

Introduction

The Non Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) is a constituency with the Non Commercial Stake Holders Group (NCSG) that represents civil societies and individuals that serve non-commercial interests. NCUC has operates a basic website (<http://www.ncuc.org>) and co-shares a mailing list with other constituencies in the NCSG as ncsg-discuss@listserv.syr.edu.

To adhere to article IX the charter and also improve constituency outreach activities, a team was setup to revamp the e-presence and setup a web platform that provides functionalities referred to in the charter and facilitate the executive committee perform its duties in growing the constituency.

Purpose

The purpose is to revamp the NCUC web presence and provide a platform that allows for the following.

- Setup & Hosting of Constituency Mailing lists
- Archives of the Mailing lists
- Real-time collaborative platforms
- Project Management Tools with deadlines, milestones etc.
- Wiki & Blogs
- Information Sharing & Comments
- Web forums
- Documents archive
- Public interaction to facilitate in-reach and outreach
- Translations on the public website
- Policy Space
- Social media integration
- Accessible/manageable historical archives of all content
- Membership management & Publication of Membership lists
- And others as deemed necessary by the executive committee.

Proposal

To achieve the above, we propose to have a obtain a virtual private server where we have full control. This will allow us to have full rights of the server and install all the necessary tools without any limitations.

After reviewing several options and with help of experts in this field, we zeroed down on renting a virtual private server (VPS) on Gandi (<http://www.gandi.net>). Some of the factors that were considered while selecting the host include physical location of the server, data protection laws, stability, cost, features provided, support and others.

Costs

The total cost is USD \$350 - \$400 per year[1], payable annually, with the features below.

Item	Quantity
Processor	1
RAM	1024MB
Disk	50GB

Note: It's possible to upgrade all the above with added costs[2]

[1] The exact cost will be shown while configuring the VPS.

[2] Server can be configured here: <https://www.gandi.net/hosting/vps>