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Stackhero

The Insider's Guide

Managed hosting for Node.js, Docker, databases and open-source apps



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

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

Stackhero is a managed cloud platform that runs a catalog of services, including Node.js, Docker, PHP, Python and Ruby app hosting and databases such as PostgreSQL, MySQL and Redis, each on its own dedicated instance. Apps are deployed with a git push, and instances are billed by the hour on a single monthly invoice.

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

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> **Deploys go through a terminal, GitHub Actions or CI, so you work on the command line.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for managed app and database instances billed by the hour**

Stackhero runs managed Node.js, Docker, PHP, Python and Ruby apps and databases like PostgreSQL and Redis, each on its own instance deployed by git push.

2 **Paid plans start at $15 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $15 per month for a Node.js instance (1 vCPU, 1GB RAM), billed hourly.

3 It runs on Web

Web.

4 Deploy with git push

Node.js apps are deployed from a terminal, GitHub Actions, GitLab or any CI/CD system, choosing a branch, tag or commit.

5 Dedicated instances

Each service runs on its own isolated infrastructure with NVMe or SSD disks, a dedicated IP, and TCP and UDP ports available.

6 Large service catalog

The catalog lists dozens of services, among them Docker, PHP, Python, Ruby, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MariaDB, Redis, Elasticsearch, GitLab, Nextcloud and Matomo.

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 Keep it

Nothing Stackhero does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 4 things listed below take a company.

Stackhero at a glance

PRICING
Paid, from $15 per month for a Node.js instance (1 vCPU, 1GB RAM), billed hourly

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
Stackhero

CATEGORY
Web Hosting

OUR GRADE
1.8 GPA, weak

The report card

Best for managed app and database instances billed by the hour

Stackhero runs managed Node.js, Docker, PHP, Python and Ruby apps and databases like PostgreSQL and Redis, each on its own instance deployed by git push. A Node.js instance starts at $15 a month, each service is priced separately, and there is no free plan.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD **Stackhero** Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	A Node.js instance is $15 a month, billed hourly, which sits between the $10.99 middle and the $20.83 dearer quarter. Larger sizes reach $299.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan or trial. The buttons say Try now for free, but the pages read state no trial terms.
Features	B	Git-push deploys, dedicated instances, daily backups kept up to 3 months, one-click updates and a 99.9% SLA across a large service catalog. Nothing in the listing is missing from the core hosting job.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. Deploys go through a terminal, GitHub Actions or CI, so you work on the command line.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web console with GitHub Actions, GitLab, Docker and database integrations, in US and EU regions. No desktop or phone apps.

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 Stackhero is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a managed Node.js or database instance and hourly billing
- ✓ Works for developers who deploy by git push and want backups handled

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want a free plan, because none is listed
- ✗ Tight if you run a tiny static site: sizes start at 1 vCPU and 1GB RAM
- ✗ Pricey if you stack services, since each one is billed separately, such as PostgreSQL from $19 a month
- ✗ Not for you if you don't use a terminal, as deploys are by git push

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who want a Node.js app or a database running without managing a server
- ✓ Teams that need several open-source services from one provider
- ✓ Projects that want hourly billing and no minimum commitment

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Each service is priced separately: a PostgreSQL instance, for example, starts at $19 a month and a Node.js instance at $15 a month.
- ⓘ Sizes start at 1 vCPU and 1GB RAM, so there is no cheaper tier for very small static sites.
- ⓘ Premium support is included in every plan, and the page states a 99.9% SLA with financial compensation.
- ⓘ Buttons read 'Try now for free', but the pricing pages read for this listing state no trial terms.

What it costs

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

$15

A month to start

Stackhero is a paid product, starting at $15 per month for a Node.js instance (1 vCPU, 1GB RAM), billed hourly.

> **The buttons say Try now for free, but the pages read state no trial terms.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

HOBBY 1 GB

$15

per month for one Node.js instance, billed hourly

1 vCPU, 1GB RAM and 10GB SSD storage for a Node.js app; about $0.02 an hour.

HOBBY 2 GB

$29

per month for one Node.js instance, billed hourly

1 vCPU, 2GB RAM and 20GB SSD storage; about $0.04 an hour.

STARTUP 8 GB

$59

per month for one Node.js instance, billed hourly

2 vCPUs, 8GB RAM and 50GB SSD storage; about $0.08 an hour.

STARTUP 16 GB

$99

per month for one Node.js instance, billed hourly

4 vCPUs, 16GB RAM and 100GB SSD storage; about $0.14 an hour.

