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ServerPilot

The Insider's Guide

Control panel for PHP and WordPress servers at any cloud provider



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from ServerPilot's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on ServerPilot'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 49 of the 122 other web hosts we grade

ServerPilot is a server management service for PHP and WordPress apps. You connect a server from any provider where you have root access, and it configures Nginx and Apache, SSL, a firewall and automatic updates. Billing is hourly, per server plus per app, with no subscription.

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

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> **It is limited to PHP apps and static sites, and the log viewer and metrics only come with the dearer plans.**
>
> From our report card of ServerPilot

1 **Best for a hosted panel for PHP and WordPress servers**

ServerPilot sets up Nginx, Apache, SSL and a firewall on a server you rent elsewhere, billed hourly with no subscription.

2 **Paid plans start at $0.50 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $5 per server + $0.50 per app per month, billed hourly.

3 You can try it first

14-day free trial, no credit card required; it covers basic functionality until a card or PayPal is added.

4 It runs on Web

Web.

5 Any server provider

Servers from any provider can be managed as long as you have root access, and the vendor says you keep ownership of them.

6 Apps and WordPress

Apps are PHP applications such as WordPress and Laravel, or static sites, isolated from one another, with a one-click WordPress installer and multiple PHP versions.

7 Server stack

Nginx fronts Apache, with HTTP/3, a default firewall, automated updates and Let's Encrypt SSL certificates.

8 A 2.0 GPA, above 49 of 122

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

9 Keep it

Nothing ServerPilot does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 3 things listed below take a company.

ServerPilot at a glance

PRICING
Free trial, from $5 per server + $0.50 per app per month, billed hourly

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
14-day free trial, no credit card required; it covers basic functionality until a card or PayPal is added.

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
ServerPilot

CATEGORY
Web Hosting

OUR GRADE
2.0 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for a hosted panel for PHP and WordPress servers

ServerPilot sets up Nginx, Apache, SSL and a firewall on a server you rent elsewhere, billed hourly with no subscription. It is limited to PHP apps and static sites, and the log viewer and metrics only come with the dearer plans.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	ServerPilot	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	$5 a server plus $0.50 an app each month, so one server with one app is $5.50, level with the $5.00 cheaper-quarter line. The cloud server is billed separately.
Free plan and trial	C	A 14-day trial with no card, covering basic functionality only. After that a card or PayPal is needed.
Features	C	Server setup, free SSL, a firewall and one-click WordPress. Apps are PHP or static sites only, and the log viewer and metrics start at Business, with MySQL metrics at First Class.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. You connect your own server with root access and add apps to it.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, with a short list of integrations: WordPress, Laravel, Nginx, Apache and Let's Encrypt. It works with servers from any provider.
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 ServerPilot is for

- ✓ Fits if you run PHP or WordPress sites on a VPS and want hourly billing with no contract
- ✓ Works for people who want the panel price to stay flat when they upsize the server

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if your apps run Node.js, Python or anything outside PHP and static sites
- ✗ Tight if you want monitoring, as the log viewer and resource metrics start at $10 a server
- ✗ Watch out: MySQL and app request metrics need First Class at $20 a server
- ✗ Watch out: the 14-day trial covers basic functionality only, and servers are billed by your provider

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers and agencies hosting several WordPress or Laravel sites on one VPS
- ✓ Anyone who wants server management without a monthly subscription
- ✓ Teams that want to choose their own cloud provider

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Servers are not included; the cloud provider bills them separately.
- ⓘ Apps are PHP applications or static sites, so other runtimes are outside what the pricing page defines as an app.
- ⓘ Log viewer and resource metrics need Business at $10 a server, and MySQL metrics need First Class.
- ⓘ The 14-day trial covers basic functionality; paid features start once a card or PayPal is added.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$0.50

A month to start

ServerPilot is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $5 per server + $0.50 per app per month, billed hourly.

ECONOMY

$5

per server / month, plus $0.50 per app, billed hourly

Server management, free SSL, firewall, one-click WordPress and email support, without monitoring or priority support.

BUSINESS

$10

per server / month, plus $1 per app, billed hourly

Adds a log viewer, server resource metrics and priority support.

FIRST CLASS

$20

per server / month, plus $2 per app, billed hourly

Adds app request metrics and MySQL metrics, with high priority support.

