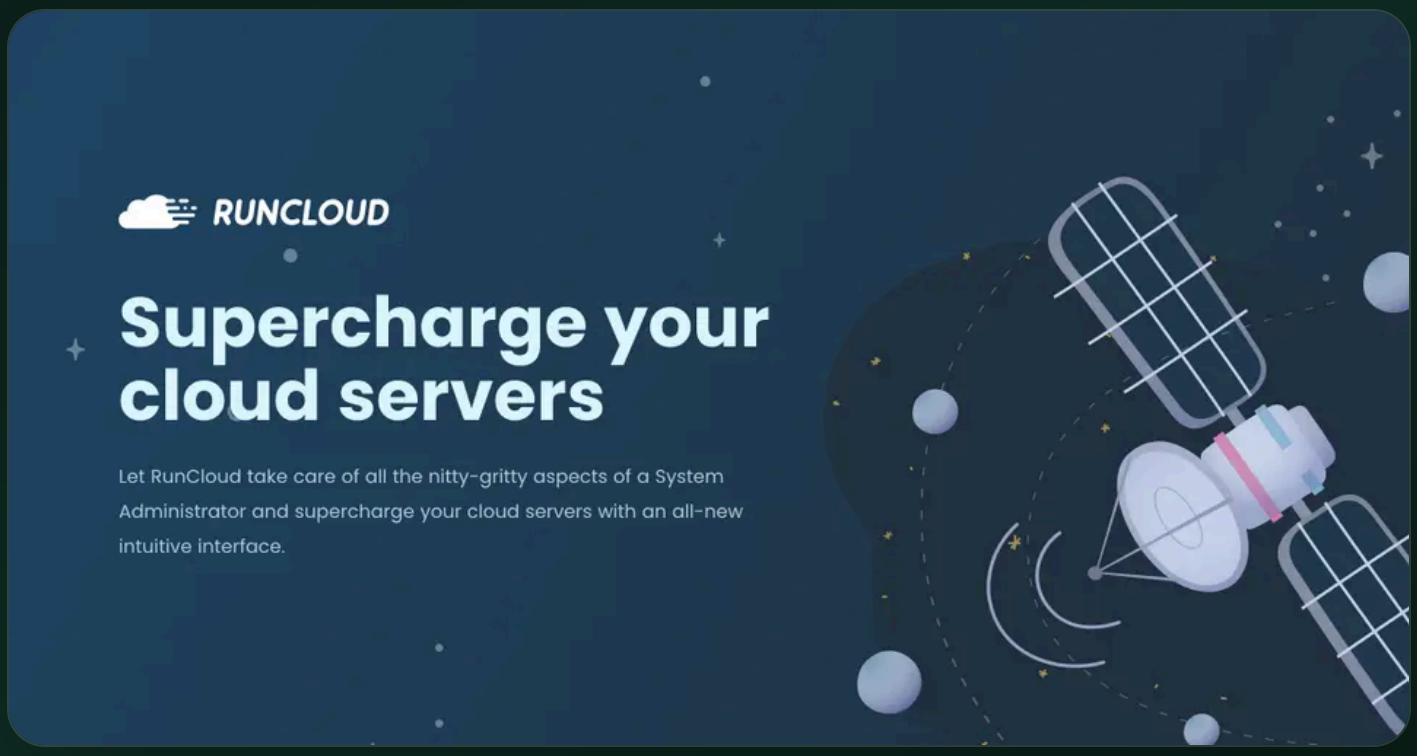
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