

# Hosting Performance Contest – May 2020 Roundup (15 Hosts Tested: No Failed Uptime)



Here's the 52nd Monthly [Hosting Performance Contest](#) Roundup for March 2020! I've been testing 15 hosts in a non-stop manner the whole month and I'll show you the results below. The interesting observation is that all the monitored hosts had uptime which exceeded the benchmark level set for the greatest hosts.

*By the way, you can find the latest roundups [here](#) and the performance tables and charts [here](#).*

All monitored hosts are presented in the pricing categories according to the most affordable plan they have. Also, I bought the most affordable plans available at each hosting company to test hosting performance.

Let's see how the hosts performed in May 2020!

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## Common Information

As you may already know, I've been monitoring the performance of some of the best hosting providers I know as well as some other well-known hosts.

In short, since 2013 I've been picking out great hosts judging by real users reviews, professional hosting community opinion, long honorable business experience and other factors which make a great hosting.

And I buy anonymously hosting accounts with different hosts in order to *closely monitor their performance* (basically, **uptime** checked *every minute* and **full page load time** checked *every 20 minutes*) using a professional monitoring service *monitis.com*. I buy **the most basic and the cheapest plan** of each hosting. You can read about my **monitoring methodology** [here](#).

And I'm happy to share these statistics with you so that you could see how these hosts perform and who is **the best from the best!**

You can find some **real-time performance charts** on my [recommended hosts page](#) for the hosting which I've been recommending and monitoring.

Also, you can see **real-time monitoring charts** for *all* hosts that I am monitoring on [this page](#). In addition, the page contains monthly **historical data** on hosting performance (*speed, uptime, satisfactory apdex*) – very interesting and useful.

Besides, you may read more information about this **Hosting Performance Contest** on [this page](#). I will be adding monthly and yearly Contest results on the page too.

And **other monthly Hosting Performance Contest roundups** are available from [here](#).

By the way, here's a disclosure: There are some affiliate links on this page. In other words, I get paid if you click on the links and make a purchase. All such links open in new window/tab; no software/program will be installed to your computer. (This is a standard notice required by hosting companies.)

Please note that although all hosts mentioned in this post are well-established and

considered to be very good, I highly recommend not all of them. My recommended hosts are [here](#).

## May 2020 Hosting Performance Contest – Results

Here are the fifteen hosts that you can compare this month. I've broken down them in three groups: very affordable (below \$5/mo), middle class (upto \$8/mo) and more expensive (\$8+/mo).

- [SiteGround](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
- [GeekStorage](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
- [A2Hosting](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
- [VeeroTech](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
- [MDDHosting](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
- [HawkHost](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
- [Squidix](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
- [InMotionHosting](#)
- [StableHost](#)
- [HostWinds](#)
- [HostPapa](#)
- [MochaHost](#)
- [Eleven2](#)
- [GreenGeeks](#)
- [GlowHost](#)

You'll see a breakdown of hosting performance by prices in the sections below. Let's start from an overview of the hosting performance in the order of how the hosts performed in general *regardless* of how affordable or expensive the hosts are.



The **winner of this month's contest is [HawkHost!](#)**

In the Top-3 also go [StableHost](#) and [GreenGeeks](#).

What's remarkable about the winners this month is that most of the hosts are from the most affordable pricing category.

[HawkHost](#) took the 1st place. Its *full page load time* (0.56) seconds was unbelievably fast. And its *uptime* (99.98%) was brilliant and much above the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for just 8.9 minutes. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was just perfect 100% which is above the benchmark level (99%) determined for the greatest hosts. The host surpassed the benchmark tests and thanks to the best speed it got the gold this month!

The silver medalist is [StableHost](#).

[StableHost](#) performed wonderfully well and satisfied both benchmarks set for the greatest hosts. Its average *speed* was **0.63** seconds which is astonishingly fast. It was slower than the leader by just 0.07 seconds. And its *uptime* (**100%**) was simply perfect and much above the benchmark level (99.9%) set for the greatest hosts. My site hosted with this hosting was available all the time this month. The host's *Satisfactory Apdex* (**100%**) was also perfect and of course much above the highest standards (99%). And since this hosting was the second fastest host among the hosts which exceeded all the benchmarks determined for the greatest hosts [StableHost](#) wins the silver medal.