Trying it first

14-day free trial, no credit card required; it covers basic functionality until a card or PayPal is added.

Read from serverpilot.io 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

Control panel for PHP and WordPress servers at any cloud provider. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: dashboards, page speed.

> **Server setup, free SSL, a firewall and one-click WordPress.**
>
> From our grade for features

Any server provider

Servers from any provider can be managed as long as you have root access, and the vendor says you keep ownership of them.

Apps and WordPress

Apps are PHP applications such as WordPress and Laravel, or static sites, isolated from one another, with a one-click WordPress installer and multiple PHP versions.

Server stack

Nginx fronts Apache, with HTTP/3, a default firewall, automated updates and Let's Encrypt SSL certificates.

Monitoring

Business adds a log viewer and server resource metrics; First Class adds app request and MySQL health metrics.

Migrations

Sites and databases can be transferred between servers.

Hourly billing

Server and app charges accrue by the hour and are billed after each month ends, and a server's plan can be changed at any time.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

WordPress
Laravel
Nginx
Apache
Let's Encrypt

ServerPilot is made by ServerPilot.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

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

49/122

Other web hosts it is graded above

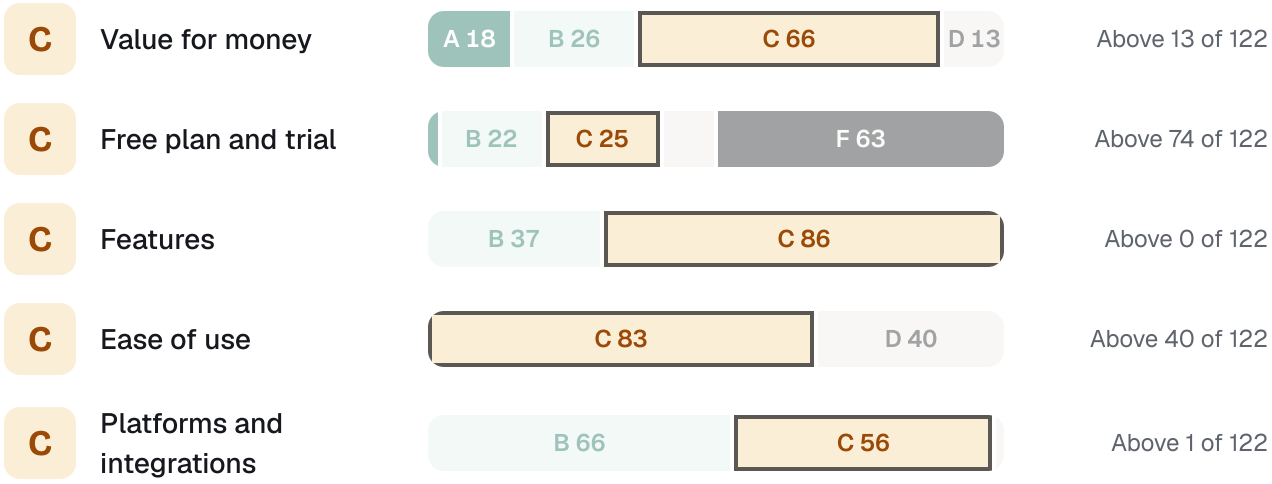
ServerPilot's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 49 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 24.

Its paid plans start at $0.50 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 0 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 1 tool scores higher and costs less.