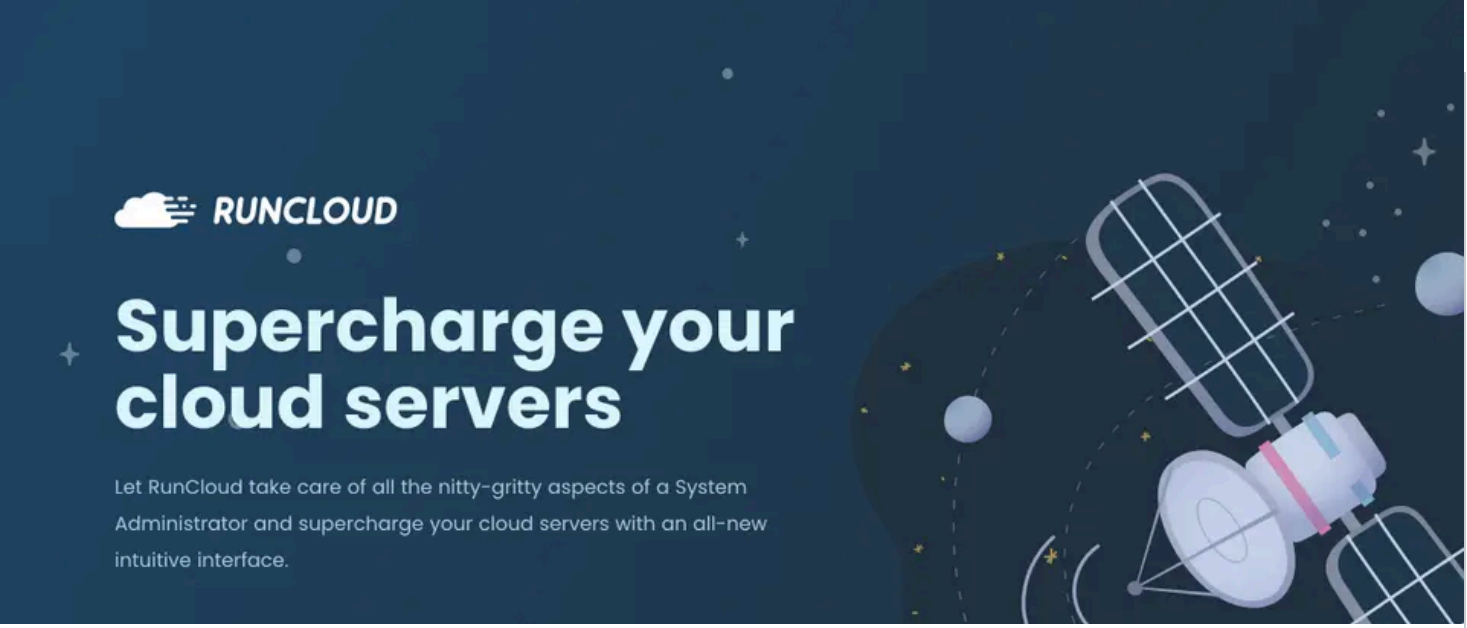
Web server control panel for PHP sites on your own cloud servers