The bronze medal goes to [GreenGeeks](#).

Average full page load time of [GreenGeeks](#) was **0.67** seconds (it's super fast). It was slower than the leader by just 0.11 seconds. Its *Uptime* was also brilliant **99.97%**. It's very much above the benchmark level set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site hosted with this host was available all the time during the whole month except **13.4** minutes. And the host's *Satisfactory Apdex* was simply perfect **100%** (i.e. all the time during this month the full page load time was less than 2.5 seconds). It's much above the benchmark level (99%) set for the greatest hosts. Since all these parameters are above the benchmarks specified for the greatest hosting performance and this hosting was the third fastest host among the hosts which exceeded all the benchmarks determined for the greatest hosts [GreenGeeks](#) wins the bronze medal.

[Veerotech](#) took the 4th place. The host performed in this month as fast as **0.67** seconds which is impressively fast and as fast as GreenGeeks. It goes below GreenGeeks only because Veerotech has a bit lower *Satisfactory Apdex* (**99.91%**). It is very high anyway and very well above the benchmark level (99.9%). Its *uptime* was very high **99.98%**. It's very well above the benchmark level (99.9%). My site hosted with this host was available all the time during the whole month except **8.9** minutes. Superb performance!

[A2Hosting](#) took the 5th place. Its average speed was awesome (**0.71** seconds *full page load time*). The *uptime* was almost perfect **99.99%**, which is very much above the benchmark level (99.9%). My site was not available for just **4.5** minutes this month. And the host's *Satisfactory Apdex* (**99.95%**) was amazing and very much above the highest standards (**99%**). Brilliant performance!

In this month [HostPapa](#) took the 6th place in the Contest. This month my site was on average as fast as **0.8** seconds that is great. And its *uptime* was almost perfect **99.99%** which is much above the highest standards set for the best hosts (99.9%). My site hosted with this host was available all the time during this month except **4.5** minutes. And its *Satisfactory Apdex* was simply perfect **100%** (i.e. all the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds). It was much above the highest standards set for the best hosts (99%). Impressive!

In this month **MochaHost** took the 7th place in the Contest. It was on average as fast as **0.81** seconds that is really fast. And its *uptime* (**99.98%**) was brilliant indeed and very much above the benchmark value set for the great hosts (**99.9%**). My site hosted with this host was available during this month all the time except **8.9** minutes. And its *Satisfactory Apdex* was simply perfect – **100%** (i.e. all the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds). It's very much above the benchmark level set for the great hosts (**99%**). Awesome!

**MDDHosting** goes to the 8th place. Its **0.87** seconds *full page load time* was great indeed. Its *uptime* (**99.98%**) was very high and of much above the benchmark level which is set for great hosts (**99.9%**). My site was available all the time during this month except **8.9** minutes. This host had great *Satisfactory Apdex* (**99.95%** of the time my website hosted with this host was faster than 2.5 seconds). It was much above the benchmark set for the greatest hosts (**99%**). Impressive!

**SiteGround** has got the 9th place this month. It performed as fast as **0.91** seconds which is very fast. Its *uptime* (**99.98%**) was really great and much above the highest standards level set for the greatest hosts (**99.9%**). My site hosted with this host was available all the time during this month except **8.9** minutes. And the *Satisfactory Apdex* was very high and well above the highest standards as well – **99.95%** (**99.95%** of the time this month the speed was faster than 2.5 seconds). It's above the highest standards (**99%**) too. Really great.

**GeekStorage** this month took the 10th place. The average *speed* was **1.28** seconds which is very fast. And its *Satisfactory Apdex* (**99.73%**) was superb and much above the highest standards (**99%**). *Uptime* (**99.96%**) was very good and much above the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (**99.9%**) too. My site hosted with this hosting was available all the time during this month except **17.9** minutes. Really good performance!

**Squidix** took the 11th place with **1.37** seconds *speed*, which is brilliant. And it had almost perfect *uptime* (**99.99%**) which is much above the highest standards (**99.9%**) set for the greatest hosts. My site hosted with this host was not available this month for **4.5** minutes. Also, it had a very high *Satisfactory Apdex* – **99.95%**. It means that **99.95%** of the time in this month my testing site was faster than 2.5 seconds in this month. This is very well above the highest benchmark (**99%**) which is set for great hosts. Very good!

