

# Introduction to self-hosting

## What is this ?

- Self hosting is the art of hosting all your SaaS services on your own since huge corporations can't really be trusted.
- What follows in this section of the wiki are some not-so-comprehensive guides to self hosting your own SaaS at home or with some cloud provider

## Why I insist on calling these recipes

For me self-hosting something is like a dish made in the kitchen. Every dish can have good or bad recipes, and your cooking skills/recipes get better when you spend more time in the kitchen. For example Sanjeev Kapoor wouldn't see a generic recipe for making butter chicken would he ? Similarly for self hosting you have the generic recipes ie the documentation for the project but sometimes you need something that is tailored to your style of self-hosting (ie recipes made by other people). Hence this is a book of recipes.

## The point of self hosting

- A web server just has one purpose to serve static content . It's not really meant to process stuff for you, but with the advent of the web we have also seen the advancement of something called Software as a Service or SaaS.
- When you consume a SaaS , the server typically asks for some data , processes it for you and then gives you back. Some examples of SaaS include facebook,instagram,github,gitlab,basically all things hosted by google etc.
- The problem with proprietary SaaS is that you have no idea what is running on the server and what it is doing to your data, atleast if the SaaS is [Free software](#), you have some idea what the server is doing to your data so you can have some re-assurance
- The best way hence in my opinion is to self host your SaaS as much as you can. Maybe if you have enough funds host some Services for your friends too. :)

# A short list of SaaS providers I trust

- nixnet.services
- fsci.in
- disroot.org
- autistici.org
- jit.si
- Friends I personally know
- Myself

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