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On Friday 04 January 2008 14:06:10 LinuxLearner wrote:

Hi All,

I want to buy my first rack server, and place it, once I've configured and built on it in the home-office, into a data centre in London.

Out of curiosity -- did you consider renting a server or, even more affordable, a virtual server? I have had a limited but mostly positive experience using a VServer from Lycos Webhosting

peter.

Of course it will be running Ubuntu! :)

Could people please provide some suggestions of who it would be possible to contract with to get (initially) one of the following:

1. 1u (the smallest rack size, if that is incorrect!);
2. 2u (double the smallest size)
3. The smallest size of lockable part of a full rack. {I understand this is 4u, but on little research: help!!}.

I have very few funds, as I am in start-up, and need the most reliable, lowest cost provider, giving me the space, power & bandwidth only.

It would be great if any suggested providers could also provide on-site hardware support, if needed, on a pay-per-case basis (so I can go on holidays, and business trips, sometimes, without worry of major downtime!).

Please, guys 'n' girls: who are the major players in this sector of the market; who is trying to sell 1u, 2u and quarter racks, and doing so most cheaply/reliably?!?!

FWIW, I access London via Waterloo, so if there is any much geographic/transport issues of physically me getting to the site of the

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server, please provide that detail, too, as I would like of course to work out how long it would take me to get door to door, hardware in hand, if things went down.

Finally, and part of the reason for posting here. To differentiate between the different suggestions; do any of these companies support in any way FOSS/Ubuntu? I would like to give what little cash I have to a company that in some way contributes to Ubuntu, or failing that, FOSS more generally.

TIA – great list; Ubuntu – I love it! :)

LinuxLearner (hereafter LL)

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