**HostWinds** took the 12th place this month.. Its *speed* was pretty good (**1.42** seconds). And its *uptime* (**99.99%**) was almost perfect and much above the benchmark (**99.9%**) set for the greatest hosts. My site was not available for **4.5** minutes this month. This host's *Satisfactory Apdex* (**99.46%**) was great and pretty much above the benchmark level (**99%**). Great!

Other hosts could not meet at least one of the benchmarks set for the best hosting. However, the results of some hosts were very close to the benchmarks and pretty good in general.

**InMotionHosting** took the 13th place. The host had awesome *speed* (**0.84** seconds on average). But it had *Satisfactory Apdex* (**97.98%**) was a bit below the benchmark (**99%**).

97.98% of the time the site was faster than 2.5 seconds. Its *uptime* (99.97%) was great though and much above the highest standards (99.9%). My site hosted with this hosting was 13.4 minutes offline this month. Really not bad in general!

**Eleven2** got the 14th place. Its average *speed* (1.14 secs) was generally great. Its *uptime* was 99.95%, which is much above the benchmark level (99.9%). My site was not available for 22.3 minutes this month. The host's *Satisfactory Apdex* (95.28%) was good but below the highest standards (99%) which puts this host below some other hosts.

**GlowHost** went to the last 15th place. This host could not get higher because of its relative slowness. Its *uptime* (99.9%) was great, and exactly at the benchmark level (99.9%) which is set to determine the greatest hosts. My site was not available for 44.6 minutes this month. And the host's *speed* was slow (3.0 seconds). And as expected, its *Satisfactory Apdex* (0%) was the lowest possible value; and it was far from reaching the benchmark level (99%). The loading time of my test website was worse than 2.5 seconds during the whole month.

Generally, the competition of the monitored hosts this month was pretty tight as usual, especially among the better performing hosts.

By the way, keep in mind, that for this Contest I pick out the hosts which are considered to be good, great and superb. These hosts are established businesses for many years and some of them are widely recommended in the Internet. So, the idea of this Contest is to determine the best performing hosts from a technical point of view, giving you objective information for making your own decision regarding hosts.

Let's see now the results in tables and charts for more convenience, more information and more insight.

## Here's a table view to compare the Hosting Performance Contest results in May 2020:

Host	Place	Load Time	Uptime	Superb Uptime	Apdex-S	Superb Apdex-S
<a href="#">HawkHost</a>	1 (Winner!)	0.56 sec	99.98%	✓	100.00%	✓
<a href="#">StableHost</a>	2 (Silver medal)	0.63 sec	100.00%	✓	100.00%	✓
<a href="#">GreenGeeks</a>	3 (Bronze medal)	0.67 sec	99.97%	✓	100.00%	✓
<a href="#">VeeroTech</a>	4	0.67 sec	99.98%	✓	99.91%	✓
<a href="#">A2Hosting</a>	5	0.71 sec	99.99%	✓	99.95%	✓
<a href="#">HostPapa</a>	6	0.80 sec	99.99%	✓	100.00%	✓
<a href="#">MochaHost</a>	7	0.81 sec	99.98%	✓	100.00%	✓
<a href="#">MDDHosting</a>	8	0.87 sec	99.98%	✓	99.95%	✓
<a href="#">SiteGround</a>	9	0.91 sec	99.98%	✓	99.95%	✓
<a href="#">GeekStorage</a>	10	1.28 sec	99.96%	✓	99.73%	✓
<a href="#">Squidix</a>	11	1.37 sec	99.99%	✓	99.95%	✓
<a href="#">HostWinds</a>	12	1.42 sec	99.99%	✓	99.46%	✓
<a href="#">InMotionHosting</a>	13	0.84 sec	99.97%	✓	97.98%	✗

Host	Place	Load Time	Uptime	Superb Uptime	Apdex-S	Superb Apdex-S
<a href="#">Eleven2</a>	14	1.14 sec	99.95%	✓	95.28%	x
<a href="#">GlowHost</a>	15	3.00 sec	99.90%	✓	0.00%	x

Table column notes:

**Place:** The place a hosting has won in this Contest (*the less the better*).

**Load Time:** Average Full Page Load Time (*the less the better*). Checked every 20 minutes.

**Uptime:** Uptime (*the more the better*). Checked every minute.

**Superb Uptime:** If Uptime Benchmark (99.9%) passed (*YES is very good*).

**Apdex-S:** Satisfactory Apdex, i.e. how often a test website on a tested hosting was loading faster than 2.5 sec (*the more the Apdex-S the better*). Checked every 20 minutes.