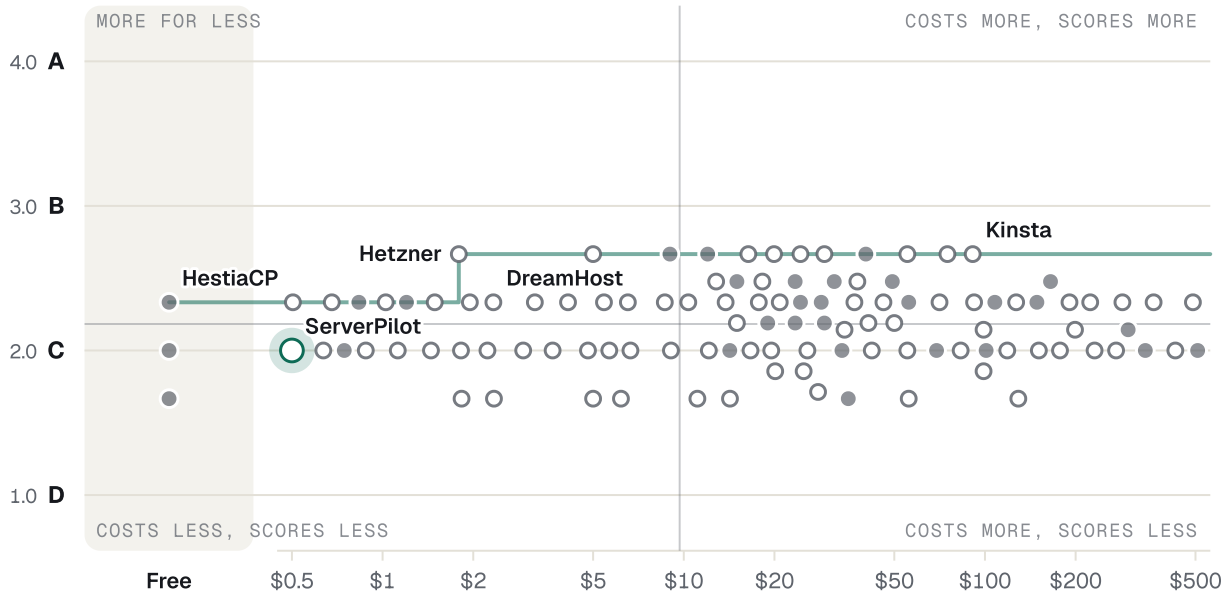
Each grade against the category

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

Keep it

Nothing ServerPilot does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 3 things listed below take a company.

It costs $6 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ Speed tests run from real browsers on a schedule.
- ✕ Connections that pull numbers from dozens of other services.
- ✕ It plugs into other products, WordPress, Laravel and Nginx among them.

What this rests on. ServerPilot'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



RunCloud, Cleavr, Ploi, SpinupWP and Laravel Forge

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



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RunCloud

Free trial · from $9/mo

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

- ServerPilot also covers dashboards.

ServerPilot and RunCloud compared in full



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Cleavr

Free trial · from $5.5/mo

Server and deployment manager for PHP and Node.js apps on your own VPS.

- ServerPilot also covers dashboards and page speed.
- Cleavr also covers databases and workflow automation.

ServerPilot and Cleavr 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. ServerPilot does not, though it has a free trial.
- ServerPilot also covers dashboards and page speed.

ServerPilot and Ploi compared in full



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SpinupWP

Free trial · from $12/mo

WordPress server management for servers you rent yourself.

- ServerPilot also covers dashboards.

ServerPilot and SpinupWP compared in full



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Laravel Forge

From $12/mo

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

- ServerPilot also covers dashboards and page speed.
- Laravel Forge also covers workflow automation.

ServerPilot and Laravel Forge 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 ServerPilot free?

No, ServerPilot is a paid product, but you can try it first. 14-day free trial, no credit card required; it covers basic functionality until a card or PayPal is added.

How much does ServerPilot cost?

ServerPilot lists 3 plans. Economy: $5 per server / month, plus $0.50 per app, billed hourly.

What platforms does ServerPilot work on?

ServerPilot is available on Web.

Does ServerPilot have an Android app?

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

Does ServerPilot have an iPhone app?

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

Is ServerPilot open source?

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

What does ServerPilot integrate with?

ServerPilot's listing names WordPress, Laravel, Nginx, Apache and Let's Encrypt.

Who makes ServerPilot?

ServerPilot is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to ServerPilot?

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

How does ServerPilot compare with other web hosts?

ServerPilot's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 49 of the 122 other web hosts we grade, and level with 24.

Is ServerPilot good value for money?

ToolGPA grades ServerPilot C for value for money. On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4.

Could I make my own version of ServerPilot?

Nothing ServerPilot does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 3 things listed below take a company.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from ServerPilot'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 ServerPilot'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 ServerPilot. Prices change, so check serverpilot.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

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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

ServerPilot, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/serverpilot

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

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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Prices and grades as they are today

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Every one of the 123 web hosts we grade, compared



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Static site hosting built into GitHub repositories

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Netlify Insider's Guide

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

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