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RackNerd

The Insider's Guide

Low-cost KVM VPS, shared hosting and dedicated servers



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among web hosts, read from RackNerd's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from RackNerd's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on RackNerd's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

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

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GPA, above 29 of the 122 other web hosts we grade

RackNerd is a US infrastructure provider that sells KVM VPS, cPanel shared and reseller hosting, dedicated servers and colocation across about 20 datacenter locations. It is known for low-priced annual VPS specials, and its own control panel can install self-hosted apps in one click.

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

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> **Unmanaged root and SSH servers: you install, configure and secure the system yourself.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for cheap unmanaged VPS servers**

The servers are unmanaged, so you run and secure them yourself.

2 **Paid plans start at $1.83 a month when paid by the year**

As its pricing page puts it: $21.99 per year (1 GB KVM VPS special).

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **KVM VPS with full root access**

Instantly provisioned KVM virtual servers in locations including Los Angeles, New York, Dallas, Amsterdam and Toronto, with a 1Gbps network port.

5 **ctrl control panel**

RackNerd's own VPS panel handles reboot, reinstall, console, a network firewall and one-click installs of apps such as n8n, Ollama, LibreChat and Portainer.

6 **cPanel shared hosting**

Shared plans run cPanel with LiteSpeed, Softaculous, free SSL and JetBackup daily backups, and can be deployed in the US, Europe or Singapore.

7 **A 1.8 GPA, above 29 of 122**

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

8 **Your call**

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

RackNerd at a glance

PRICING Paid, from $21.99 per year (1 GB KVM VPS special)	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY RackNerd LLC	CATEGORY Web Hosting
OUR GRADE 1.8 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for cheap unmanaged VPS servers

RackNerd sells KVM VPS plans from $21.99 a year, plus shared hosting and dedicated servers. The servers are unmanaged, so you run and secure them yourself.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **RackNerd** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	A 1 GB KVM VPS special at $21.99 a year, about $1.83 a month, under 60% of the $5 cheaper-quarter start.
Free plan and trial	F	Nothing free and no trial on the pages read, so you pay from day one.
Features	C	KVM VPS with root access, a control panel, cPanel shared hosting and dedicated servers. The VPS is unmanaged, so the basics come with a lot of work for you.
Ease of use	D	Unmanaged root and SSH servers: you install, configure and secure the system yourself.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web control panel with no integrations or apps listed.

Grade point average — Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

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 RackNerd is for

- ✓ Fits if you are comfortable running a Linux server yourself
- ✓ Works for small side projects that need a cheap VPS

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you want a managed server, as VPS plans are unmanaged
- ✕ Watch out: yearly specials and monthly plans are on different pages and do not follow one price scale
- ✕ Tight if you need IPv6, which is provided on request by support ticket
- ✕ Skip it if you want a trial, as nothing is free

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who want a cheap yearly VPS for self-hosted apps
- ✓ Small websites that fit a cPanel shared plan
- ✓ Buyers comfortable with a self-managed server

Worth knowing

- ⓘ VPS plans are unmanaged: the vendor describes root access and SSH, and the buyer runs the server.
- ⓘ The yearly VPS specials and the monthly VPS plans are priced on different pages, and the figures do not follow one scale.
- ⓘ IPv6 addresses are provided on request by support ticket, and the VPS page names only some locations for it.
- ⓘ The homepage advertises promo codes for dedicated servers; those are not counted here.

What it costs

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

$1.83

A month to start, paid by the year

RackNerd is a paid product, starting at $21.99 per year (1 GB KVM VPS special).

> **Nothing free and no trial on the pages read, so you pay from day one.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

1 GB KVM VPS SPECIAL

$21.99

per year

1 vCPU, 20 GB SSD, 3 TB monthly transfer, a 1Gbps port and full root access. The specials page also lists 2 GB at $35.99 and 4 GB at $59.99 a year.

512 MB KVM VPS

$26.99

per year

1 vCore, 30 GB RAID-10 SSD, 500 GB transfer at 1Gbps and one IPv4 address.

SHARED 30 GB

$5.59

per month

cPanel shared hosting with 30 GB SSD, 2 TB transfer, unlimited domains and databases, free SSL, LiteSpeed and daily JetBackup backups.