**Superb Apdex-S:** If Satisfactory Apdex benchmark (99%) passed (*YES is very good*).

**Color areas:** *Green* is superb and above the highest standards. The *greener*, the better.

*Yellow* is good, but below the highest standards. *Orange* is not very good; worse than yellow.

*Red* is comparatively the worst.

## Here's a table with hosting prices:

Host	1 year	2 years	3 years	Min price	Worthy	My review
<a href="#">HawkHost</a>	\$3.99/mo	\$2.99/mo	-	\$2.24/mo	Yes	<a href="#">Read</a>
<a href="#">StableHost</a>	\$4.50/mo	\$4.00/mo	\$3.50/mo	\$1.75/mo	-	-
<a href="#">GreenGeeks</a>	\$9.95/mo	\$9.95/mo	\$9.95/mo	\$2.95/mo	-	-
<a href="#">VeeroTech</a>	\$2.66/mo	\$2.51/mo	-	\$2.51/mo	Yes	<a href="#">Read</a>
<a href="#">A2Hosting</a>	\$8.99/mo	\$8.99/mo	\$8.99/mo	\$2.99/mo	Yes	<a href="#">Read</a>
<a href="#">HostPapa</a>	\$9.99/mo	\$8.99/mo	\$7.99/mo	\$3.95/mo	-	-
<a href="#">MochaHost</a>	\$4.46/mo	\$4.46/mo	\$1.75/mo	\$1.78/mo	-	-
<a href="#">MDDHosting</a>	\$5.00/mo	\$4.50/mo	\$4.00/mo	\$4.00/mo	Yes	<a href="#">Read</a>
<a href="#">SiteGround</a>	\$11.95/mo	\$11.95/mo	\$11.95/mo	\$3.95/mo	Yes	<a href="#">Read</a>
<a href="#">GeekStorage</a>	\$3.20/mo	\$3.20/mo	\$3.20/mo	\$3.20/mo	Yes	<a href="#">Read</a>
<a href="#">Squidix</a>	\$6.95/mo	\$6.45/mo	\$5.95/mo	\$2.95/mo	Yes	<a href="#">Read</a>
<a href="#">HostWinds</a>	\$6.99/mo	\$5.99/mo	\$4.49/mo	\$2.35/mo	-	-
<a href="#">InMotionHosting</a>	\$8.99/mo	\$6.99/mo	-	\$6.99/mo	Under review	-
<a href="#">Eleven2</a>	\$5.06/mo	\$4.46/mo	\$3.57/mo	\$3.57/mo	-	-
<a href="#">GlowHost</a>	\$6.95/mo	\$4.95/mo	-	\$3.47/mo	-	-

**1 year:** Regular prices (after the first invoice) for 1-year plan.

**2 years:** Regular prices (after the first invoice) for 2-year plan.

**3 years:** Regular prices (after the first invoice) for 3-year plan.

**Min Price:** The minimum price officially available for the first invoice (can be for 1-year, 2-year or 3-year plan).

*Limited-time offers* with more discounts are not included in these prices. Check out if there are special offers currently available by visiting the hosting websites.

**Worthy:** This column contains my recommended hosts. (*Under review* label means that the

host performs well or/and has a good potential in winning prizes in the Contest, but I want to have more proved records of its technical and support performance.)