ENTERPRISE 32 GB

$159

per month for one Node.js instance, billed hourly

8 vCPUs, 32GB RAM and 200GB SSD storage; about $0.22 an hour.

ENTERPRISE 64 GB

$299

per month for one Node.js instance, billed hourly

16 vCPUs, 64GB RAM and 400GB SSD storage; about $0.42 an hour.

Read from stackhero.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

Managed hosting for Node.js, Docker, databases and open-source apps. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: databases, dashboards.

> **Nothing in the listing is missing from the core hosting job.**

From our grade for features

Deploy with git push

Node.js apps are deployed from a terminal, GitHub Actions, GitLab or any CI/CD system, choosing a branch, tag or commit.

Dedicated instances

Each service runs on its own isolated infrastructure with NVMe or SSD disks, a dedicated IP, and TCP and UDP ports available.

Large service catalog

The catalog lists dozens of services, among them Docker, PHP, Python, Ruby, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MariaDB, Redis, Elasticsearch, GitLab, Nextcloud and Matomo.

Backups and updates

Backups are taken every 24 hours and kept for up to 3 months, restores are free, and updates are applied with one click.

Hourly billing

Instances can be created and deleted at any time, are billed by the hour and appear on one invoice at the end of the month.

US and EU regions

Servers are offered in the USA and in Europe, and the vendor says its hosting is independent of third-party clouds.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

GitHub Actions · GitLab · Docker · PostgreSQL · MySQL · Redis · Grafana · Nextcloud

Stackhero is made by Stackhero.

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

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

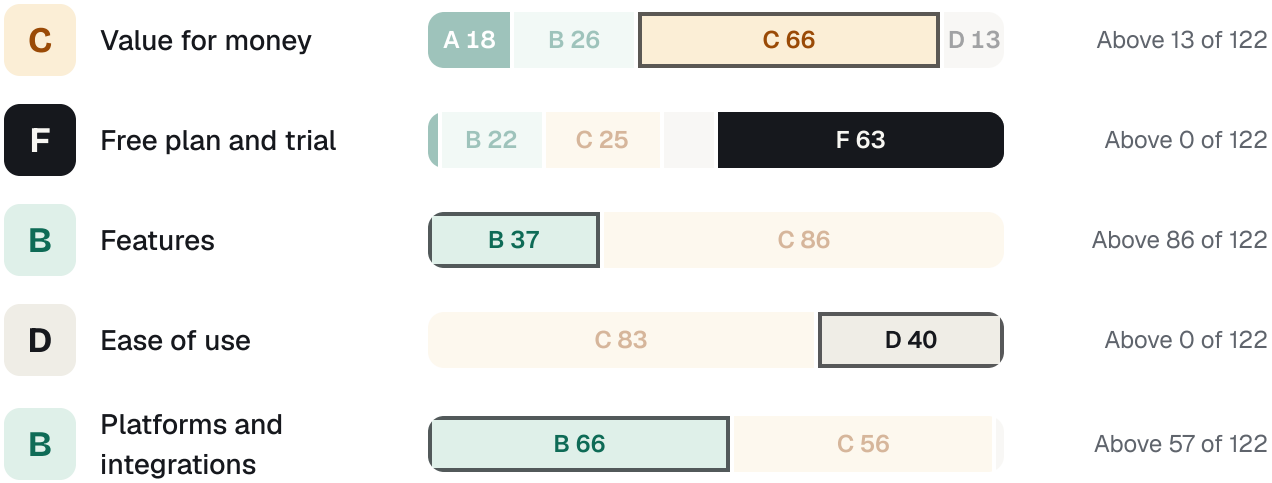
It stands best on features (B, above 86 of 122) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $15 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 73 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 5 tools score higher and cost less.

