Web hosts typically offer their clients the choice of three main types of services: shared hosting, VPS (virtual private server) and dedicated. There are a number of differences between the options, and you might find that your present plan is not aligned with the current state of your project or future goals. Below is a quick comparison of the potential hosting platforms we currently offer.

Shared Hosting

This is by far the most economical way of getting a website up and running. If you're a local business owner, amateur blogger or just someone that wants to fiddle around with a website, shared hosting is for you. You generally get a certain number of websites that you can host depending on your plan, and a set amount of disk space, bandwidth and email addresses. Shared hosting generally means you're sharing an IP address with other sites, and for places that are unlikely to receive much traffic or require a lot of bandwidth, this is the best option. Think of shared hosting as having a cubicle on an office floor – you get your own space and it works great if you're small-time.

VPS Hosting

This is slightly more expensive than shared hosting, but comes with a range of benefits that many sites can't live without. The main selling points of a VPS are its increases in power and flexibility. Businesses that need internal email solutions or simply have quite a few visitors are encouraged to use VPS hosting, as it gives you the power and control associated with a dedicated server without the large price tag. VPSs at [HOSTING SERVICE] are suitable for site developers, medium-sized businesses and anyone that wants flexibility when it comes to their operating system and OS components. Think of VPS hosting as having an entire floor in an office building: it's a good solution for growing businesses.

Dedicated Hosting

This is the granddaddy of them all: dedicated hosting is unlikely to be suitable for a first-time website creator, but for those needing to get a superior amount of bandwidth, storage space and power from their machine, no better option exists than this. Dedicated hosting gives you complete control over what happens on your machine and means that no limitations are placed on what's available to you. Think of dedicated hosting as having an entire building for your business: everything is yours, and you can modify and adapt your surroundings however you please.

Shared hosting is the recommended starting point for most sites, and if you require an upgrade because the functionality you desire isn't there, [HOSTING SERVICE] can promote your plan for you whenever you feel it's time to make a change.