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Akamai Linode

The Insider’s Guide

Linux virtual servers from $5 a month on Akamai Cloud



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among web hosts, read from Akamai Linode’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Akamai Linode's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Akamai Linode's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 12, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 20 of the 54 other web hosts we grade

Linode, now part of Akamai Cloud, rents Linux virtual machines called Linodes, billed hourly up to a monthly cap, with 1TB of monthly transfer on the smallest size. Its public API and regions list also show block storage, object storage, Kubernetes, managed databases, cloud firewalls, VPCs and GPU Linodes.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about Akamai Linode**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **Servers are unmanaged, so OS updates and security are yours.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for plain Linux servers at a fixed price**

They're unmanaged, backups and extra storage cost more, and the vendor's own pricing pages refused our reader, so prices come from its API.

2 **Paid plans start at $5 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $5 per month (Nanode 1GB), billed hourly.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Linux virtual machines**

Linodes come in shared, dedicated, high-memory and GPU classes, and are billed hourly up to a fixed monthly price.

5 **Block and object storage**

Block Storage volumes attach to a Linode, and Object Storage is $5 a month for 250GB including its bundled transfer.

6 **Kubernetes and managed databases**

The regions list shows Kubernetes and Managed Databases as capabilities in supported data centers.

7 **A 2.0 GPA, above 20 of 54**

That is against the other web hosts we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Your call**

Akamai Linode sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

Akamai Linode at a glance

PRICING
Paid, from $5 per month (Nanode 1GB), billed hourly

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
Akamai Technologies

CATEGORY
Web Hosting

OUR GRADE
2.0 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for plain Linux servers at a fixed price

Akamai Linode rents Linux servers from $5 a month, billed hourly up to a monthly cap, with 1TB of transfer on the smallest. They're unmanaged, backups and extra storage cost more, and the vendor's own pricing pages refused our reader, so prices come from its API.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Akamai Linode	Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	Nanode 1GB is $5 a month, inside the cheaper quarter ($5.28), with 1TB transfer. Jakarta is $6 and Sao Paulo $7, and backups cost $2 to $5 more.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan and no trial on record; every plan is paid from the first day.
Features	B	Shared, dedicated, high-memory and GPU Linodes, block and object storage, Kubernetes, managed databases, firewall and backups. The listing names no core gap.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. Servers are unmanaged, so OS updates and security are yours.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web only, with a public v4 API, a CLI and Cloud Manager.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Akamai Linode is for

- ✓ Fits if you want plain Linux servers at a fixed monthly price
- ✓ Works for people who need a lot of included transfer

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you don't want to patch a server yourself
- ✗ Not for you if you want a free plan or trial
- ✗ Watch out: prices differ by region, and backups, storage and some services cost extra
- ✗ Watch out: Akamai's own pricing pages weren't readable, so prices come from the public API

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who want plain Linux servers at a fixed monthly price
- ✓ Projects that need generous included transfer, such as 1TB on the smallest plan
- ✓ Teams already on Akamai who want cloud compute beside their CDN

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Linodes are unmanaged servers: the buyer handles operating system updates and security.
- ⓘ Prices differ by region; Jakarta and Sao Paulo cost $1 and $2 more than the base price on a Nanode.
- ⓘ Backups, extra storage and some services cost extra on top of the instance price.
- ⓘ Akamai's own pricing pages refused automated access, so these prices come from Linode's public API.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$5

A month to start

Akamai Linode is a paid product, starting at $5 per month (Nanode 1GB), billed hourly.

> **No free plan and no trial on record; every plan is paid from the first day.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

NANODE 1GB

$5

per month, billed hourly ($0.0075 per hour)

1 vCPU, 1GB RAM, 25GB storage and 1TB of monthly transfer. Jakarta is $6 and Sao Paulo $7.

LINODE 2GB

$12

per month, billed hourly ($0.018 per hour)

1 vCPU, 2GB RAM, 50GB storage and 2TB of monthly transfer.

LINODE 4GB

$24

per month, billed hourly ($0.036 per hour)

2 vCPUs, 4GB RAM and 4TB of monthly transfer; backups are an extra $5 a month at this size.

Read from api.linode.com on Nov 12, 2026.

OBJECT STORAGE

$5

per month, prorated

Flat rate including 250GB of storage; storage beyond that is $0.02 per GB in most data centers.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Linux virtual servers from $5 a month on Akamai Cloud. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, databases.

