any time.

The protected URLs option lets you password-protect a page that you want to keep from the public. You can add a premium SSL certificate or manage your current SSL certificates under security. And you can block specific IPs or countries from accessing your website, if needed.

SiteGround's site scanner acts as an antivirus for your website. It's a paid add-on that lets you scan your site for any malware. The premium version lets you scan your files you upload and put them in quarantine, as needed.

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Backup Name

CREATE

Available Manual Backup Slots

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BACKUP TIP

We recommend that you create a backup every time you plan to deploy changes on your site, so you can quickly restore in case anything goes wrong. You can delete your old backups to free backup slots.

Manage Backups

Backup	Type	Actions
03/08/2023 09:21 AM	System	⋮
03/07/2023 09:21 AM	System	⋮
03/06/2023 09:21 AM	System	⋮
03/05/2023 09:20 AM	System	⋮
03/04/2023 09:20 AM	System	⋮
03/03/2023 09:20 AM	System	⋮

SiteGround Pricing and Plans

	StartUp	GrowBig	GoGeek
Introductory Pricing	\$2.99 per month (for first year)	\$4.99 per month (for first year)	\$7.99 per month (for first year)
Renewal Pricing (Billed Annually)	\$14.99 per month	\$24.99 per month	\$39.99 per month
Contract Lengths Available	One month, 12 months, 24 months	One month, 12 months, 24 months	One month, 12 months, 24 months
Storage	10GB	20GB	40GB
Bandwidth	Unmetered (~10,000 site visitors monthly)	Unmetered (~100,000 site visitors monthly)	Unmetered (~400,000 site visitors monthly)

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Free SSL Certificate	✓	✓	✓
cPanel	✓	✓	✓
Security	Daily backup, web firewall, protected URLs	Daily backup, on-demand backups, web firewall, protected URLs	Daily backup, on-demand backups, web firewall, protected URLs
Business Email	✓	✓	✓

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SiteGround StartUp

The entry-level plan from SiteGround is packed with features in addition to the basics. You get one website, 10GB of disk space and data transfer is unmetered but allows up to about 10,000 site visits per month. You get a domain name free for the first year (\$19.99 per year thereafter) and a free SSL certificate.

SiteGround provides free daily backups, use of a CDN for free and as many professional emails as you need. The cPanel is simple to use and includes one-click installs of WordPress and other CMS. There’s a 30-day money-back guarantee with this plan and it includes 24/7 support via tickets, phone or live chat.

SiteGround GrowBig

SiteGround’s GrowBig plan is a great pick for small businesses with multiple websites because it doesn’t limit how many websites you can create and host and you get 20GB of disk space. Your unmetered bandwidth translates to about 100,000 site visitors per month and you get all the same extras as in the StartUp plan.

New features include on-demand backup, which allows you to create up to five manual backups of your sites, a staging environment for developers and 30% faster PHP, which affects your page load speed.

SiteGround GoGeek

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per month. Additional perks include Git integration for site developers, white labeling of your account (helpful for agencies selling sites and site design), a private DNS to brand your name servers (so it looks like you own the host server) and priority support, which puts you at the front of the line for support issues.

SiteGround Customer Service and Support

SiteGround gets high marks for its knowledgeable support staff. It sticks to live chat and email or ticket support only, so you can’t contact anyone over the phone. However, you will be able to see helpful info about your support agent, including name, number of customers they’ve helped and what their personal rating is.

To get priority support, which moves you into a different queue for help, you’ll have to upgrade to the highest-priced shared hosting plan, GoGeek. Priority support comes from the most experienced support agents. The line is shorter, so you get support more quickly. And you get the highest-quality help.

SiteGround Additional Features Worth Noting

SiteGround is an eco-friendly choice for web hosting. It purchases renewable energy credits to offset its carbon footprint by 100%. It also uses Google Cloud for its infrastructure, which uses green data centers to maintain carbon neutrality. Plus, power sources come from the sun and wind.

