

7. Managed Self Hosted Platforms

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Now, most of the time everything runs smoothly and you don't need to do anything but there are moments that something might brake. In that case you can call your friends or contact your local Deternet Hub. Now, there are also providers that provide you one click open source app installation and where they handle maintenance, uptime, hardware costs for you.

Now, this is a perfect solution for the use of E2EE open source apps since your data can not be intercepted by the administrators of the servers. However, hosting non E2EE data does put you at a risk and would therefore also not be recommended. In that case you either accept the risk or you better host the mini server yourself at home.

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If you value your time, having experienced professionals handle the infrastructure usually delivers better results. ElfHosted eliminates the hardware costs, power bills, late-night debugging sessions, and knowledge gaps - while still giving you control over your data and apps.

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Another potential downside is the lack of control that comes with relying on a third-party provider. While you benefit from their expertise, you may also find yourself limited by their policies and procedures.

For instance, if you want to install specific software or make custom configurations, you might encounter restrictions that hinder your ability to tailor your server environment to your needs. This trade-off between convenience and control is something you should carefully consider when evaluating managed hosting options

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