> **Shared, dedicated, high-memory and GPU Linodes, block and object storage, Kubernetes, managed databases, firewall and backups.**
>
> From our grade for features

Linux virtual machines

Linodes come in shared, dedicated, high-memory and GPU classes, and are billed hourly up to a fixed monthly price.

Block and object storage

Block Storage volumes attach to a Linode, and Object Storage is $5 a month for 250GB including its bundled transfer.

Kubernetes and managed databases

The regions list shows Kubernetes and Managed Databases as capabilities in supported data centers.

Backups

The optional backup add-on costs $2 a month on a Nanode 1GB and $5 on a Linode 4GB.

Networking controls

Cloud Firewall, VPCs, VLANs and NodeBalancers are listed as capabilities in the regions data.

API and CLI

A public v4 API, a CLI and Cloud Manager manage resources, and Akamai's docs cover automating deployments.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Akamai Linode is made by Akamai Technologies.

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Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

20/54

Other web hosts it is graded above

Akamai Linode's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 20 of the 54 other web hosts we grade, and level with 10.

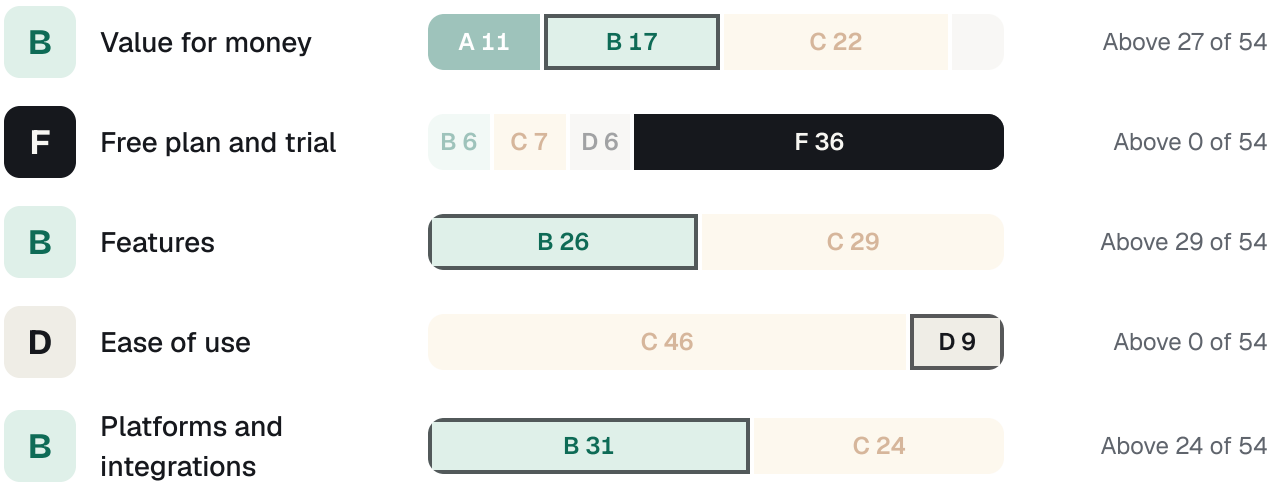
It stands best on features (B, above 29 of 54) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $5 a month, against a middle price of $9 for the category: 19 of the 52 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 1 tool scores higher and costs less.