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

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Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

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

RunCloud is a control panel that sets up and manages web servers you rent from cloud providers such as Vultr, Linode, UpCloud, Hetzner, AWS, Google Cloud or DigitalOcean. Plans differ by server count, backup storage, staging environments and team features, and none of them includes the server itself. It lists NGINX caching, Git deployment, SSL certificates and a WordPress toolkit.

> **You connect a cloud provider and set up servers.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about RunCloud**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

1 **Best for managing PHP and WordPress servers**

Servers are billed separately, Essentials covers one server, and the API, zero-downtime deploys and WAF are Business and above.

2 **Paid plans start at $9 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $9 per month (Essentials, billed monthly).

3 **You can try it first**

7-day free trial.

4 **It runs on Web**

Web.

5 **Server and app management**

Plans list unlimited web applications, domain management and one-click SSL certificates, with server counts from 1 to 500.

6 **Caching**

Server-side caching with NGINX FastCGI and Redis full-page and object cache is listed on every plan.

7 **Backups**

Full and incremental backups come with 2 to 100 GB of free storage by plan, with external backups to providers that widen on higher plans.

8 **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.

9 **Your call**

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

RunCloud at a glance

PRICING Free trial, from $9 per month (Essentials, billed monthly)	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL 7-day free trial.	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY RunCloud	CATEGORY Web Hosting
OUR GRADE 2.0 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for managing PHP and WordPress servers

RunCloud is a control panel for PHP sites on servers you rent elsewhere, from $9 a month. Servers are billed separately, Essentials covers one server,

and the API, zero-downtime deploys and WAF are Business and above.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	RunCloud	Graded Nov 12, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	$9 a month for 1 server on Essentials, $19 for 50 servers, $49 for Business, near the category middle of $11. Server rental is extra.
Free plan and trial	D	A 7-day free trial, and the page read doesn't say whether it needs a card. No free plan.
Features	C	Unlimited apps, caching, backups, staging, Git deploys and a firewall. A smaller job than hosting, and the API, zero-downtime deploys and WAF need Business.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. You connect a cloud provider and set up servers.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web only, with Vultr, Linode, Hetzner, AWS, Google Cloud, DigitalOcean and Cloudflare.
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 RunCloud is for

- ✓ Fits if you rent your own servers for PHP and WordPress sites
- ✓ Works for small setups that need one server on the cheapest plan

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want a free plan, as there's only a 7-day trial
- ✗ Watch out: servers are billed by your cloud provider
- ✗ Tight if you need more than one server: Professional starts at 50
- ✗ Watch out: the API, zero-downtime deploys and WAF are Business and above
- ✗ Watch out: only monthly prices could be read

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers and agencies who rent their own servers for PHP and WordPress sites
- ✓ Small setups that need only one server on the cheapest plan
- ✓ Teams that want role-based access and an API on the Business plan

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Servers are paid separately to your cloud provider.
- ⓘ Essentials covers a single server; Professional starts at 50 servers.
- ⓘ The RunCloud API, zero-downtime deployments and the web application firewall are limited to Business and above.
- ⓘ The pricing page has a Monthly and an Annually toggle; only monthly figures could be read. It states a 14-day money-back guarantee.

What it costs

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

$9
A month to start

RunCloud is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $9 per month (Essentials, billed monthly).

ESSENTIALS

$9

per month, billed monthly

1 server, unlimited web applications, 2 GB of backup storage, Git deployment, server-side caching and 1 staging environment.

PROFESSIONAL

$19

per month, billed monthly

50 servers, 10 GB of backup storage, 10 staging environments, application cloning, custom NGINX configuration and 6G, 7G and 8G firewall.

BUSINESS

$49

per month, billed monthly

100 servers, 30 GB of backup storage, 10 team seats, zero-downtime deployments, the RunCloud API and a WAF with the OWASP core rule set.

ENTERPRISE

$399

per month, billed monthly

500 servers, 100 GB of backup storage, up to 5 workspaces, 50 team seats and a higher API rate limit.

Trying it first

7-day free trial.

Read from runcloud.io on Nov 12, 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

Web server control panel for PHP sites on your own cloud servers. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, page speed.

> **Unlimited apps, caching, backups, staging, Git deploys and a firewall.**

From our grade for features

Server and app management

Plans list unlimited web applications, domain management and one-click SSL certificates, with server counts from 1 to 500.

Caching

Server-side caching with NGINX FastCGI and Redis full-page and object cache is listed on every plan.

Backups

Full and incremental backups come with 2 to 100 GB of free storage by plan, with external backups to providers that widen on higher plans.

Staging and Git deployment

Essentials has 1 staging environment, Professional has 10 and Business is unlimited; Git deployment is on all plans.

Security

A 6G, 7G and 8G firewall starts on Professional, and Business adds ModSecurity with the OWASP Core Rule Set.

Team and API

Business adds roles, 10 team seats and the RunCloud API, at 120 requests a minute and 10,000 a month on monthly billing.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Vultr
Linode
UpCloud
Hetzner
AWS
Google Cloud
DigitalOcean
Cloudflare

RunCloud is made by RunCloud.