## Here's a table with places within pricing categories:

Host	Regular price 1 year	General place	Place (\$0-5/mo)	Place (\$5.01-8/mo)	Place (\$8+/mo)
<a href="#">HawkHost</a>	\$3.99/mo	1 (Winner!)	1	-	-
<a href="#">StableHost</a>	\$4.50/mo	2 (Silver medal)	2	-	-
<a href="#">GreenGeeks</a>	\$9.95/mo	3 (Bronze medal)	-	-	1
<a href="#">VeeroTech</a>	\$5.36/mo	4	-	1	-
<a href="#">A2Hosting</a>	\$8.99/mo	5	-	-	2
<a href="#">HostPapa</a>	\$9.99/mo	6	-	-	3
<a href="#">MochaHost</a>	\$4.46/mo	7	3	-	-
<a href="#">MDDHosting</a>	\$5.00/mo	8	4	-	-
<a href="#">SiteGround</a>	\$11.95/mo	9	-	-	4
<a href="#">GeekStorage</a>	\$3.20/mo	10	5	-	-
<a href="#">Squidix</a>	\$6.95/mo	11	-	2	-
<a href="#">HostWinds</a>	\$6.99/mo	12	-	3	-
<a href="#">InMotionHosting</a>	\$8.99/mo	13	-	-	5
<a href="#">Eleven2</a>	\$5.06/mo	14	-	4	-
<a href="#">GlowHost</a>	\$6.95/mo	15	-	5	-

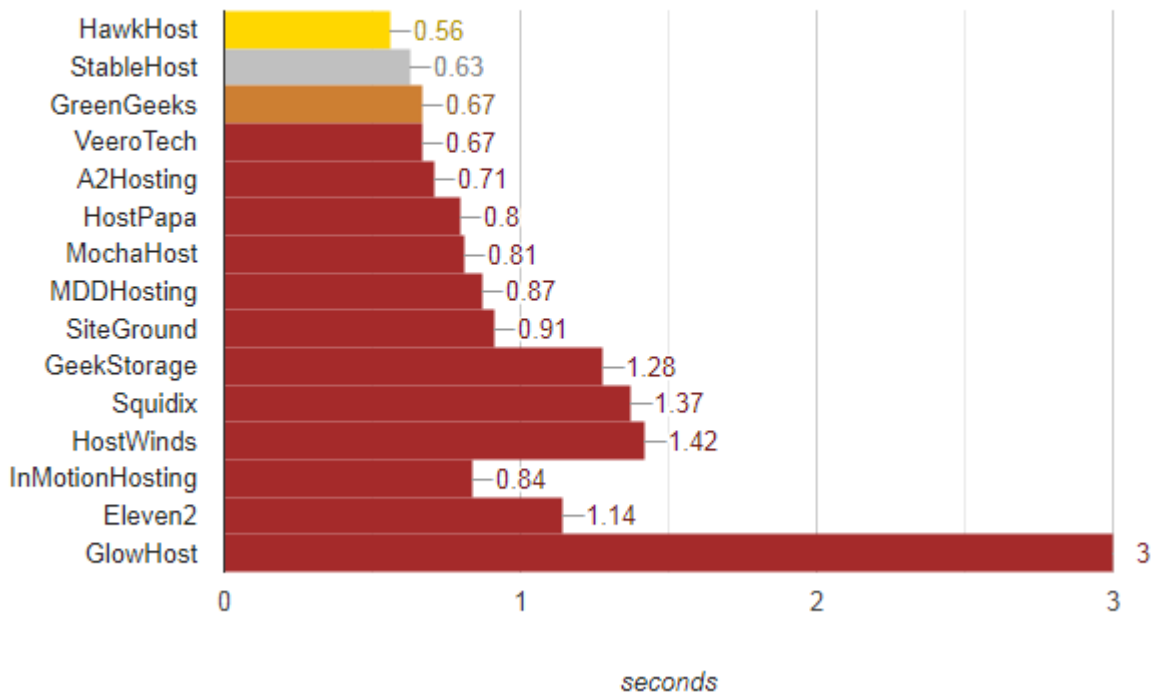
Since it's not always correct to compare hosts from different price categories together, I've broken down the monitored hosts into three categories to compete within as you can see above in the table.

The prices presented in this table are regular prices (i.e. applied *after* the first invoice). Note that prices for the first invoice (1-,2- or 3-year plan) are usually less (see them in the previous table). And special promo prices are not included (check them out on the hosting websites).

## And here are the charts with the Hosting Performance Contest results in May 2020:



Average Full Page Load Time, seconds (the less the better). Checked every 20 minutes.