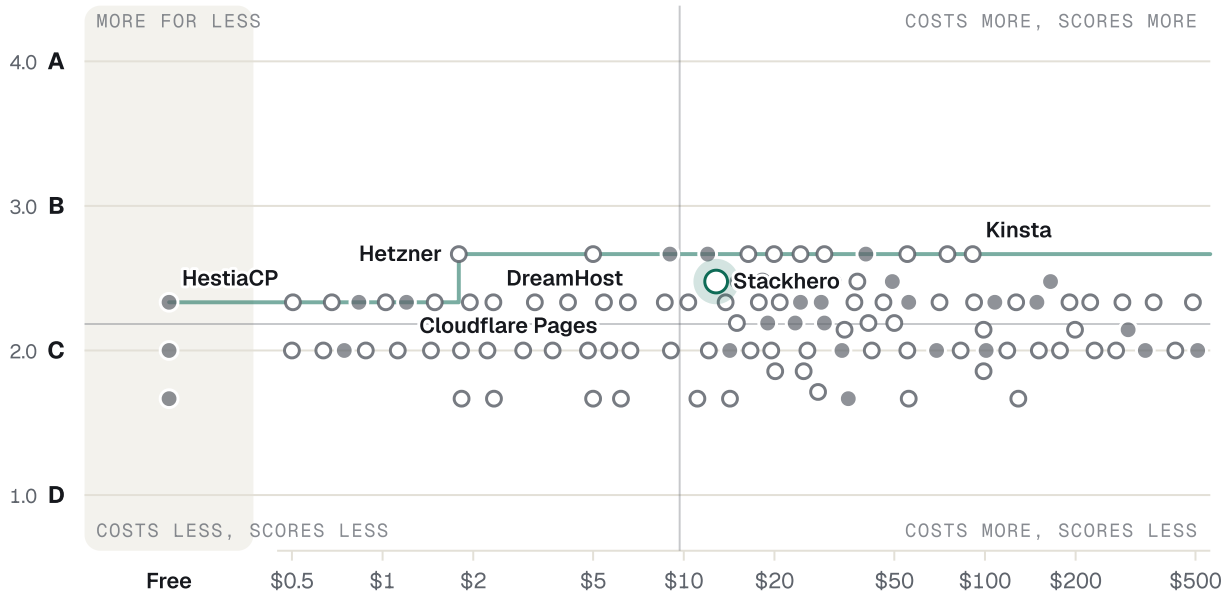
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 123 web hosts we grade, cut by the letter each got. Stackhero'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. Stackhero 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 Stackhero does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 4 things listed below take a company.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 74 of the 122 other web hosts grade higher. It costs $180 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ Databases with views, filters and links between them.
- ✕ Connections that pull numbers from dozens of other services.
- ✕ It plugs into other products, GitHub Actions, GitLab and Docker among them.

- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Stackhero'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



Render, Railway, Fly.io, Heroku and Scalingo

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

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Render

Free plan · from $25/mo

Cloud hosting for web services, databases and workers.

- Render has a free plan. Stackhero does not.
- Stackhero also covers dashboards.
- Render also covers workflow automation.

Stackhero and Render compared in full

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Railway

Free trial · from $5/mo

App and database hosting billed by the second for usage.

- Only Railway lists iOS and Android apps.
- Stackhero also covers dashboards.
- Railway also covers AI agents.

Stackhero and Railway compared in full



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Fly.io

Free trial · from $2.19/mo

Virtual machines and databases in 18 regions, billed per second.

- Stackhero also covers dashboards.
- Fly.io also covers AI agents.

Stackhero and Fly.io compared in full



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Heroku

From $5/mo

Platform for deploying apps in containers called dynos.

- Stackhero also covers dashboards.

Stackhero and Heroku compared in full



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Scalingo

Free trial · from €7.20/mo

European PaaS and managed databases billed by the minute.

- Stackhero also covers dashboards.

Stackhero and Scalingo 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 Stackhero free?

No. Stackhero is a paid product, starting at $15 per month for a Node.js instance (1 vCPU, 1GB RAM), billed hourly.

How much does Stackhero cost?

Stackhero lists 6 plans. Hobby 1 GB: $15 per month for one Node.js instance, billed hourly.

What platforms does Stackhero work on?

Stackhero is available on Web.

Does Stackhero have an Android app?

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

Does Stackhero have an iPhone app?

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

Is Stackhero open source?

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

What does Stackhero integrate with?

Stackhero's listing names GitHub Actions, GitLab, Docker, PostgreSQL, MySQL, Redis, Grafana and Nextcloud.

Who makes Stackhero?

Stackhero is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Stackhero?

The closest alternatives to Stackhero in our directory are Render, Railway, Fly.io, Heroku and Scalingo.

How does Stackhero compare with other web hosts?

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

Is Stackhero good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Stackhero C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $15 a month, against a middle price of $9.69 for the category: 73 of the 107 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Stackhero?

Nothing Stackhero does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 4 things listed below take a company.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Stackhero'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 Stackhero'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 Stackhero. Prices change, so check stackhero.io before you buy.

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stackhero.io/en-US/services/PostgreSQL/pricing

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.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Stackhero, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/stackhero

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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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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