PART 04 · STANDING

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

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

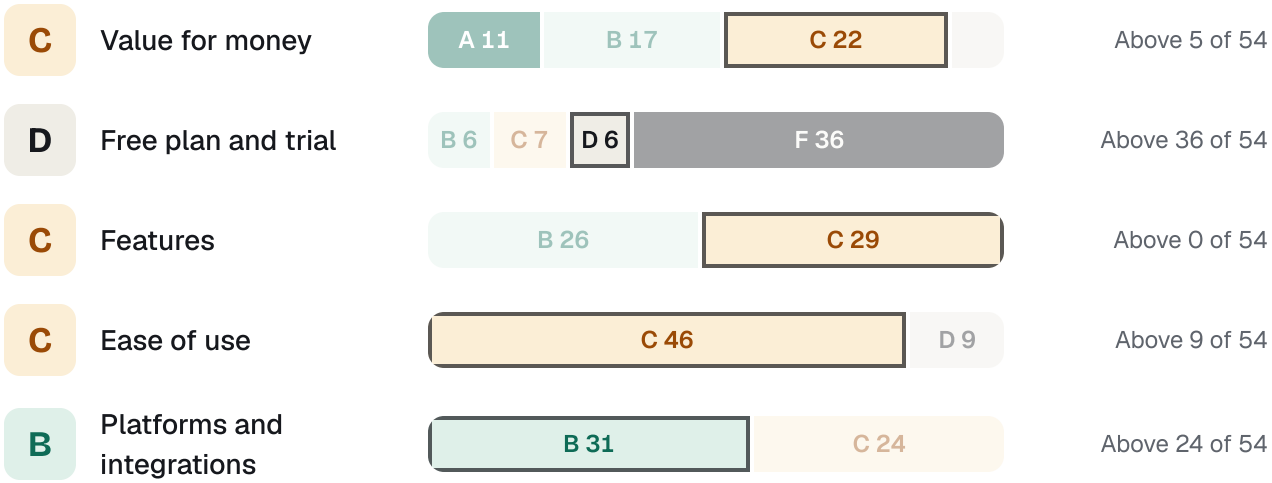
It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 24 of 54) and worst on free plan and trial (D, above 36).

Its paid plans start at $9 a month, against a middle price of $9 for the category: 25 of the 52 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 2 tools score higher and cost less.

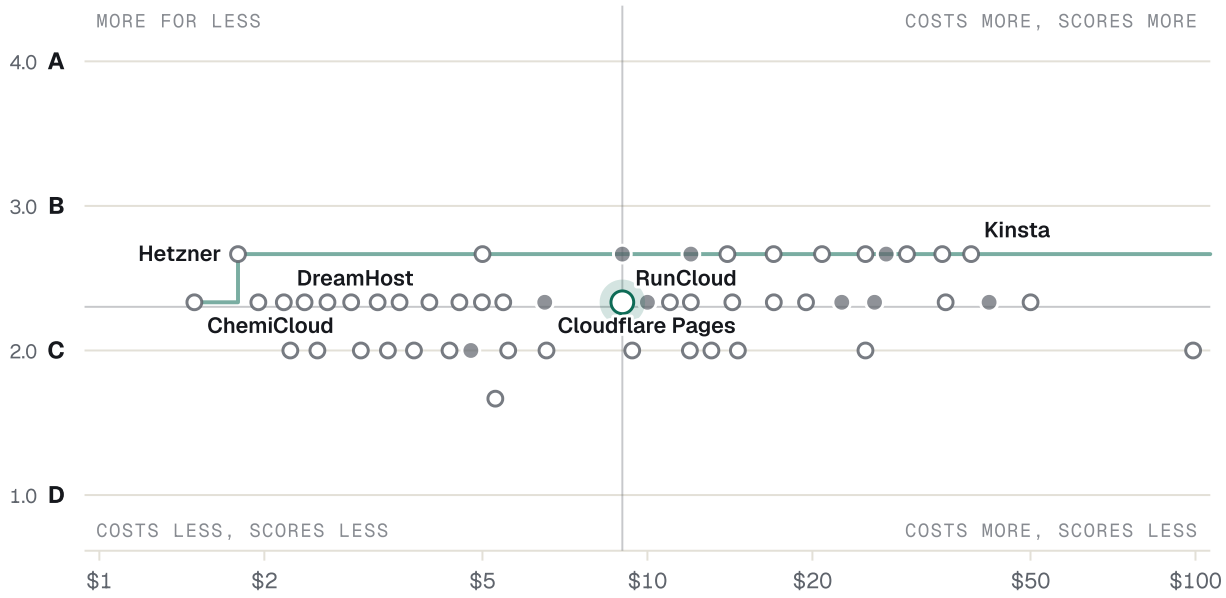
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 55 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. RunCloud'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. RunCloud 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