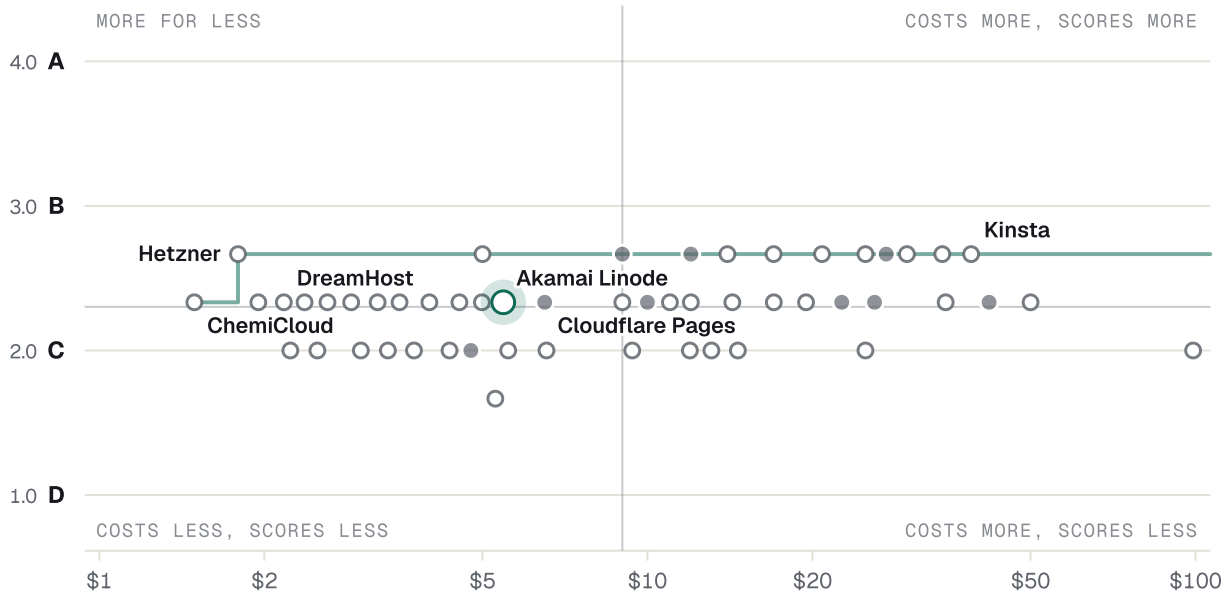
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 55 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. Akamai Linode's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 53 web hosts. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Akamai Linode is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Your call

Akamai Linode sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

What you would give up is listed below. Whether that is worth the price is your call. It costs $60 a year.

What you could make

- It runs in a browser, which is where something home-made would run too.

What you could not

- Databases with views, filters and links between them.

- An API that other software can build on.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Akamai Linode's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



DigitalOcean, Vultr, Hetzner, OVHcloud and Contabo

The 5 tools Akamai Linode is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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DigitalOcean

Free plan · from $4/mo

Cloud servers, app hosting and managed databases for developers.

- DigitalOcean has a free plan. Akamai Linode does not.

Akamai Linode and DigitalOcean compared in full

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Vultr

From $2.50/mo

Cloud servers, bare metal and GPUs billed hourly or monthly.

- Akamai Linode also covers databases.

Akamai Linode and Vultr compared in full

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Hetzner

From €1.60/mo

German hosting: web hosting, cloud servers and dedicated servers.

- Akamai Linode also covers databases.
- Hetzner also covers file sharing.

Akamai Linode and Hetzner compared in full



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OVHcloud

From $4.54/mo

VPS, public cloud, web hosting and dedicated servers.

Akamai Linode and OVHcloud compared in full



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Contabo

From $5.28/mo

Low-priced VPS and dedicated servers from a German host.

- Akamai Linode also covers databases.

Akamai Linode and Contabo compared in full

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Akamai Linode free?

No. Akamai Linode is a paid product, starting at $5 per month (Nanode 1GB), billed hourly.

How much does Akamai Linode cost?

Akamai Linode lists 4 plans. Nanode 1GB: $5 per month, billed hourly ($0.0075 per hour).

What platforms does Akamai Linode work on?

Akamai Linode is available on Web.

Does Akamai Linode have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Akamai Linode is listed for Web.

Does Akamai Linode have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Akamai Linode is listed for Web.

Is Akamai Linode open source?

Akamai Linode is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 12, 2026.

Does Akamai Linode have an API?

Yes. Akamai Linode offers a public API, according to its own site.

Who makes Akamai Linode?

Akamai Linode is made by Akamai Technologies.

What are the alternatives to Akamai Linode?

The closest alternatives to Akamai Linode in our directory are DigitalOcean, Vultr, Hetzner, OVHcloud and Contabo.

How does Akamai Linode compare with other web hosts?

Akamai Linode's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 20 of the 54 other web hosts we grade, and level with 10.

Is Akamai Linode good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Akamai Linode B for value for money. Its paid plans start at $5 a month, against a middle price of $9 for the category: 19 of the 52 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Akamai Linode?

Akamai Linode sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Akamai Linode's own pages on Nov 12, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 12, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Akamai Linode's own pages on 12 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Akamai Technologies. Prices change, so check linode.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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tools graded

95
categories

739
price changes on record

579
apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Akamai Linode, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/linode

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

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Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

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Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

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Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

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Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

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Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

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Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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