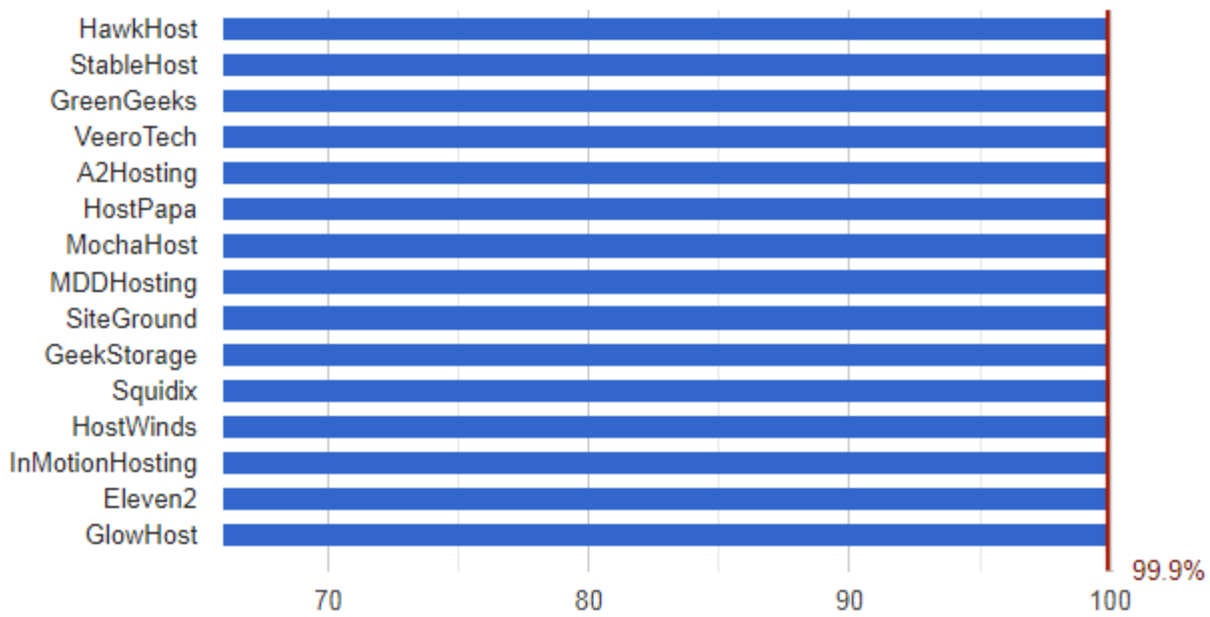
1. The **golden** medalist: [HawkHost](#) (it's in my [list](#) of the recommended hosts; see [my review](#)).
2. The **silver** medalist: [StableHost](#).
3. The **bronze** medalist: [GreenGeeks](#).

*By the way, if you want to make your website faster, I suggest looking at [this long read](#) which contains a lot of practical tips (upper-intermediate level). This is the tutorial prepared by [Kinsta](#), one of the fully managed WordPress hosting which I recommend.*

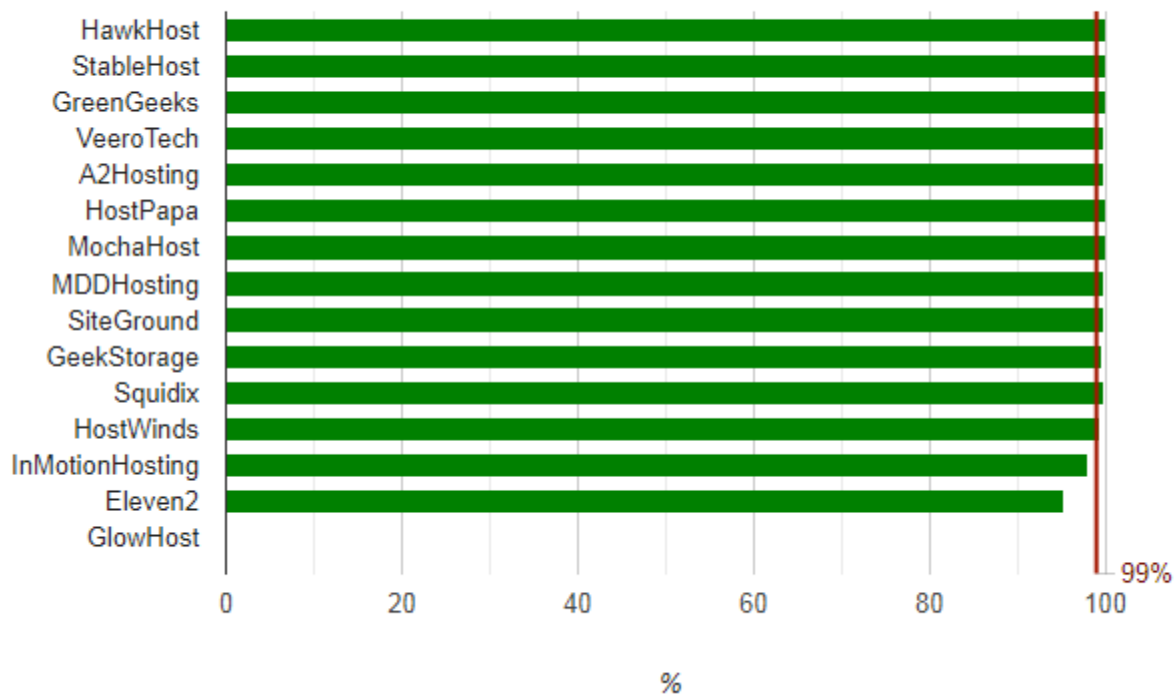
*Also, [here](#) you can read the analysis of other fully managed WP hosts which I recommend. Kinsta is the option that I recommend for hosting and managing a big number of WP sites (read my [short notes here](#)).*