RunCloud 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 $108 a year.

What you could make

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

What you could not

- Speed tests run from real browsers on a schedule.

- It plugs into other products, Vultr, Linode and UpCloud among them, and has an API.

What this rests on. RunCloud'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



GridPane, SpinupWP, Ploi, Laravel Forge and Cloudways

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

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GridPane

Free plan · from $19/mo

WordPress server control panel with a free core plan.

- GridPane has a free plan. RunCloud does not, though it has a free trial.
- GridPane also covers managed WordPress.

RunCloud and GridPane compared in full

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SpinupWP

Free trial · from $12/mo

WordPress server management for servers you rent yourself.

RunCloud and SpinupWP compared in full

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Ploi

Free plan · from $10/mo

Server and site management panel for PHP and Laravel apps.

- Ploi has a free plan. RunCloud does not, though it has a free trial.
- RunCloud also covers page speed.

RunCloud and Ploi compared in full

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Laravel Forge

From $12/mo

Server management and deploys for Laravel, PHP and Node apps.

- RunCloud also covers page speed.
- Laravel Forge also covers workflow automation.

RunCloud and Laravel Forge compared in full

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Cloudways

Free trial · from $11/mo

Managed cloud hosting on DigitalOcean, Vultr, Linode, AWS or Google.

- RunCloud also covers page speed.
- Cloudways also covers malware protection.

RunCloud and Cloudways 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 RunCloud free?

No, RunCloud is a paid product, but you can try it first. 7-day free trial.

How much does RunCloud cost?

RunCloud lists 4 plans. Essentials: $9 per month, billed monthly.

What platforms does RunCloud work on?

RunCloud is available on Web.

Does RunCloud have an Android app?

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

Does RunCloud have an iPhone app?

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

Is RunCloud open source?

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

Does RunCloud have an API?

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

What does RunCloud integrate with?

RunCloud's listing names Vultr, Linode, UpCloud, Hetzner, AWS, Google Cloud, DigitalOcean and Cloudflare.

Who makes RunCloud?

RunCloud is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to RunCloud?

The closest alternatives to RunCloud in our directory are GridPane, SpinupWP, Ploi, Laravel Forge and Cloudways.

How does RunCloud compare with other web hosts?

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

Is RunCloud good value for money?

ToolGPA grades RunCloud C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $9 a month, against a middle price of $9 for the category: 25 of the 52 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of RunCloud?

RunCloud 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 RunCloud'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 RunCloud's own pages on 12 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews. The pricing page showed no figures to our page reader, so the prices stand on the listing.

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 RunCloud. Prices change, so check runcloud.io before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

5,038

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.

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5,038	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

RunCloud, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/runcloud

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

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Keep or make

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

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Every one of the 55 web hosts we grade, compared

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

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Netlify Insider's Guide

Git-based hosting for sites and web apps, priced by monthly credits

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Northflank Insider's Guide

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