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RamNode

The Insider's Guide

Hourly-billed OpenStack cloud VPS, NVMe and storage servers



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from RamNode's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on RamNode'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

RamNode sells virtual servers on an OpenStack cloud, in Standard SSD, Premium NVMe, Storage and dedicated-CPU tiers, with block and object storage and load balancers. Servers can be managed by dashboard, API or CLI and are billed monthly or by the hour, from $4 a month.

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

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> **You set up and secure the operating system yourself.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for small unmanaged VPS billed by the hour**

RamNode rents VPS servers from $4 a month, or by the hour, on an OpenStack platform with an API and CLI.

2 **Paid plans start at $4 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $4 per month, or $0.006 per hour (512MB Standard VPS).

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **OpenStack cloud platform**

Servers sit in a virtual private cloud with private networks, snapshots, custom firewalls and load balancers.

5 **API, CLI and infrastructure tools**

Servers can be deployed from a dashboard, an API or a CLI, and the vendor lists Terraform and Ansible support and cloud-init.

6 **Several server tiers**

Standard SSD, Premium NVMe, Storage VPS with up to 4TB of disk, dedicated-CPU VDS and IPv6-only Lite plans, resizable at any time.

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**

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

RamNode at a glance

PRICING
Paid, from $4 per month, or $0.006 per hour (512MB Standard VPS)

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
RamNode (a trademark of InMotion Hosting, Inc.)

CATEGORY
Web Hosting

OUR GRADE
1.8 GPA, weak

The report card

Best for small unmanaged VPS billed by the hour

RamNode rents VPS servers from $4 a month, or by the hour, on an OpenStack platform with an API and CLI. The servers are self-managed, with the cheapest at 512 MB.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	RamNode	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	A 512 MB Standard VPS is $4 a month or $0.006 an hour, inside the cheaper quarter.
Free plan and trial	F	Nothing free and no trial on the pages read, so you pay from day one.
Features	C	Standard, Storage and NVMe VPS and dedicated-CPU VDS, with an API and CLI. The cheapest has 512 MB of memory, so the basics are small.
Ease of use	D	You set up and secure the operating system yourself.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web panel plus an API, CLI and infrastructure tools.
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 RamNode is for

- ✓ Fits if you want an hourly-billed VPS with an API
- ✓ Works for small servers you manage yourself

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you want a managed server, as these are self-managed
- ✗ Skip it if you want a trial, as nothing is free
- ✗ Tight if you need cPanel hosting, as that product is mentioned but not priced on the page read
- ✗ Watch out: data centers are in Atlanta, New Jersey, Seattle, Los Angeles and the Netherlands only

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who want hourly-billed cheap VPS with an API
- ✓ Self-hosters who need a lot of disk and bandwidth from a Storage VPS
- ✓ Teams that already use Terraform or Ansible

Worth knowing

- ⓘ These are self-managed servers; the buyer sets up and secures the operating system.
- ⓘ A cPanel hosting product is mentioned on the site, but its plans were not priced on the pricing page read.
- ⓘ Data centers named on the site are in Atlanta, New Jersey, Seattle, Los Angeles and the Netherlands.
- ⓘ RamNode is a registered trademark of InMotion Hosting, Inc., which its legal footer names.

What it costs

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

$4

A month to start

RamNode is a paid product, starting at $4 per month, or $0.006 per hour (512MB Standard VPS).

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

From our grade for free plan and trial

STANDARD VPS

$4

per month, or $0.006 per hour, for 512MB

SSD compute from 512MB, 1 core, 20GB and 1TB bandwidth up to 16GB, 8 cores, 260GB and 14TB at $80 a month.

STORAGE VPS

$4

per month, or $0.006 per hour, for 512MB

Spinning-disk plans from 512MB with 160GB and 2TB bandwidth, up to 12GB with 4000GB and 150TB at $64 a month.

PREMIUM NVME VPS

$14

per month, or $0.021 per hour, for 2GB

2GB, 2 cores, 80GB NVMe and 6TB bandwidth, up to 32GB, 16 cores and 600GB NVMe at $192 a month.

VDS (DEDICATED CPU)

$50

per month, or $0.074 per hour, for 8GB

Virtual dedicated servers with dedicated cores: 8GB and 2 cores with 200GB NVMe and 10TB bandwidth, up to 64GB and 16 cores at $320 a month.