*Besides, [here's the collection](#) of my own articles which will help you make your website faster.*

Uptime, % (the more the better). Checked every minute.



Satisfactory Apdex: how often full page load time was less than 2.5 sec, % (the more the better). Checked every 20 minutes.



## May 2020 Hosting Performance Contest Results – Notes

I use [monitis.com](https://monitis.com) services for uptime and full page load monitoring. The monitoring is performed from two locations in order to decrease chances of false alerts and make monitoring results more objective. You can read more about my methodology of monitoring [here](#).

Here are the monthly monitoring reports screenshots:

## Uptime Monitors

Monitoring Location: All

May, 2020

Monitor Name	Type	Uptime(%) <sup>1</sup>	Average Response Time (ms) <sup>2</sup>	Times Failed from All Locations(#) <sup>3</sup>
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site1 (StableHost)	http	100	286.34	0
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site10 (InMotionHosting)	http	99.97	458.48	13
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site11 (SiteGround)	http	99.98	254.93	5
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site12 (MochaHost)	http	99.98	380.12	6
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site13 (HostPapa)	http	99.99	109.86	1
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site14 (HostWinds)	http	99.99	725.45	2
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site15 (GreenGeeks)	http	99.97	262.43	11
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site16 (MDDHosting)	http	99.98	332.11	6
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site2 (HawkHost)	http	99.98	73.78	5
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site3 (VeeroTech)	http	99.98	302.18	6
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site4 (GlowHost)	http	99.9	1598.25	44
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site6 (Eleven2)	http	99.95	716.66	22
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site7 (GeekStorage)	http	99.96	733.35	15
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site8 (Squidix)	http	99.99	689.76	1
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site9 (A2Hosting)	http	99.99	313.5	2

<sup>1</sup> Uptime (%) - If at least one location has returned OK, the All Locations result for the check is assigned OK status. Uptime (%) for a given time interval is calculated as the number of OKs divided over the number of checks.

<sup>2</sup> Average Response Time (ms) - For each check that has returned OK as the All Locations result, the smallest response time among all locations is determined. Average Response Time for a given time interval is calculated as average of the smallest response times across checks.

<sup>3</sup> Times Failed from All Locations (#) - For a given interval the number of times failure was returned by all locations during the check.

These monitor checks are performed with 1-minute interval, which makes it great for detecting website uptime and downtime.

So, we need **Uptime** values from this table for finding the winner of our Contest. By the way, downtime is detected if *server response time (time-to-first-byte)* is more than 10 seconds.

*Other values (just for information):*

- **Response time** is not that important for this Contest, because I've got a better indicator monitored, which is Full page load time (see below).
- **Number of failures** may be interesting to look at, but this is just an additional information to Uptime, which is more important for the overall hosting evaluation.

This month all hosts on the screenshot have passed the *uptime* benchmark test (99.9%) which is set to determine the greatest hosts. All hosts that I'm monitoring were up more than 99.9% in this month.