SiteGround Alternatives and How They Compare

	SiteGround	A2 Hosting	Hostwinds	IONOS
Forbes Advisor Rating	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★
Starting Price	\$2.99 per month	\$2.99 per month	\$5.24 per month	\$1 per month

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	months	months, 36 months	six months, 24 months, 36 months	
Storage Limit	10GB	100GB	Unlimited	10GB
Bandwidth Limit	Unmetered	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Free Domain Name	✓ (\$19.99 per year after first year)	X	X	✓ (\$40 per year after first year)
Free SSL Certificate	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business Email	✓	✓	✓	✓
Uptime Guarantee	99.90%	99.90%	100.00%	99.90%
Money-back Guarantee	30 days	30 days	Prorated refund (after 72 hours)	30 days

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Although this SiteGround review shows that it's a great choice for fast, reliable web hosting, it isn't always the best choice overall. Still, when you compare SiteGround alternatives, you may find that SiteGround is worth the extra cost.

SiteGround vs. A2 Hosting

The obvious standout here with A2 Hosting is its disk space offering for the low-tier plan because it gives you 10 times more gigabytes than SiteGround. However, its regular pricing is almost as much as SiteGround and it offers “unlimited” bandwidth, which is misleading—there's always a limit, even if you don't see it. Plus, SiteGround gives you a free domain for the first year.

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that said, you won't get a free domain for the first year if you choose Hostwinds and its unlimited space and bandwidth could be more limiting than you realize. Additionally, Hostwinds' refund policy is confusing and you won't get a full amount back if you aren't satisfied while SiteGround has a solid 30-day money-back guarantee.

SiteGround vs. IONOS

Comparing SiteGround to IONOS is difficult because it's almost a tie with the features we highlight above. IONOS is more affordable and both web hosts give you a free domain the first year but the domain renewal cost is double for IONOS than SiteGround. That alone could make SiteGround a better pick for you—especially if you take advantage of a long-term introductory rate.

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Standout Features

Free domain, Free email, Free Unlimited
SSL

Our Expert Opinion

SiteGround is an easy-to-use web host that prioritizes user-friendliness, green energy, speed and performance. Its introductory pricing is attractive but it follows up with a high renewal rate. The reworked cPanel is clean and easy to understand, the one-click installs are simple for anyone to do and SiteGround helps you find what you need through well-written support articles. The multiple

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Is SiteGround Right for You or Your Business?

SiteGround can be a good fit for any business. There are some cases in which SiteGround is the best or worst choice for you.

If you want a web host that puts speed above all else, is eco-conscious and offers transparent storage and site visitor limits, then SiteGround may work well for you. SiteGround offers room for growth but there's no VPS hosting option.

If you're looking for a budget-friendly option that gives you generous web space, phone support and a free domain for the first year, then you're better off choosing a SiteGround competitor.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- + **What is web hosting and why do I need it?**
 - + **Why is SiteGround so expensive?**
 - + **Is SiteGround the best web hosting service?**
 - + **Is SiteGround scalable?**
 - + **What are the different types of web hosting services?**
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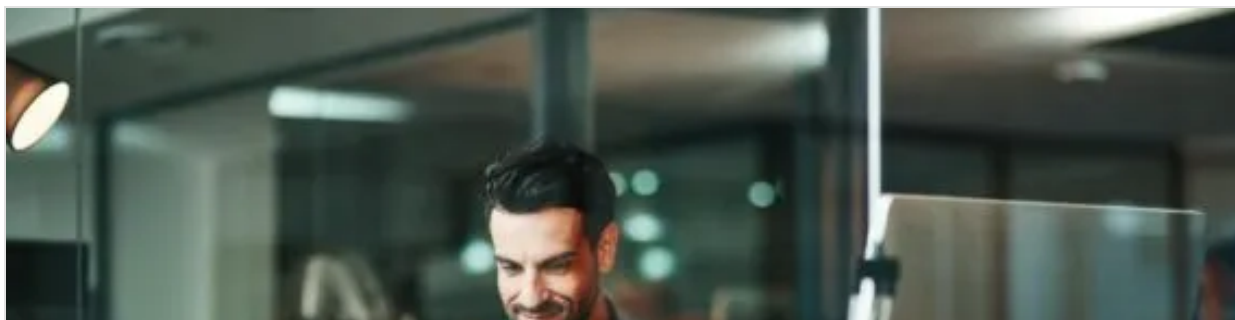
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