SHARED 100 GB

$9.59

per month

100 GB SSD and 3 TB monthly transfer with the same cPanel, LiteSpeed and backup features. A 200 GB plan is $15.59 a month.

2 GB KVM VPS

$20.59

per month

3 vCore, 75 GB RAID-10 SSD and 2 TB transfer. The 1 GB monthly plan is $17.99 and the 4 GB plan $24.59 a month.

Read from racknerd.com on Nov 13, 2026.

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

Low-cost KVM VPS, shared hosting and dedicated servers. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, databases.

> **KVM VPS with root access, a control panel, cPanel shared hosting and dedicated servers.**
>
> From our grade for features

KVM VPS with full root access

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ctrl control panel

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cPanel shared hosting

Shared plans run cPanel with LiteSpeed, Softaculous, free SSL and JetBackup daily backups, and can be deployed in the US, Europe or Singapore.

Free migration for shared hosting

The vendor says it will migrate a site from a previous host after a support ticket with the login details.

Dedicated servers and colocation

Dedicated servers start at $139 a month, with Ryzen, unmetered 10, 20 and 40Gbps and hybrid options, plus colocation.

Reseller hosting

cPanel and WHM reseller plans let a customer sell shared hosting accounts.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

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PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

29/122

Other web hosts it is graded above

RackNerd's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 29 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 19.

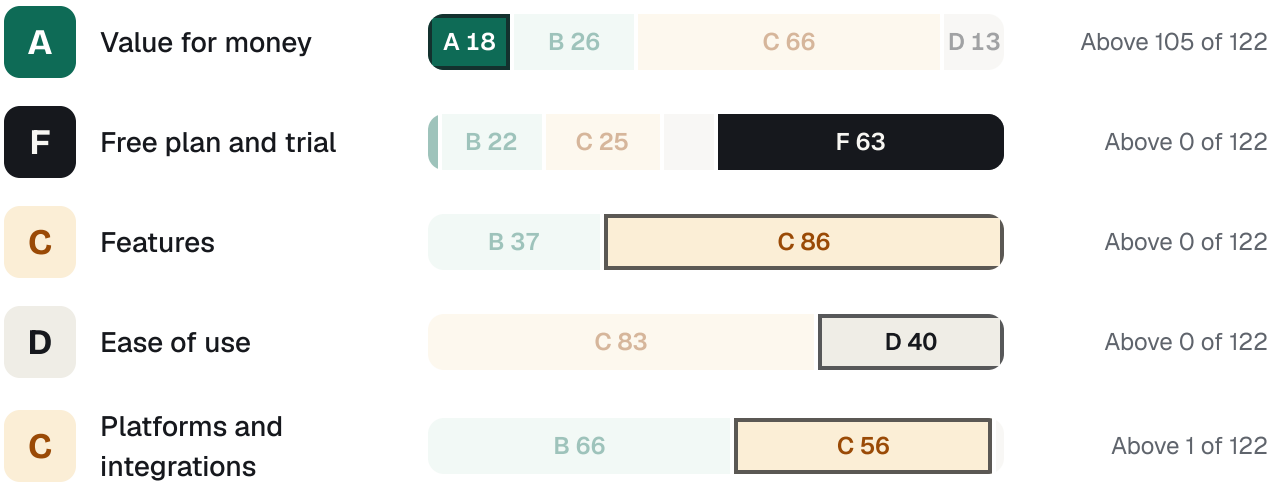
It stands best on value for money (A, above 105 of 122) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $1.83 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 3 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 1.7 out of 4. 5 tools score higher and cost less.