## Full Page Load Monitors

Monitoring Location: All

May, 2020

Monitor Name	Avg Test Duration(sec)	Uptime(%)	Failures(#)	Apdex - (S/T/F)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site1 (StableHost)	0.63	100	0	1 - (100/0/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site2 (HawkHost)	0.56	100	0	1 - (100/0/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site3 (VeeroTech)	0.67	100	0	0.99 - (99.91/0.08/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site4 (GlowHost)	3	100	0	0.49 - (0/99.91/0.08)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site6 (Eleven2)	1.14	100	0	0.97 - (95.28/4.71/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site7 (GeekStorage)	1.28	99.95	1	0.99 - (99.73/0.26/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site8 (Squidix)	1.37	100	0	0.99 - (99.95/0.04/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site9 (A2Hosting)	0.71	100	0	0.99 - (99.95/0.04/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site10 (InMotionHosting)	0.84	100	0	0.98 - (97.98/2.01/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site11 (SiteGround)	0.91	100	0	0.99 - (99.95/0.04/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site12 (MochaHost)	0.81	100	0	1 - (100/0/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site13 (HostPapa)	0.8	100	0	1 - (100/0/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site14 (HostWinds)	1.42	100	0	0.99 - (99.46/0.53/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site15 (GreenGeeks)	0.67	100	0	1 - (100/0/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site16 (MDDHosting)	0.87	99.95	1	0.99 - (99.95/0/0.04)

These tests are performed with 20-minute interval from two locations. It makes it a perfect real-user performance monitor. This monitor's activity is equal to 144 unique visitors per day (about 4,320 unique visitors per month).

*Avg Test Duration* is the **Full page load time**, which is very clear and important factor for the Hosting Performance Contest.

We don't need *Uptime* from this table because we have got a better (more precise) *Uptime* indicator from the previous table.

Also, we don't need *Failures* from this table, because it's less precise than the same indicator from the previous table.

But we will need *Apdex*, particularly its *S (Satisfactory)* part. This shows how much time (in %) the website loaded *faster than 2.5 seconds*.

## Conclusion

The **best hosts** which have demonstrated the best performance in February 2020 are the medalists: [HawkHost](#), [StableHost](#) and [GreenGeeks](#).

By the way, all the top winners have passed the strict benchmarks determined for great hosting!

As regards the winners in different pricing categories, here they are:

The **best hosts in the higher pricing category (\$8+/mo)** in this month go in the following order: [HawkHost](#), [StableHost](#) and [MochaHost](#).

The **best three hosts in the middle pricing category (\$5.01-8/mo)** in this month are [VeeroTech](#), [Squidix](#) and [HostWinds](#).

The **best three hosts in the most affordable pricing category (up to \$5/mo)** in this month are [GreenGeeks](#), [A2Hosting](#) and [HostPapa](#).

Please note, that I'm using the cheapest plans available on each of the monitored hosts.

It's noticeable as usual that some of the less expensive hosts outperformed hosts from more expensive categories.

And the **hero** of the Contest this month is [StableHost](#). This is the hosting which was had perfect (100%) both Uptime and Satisfactory Apdex!

P.S.: Speed, uptime and performance apdex are important metrics, but they are not everything that determine the best hosting for clients. See my **recommended hosts** and my reviews of the hosts [here](#).

You can see **real-time performance charts** of the hosts I monitor as well as **historical data since 2016** on the hosting performance on [this page](#).

Hosting Performance Contest methodology is [here](#).

Other **monthly roundups** of this Hosting Performance Contest are available [here](#).

Also, check out my fellow Jerry Low's new project [hostscore.net](#). You can leave there your genuine reviews on the hosts you have used. The project also helps to choose a hosting as the project aggregates some performance data and real people's reviews into one **hosting ranking system**.

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**I hope you enjoyed the article!**

You can read my free researches on resources and tools for bloggers and small business owners on this website. By the way, if we haven't met before - my name is Michael Bely.

*If you have any questions, visit my website and ask any questions in the comments or privately via the Contact Form.  
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## Do you know that...

[More expensive hosts do NOT always mean better hosts?](#)

## My Best Materials:

- [As full as possible list of EIG companies and brands with details \(beware EIG hosting!\)](#)
- [Non-stop hosting monitoring reports](#)
- [One best security plugin or combination of plugins?](#)
- [Protect your website from hacking step-by-step - easy, free and very effective](#)
- [How to migrate WordPress website to HTTPS the right way for free](#)
- [How to copy, clone, migrate big WordPress site easily and for free](#)
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