

What to look for in a web host:

Price:

Prices range , but to some degree, you get what you pay for. Beware of add-on or hidden fees.

Some prices:

Midphase: \$7.95/mo/ 200 gb of space/ 3000 gb bandwidth

GoDaddy: economy plan: \$3.95/mo/ 5gb/ 250 bw.

GoDaddy: premium: \$14.99/mo/ 200 gb/ 2000 bw

Bluehost: \$6.95/mo / 300gb of space/ 3000 bw

Size: look at space allotted. If you are planning on having a lot of video, or audion, you'll probably want more than GoDaddy's economy plan.

Bandwidth: (unlimited doesn't mean fast!) This is the amount of traffic allowed for you site (monthly). Penalties occur for going over.

Support: unless you are a computer wiz, you probably will want good support! Look for 24/7 support with a 1-800 number and a web chat widget is nice too.

mySQL/PHP are you planning on working with databases? If you're on a mac, you'll probably want to work with mySQL/PHP. Look at how many you are allowed.

Backups check to see how often your host backs up.

What's included? Domain name for life? Most hosts give you one free domain for life that does not have to be renewed.

How many domains? Subdomains? Reseller accounts?

Security?

Server speeds (especially for large sites)

Extras: cpanel, Fantastico, Content Mangement tools?

Research your host online. Read reviews. Do your homework!