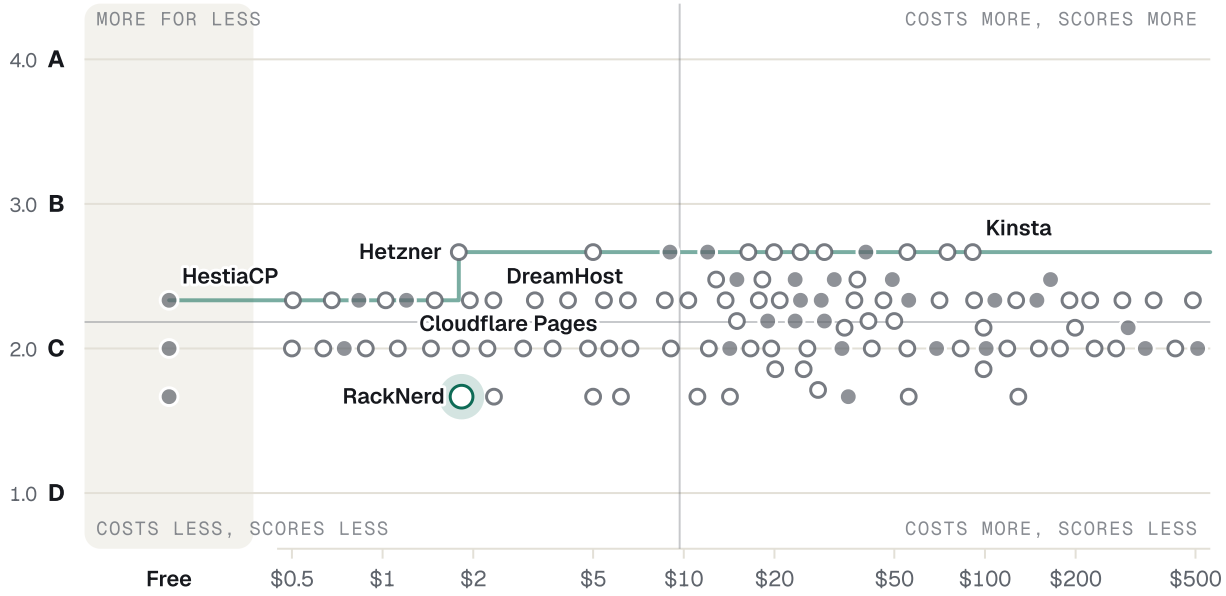
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. RackNerd's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 111 web hosts. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. RackNerd 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

RackNerd 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. At $21.99 a year it costs less than the weekend it would take to replace, which is the argument for keeping it.

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.

- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. RackNerd'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



Contabo, Hostwinds, Vultr, InterServer and Hetzner

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

Contabo

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From $5.28/mo

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

- RackNerd also covers databases.

RackNerd and Contabo compared in full

Hostwinds

1.8 GPA

From $4.99/mo

Shared, business, VPS and cloud hosting with managed support.

- RackNerd also covers databases.
- Hostwinds also covers no-code.

RackNerd and Hostwinds compared in full

Vultr

1.8 GPA

From $2.50/mo

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

- RackNerd also covers databases.

RackNerd and Vultr compared in full



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InterServer

From $3/mo

One shared hosting plan plus cloud VPS sold in $3 slices.

- RackNerd also covers databases.
- InterServer also covers no-code and malware protection.

RackNerd and InterServer compared in full



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Hetzner

From €1.60/mo

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

- RackNerd also covers databases.
- Hetzner also covers file sharing.

RackNerd and Hetzner compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

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 RackNerd free?

No. RackNerd is a paid product, starting at $21.99 per year (1 GB KVM VPS special).

How much does RackNerd cost?

RackNerd lists 5 plans. 1 GB KVM VPS special: $21.99 per year.

What platforms does RackNerd work on?

RackNerd is available on Web.

Does RackNerd have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. RackNerd is listed for Web.

Does RackNerd have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. RackNerd is listed for Web.

Is RackNerd open source?

RackNerd is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Who makes RackNerd?

RackNerd is made by RackNerd LLC.

What are the alternatives to RackNerd?

The closest alternatives to RackNerd in our directory are Contabo, Hostwinds, Vultr, InterServer and Hetzner.

How does RackNerd compare with other web hosts?

RackNerd's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 29 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 19.

Is RackNerd good value for money?

ToolGPA grades RackNerd A for value for money. Its paid plans start at $1.83 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 3 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of RackNerd?

RackNerd 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 RackNerd's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from RackNerd's own pages on 13 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 RackNerd LLC. Prices change, so check racknerd.com before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

RackNerd, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/racknerd

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

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

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

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

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

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

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Web Hosting Insider's Guide

Every one of the 123 web hosts we grade, compared

Cloudflare Pages Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for static sites and full-stack apps

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GitHub Pages Insider's Guide

Static site hosting built into GitHub repositories

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Netlify Insider's Guide

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