Read from ramnode.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

Bonus credit on deposits

Deposit tiers from $10 (20% bonus) to $500 (100% bonus) add promotional credit, up to $500 of bonus credit per calendar year.

Stated on ramnode.com

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

Hourly-billed OpenStack cloud VPS, NVMe and storage servers. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, file management.

> **Standard, Storage and NVMe VPS and dedicated-CPU VDS, with an API and CLI.**

From our grade for features

OpenStack cloud platform

Servers sit in a virtual private cloud with private networks, snapshots, custom firewalls and load balancers.

API, CLI and infrastructure tools

Servers can be deployed from a dashboard, an API or a CLI, and the vendor lists Terraform and Ansible support and cloud-init.

Several server tiers

Standard SSD, Premium NVMe, Storage VPS with up to 4TB of disk, dedicated-CPU VDS and IPv6-only Lite plans, resizable at any time.

Hourly billing

Plans list an hourly rate beside the monthly one, and payment is by PayPal, card, crypto or Alipay.

Included bandwidth and IPv4

Every plan includes an IPv4 address and a set transfer allowance, with an egress overage of $0.004 per GB on the compared plan.

Chat and ticket support

Live chat and tickets are staffed around the clock, according to the vendor.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Terraform

Ansible

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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

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

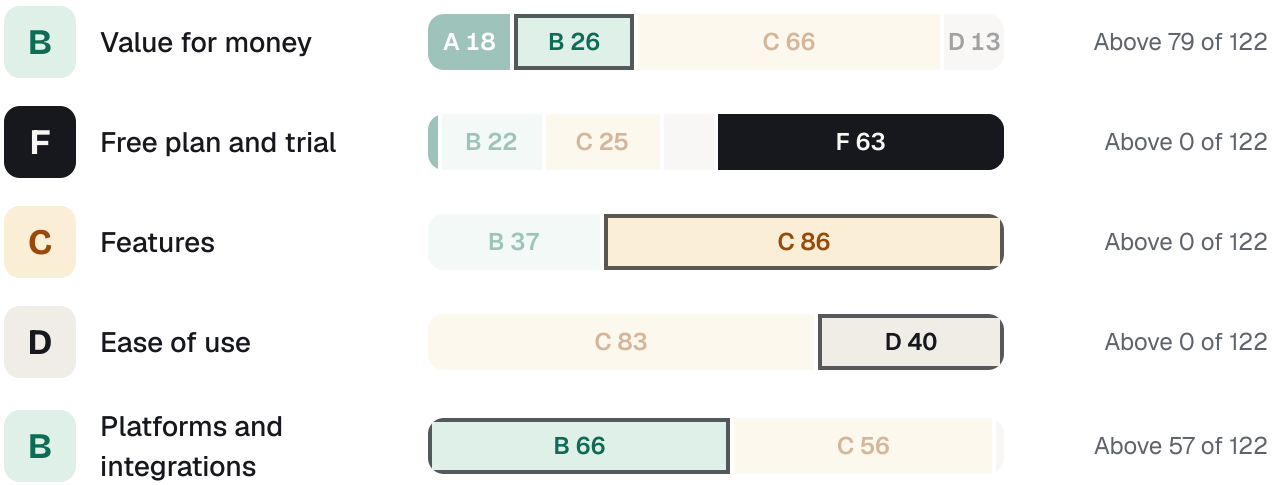
It stands best on value for money (B, above 79 of 122) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $4 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 23 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 10 tools score higher and cost less.

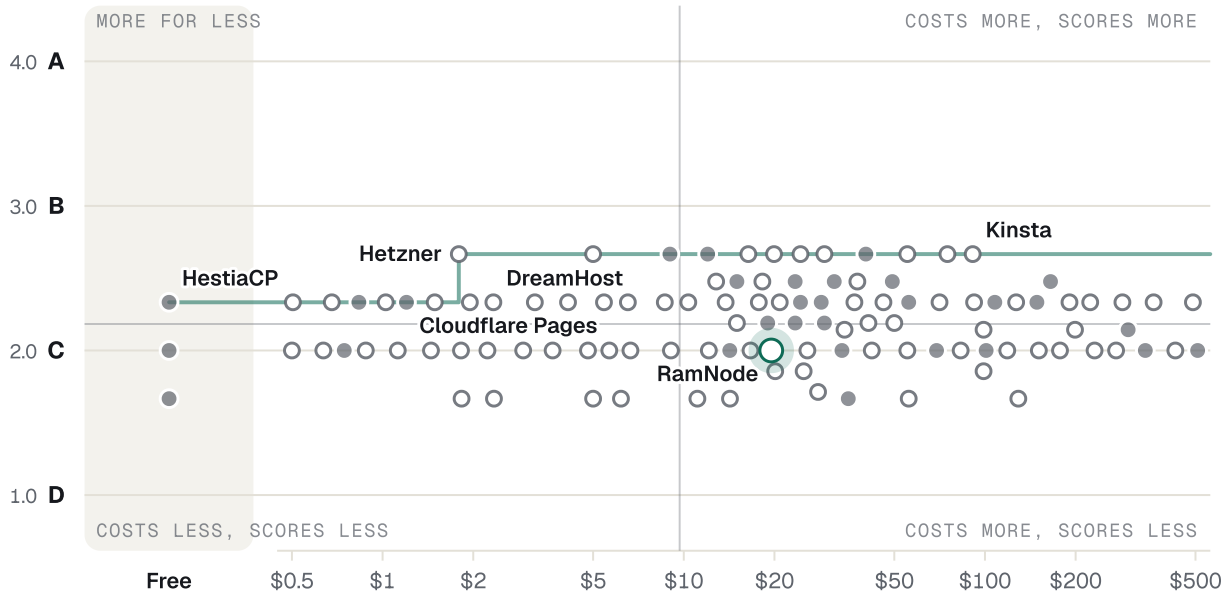
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. RamNode'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. RamNode 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

RamNode 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 $48 a year.

What you could make

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

What you could not

- A file manager working directly on your disk.

- It plugs into other products, Terraform and Ansible among them, and has an API.

What this rests on. RamNode'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



BuyVM, RackNerd, Vultr, DigitalOcean and Hetzner

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

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BuyVM

From $24.00/yr

Low-cost KVM VPS slices with unmetered bandwidth and block storage.

- BuyVM also covers databases.

RamNode and BuyVM compared in full

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RackNerd

From $21.99/yr

Low-cost KVM VPS, shared hosting and dedicated servers.

- RamNode also covers file management.
- RackNerd also covers databases.

RamNode and RackNerd compared in full

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Vultr

From $2.50/mo

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

- RamNode also covers file management.

RamNode and Vultr compared in full

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DigitalOcean

Free plan · from $4/mo

Cloud servers, app hosting and managed databases for developers.

- DigitalOcean has a free plan. RamNode does not.
- RamNode also covers file management.
- DigitalOcean also covers databases.

RamNode and DigitalOcean compared in full

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Hetzner

From €1.60/mo

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

- RamNode also covers file management.
- Hetzner also covers file sharing.

RamNode and Hetzner 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 RamNode free?

No. RamNode is a paid product, starting at $4 per month, or $0.006 per hour (512MB Standard VPS).

How much does RamNode cost?

RamNode lists 4 plans. Standard VPS: $4 per month, or $0.006 per hour, for 512MB.

What platforms does RamNode work on?

RamNode is available on Web.

Does RamNode offer any discounts?

RamNode publicly lists the following: Bonus credit on deposits.

Does RamNode have an Android app?

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

Does RamNode have an iPhone app?

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

Is RamNode open source?

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

Does RamNode have an API?

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

What does RamNode integrate with?

RamNode's listing names Terraform and Ansible. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes RamNode?

RamNode is made by RamNode (a trademark of InMotion Hosting, Inc.).

What are the alternatives to RamNode?

The closest alternatives to RamNode in our directory are BuyVM, RackNerd, Vultr, DigitalOcean and Hetzner.

How does RamNode compare with other web hosts?

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

Is RamNode good value for money?

ToolGPA grades RamNode B for value for money. Its paid plans start at $4 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 23 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of RamNode?

RamNode 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 RamNode'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 RamNode'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 RamNode (a trademark of InMotion Hosting, Inc.). Prices change, so check ramnode.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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

What else is on toolgpa.com

RamNode, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/ramnode

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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Static site hosting built into GitHub repositories

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