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Written Exercise - Chapter 8

"Using the Web, find at least two companies that provide technical support for user of the Apache Web Server software. List the company name and website URL within your report.

- b. List the services that they provide and what they charge for their services (if available).
- c. Summarize your findings in a report that is suitable for presentation to a nontechnical manager and that addresses the items above"

BobCares

https://httpd.apache.org/support.html

BobCares offers Apache hosting and server support with industry leading service level agreements. The Bobcares team offers a wide variety of hosting support such as maintenance, web hosting support, emergency Administration, server monitoring, and much more. The team aims to provide 24/7 on demand support and insurers Optimum performance for your application. Bobcares offers multiple plans and pricing options to fit your Apache hosting and support needs. The plans range from \$39 to \$75, with the lowest plan offering basic support with a 30-minute response time and the most expensive plan offering help desk, phone, and live chat support. All in all, Bob chairs offers a lot of support options that could be useful when managing Apache hosting. I would recommend this service because of the help desk support, it's always nice to have somebody to call when you run into a problem.

A-Team Systems

https://www.ateamsystems.com/services-support/web-server-support/apache-server-support-2/

A-Team Systems offers complete Apache server support and claims that they have 100 Years of cultivated knowledge at the user's disposal. A-Team systems will help you resolve your Apache server problems. They have experience with all types of environments and deal with single or multiple server setups. The A-Team offers Apache server support with year round coverage and a support team available 24/7. They offer two types of plans; the integrated management and security plan, or the Streamline support entitlement. The website shows little to no pricing other than a \$165 an hour rate for working on your website. It looks like if you talk to a representative, you may be able to customize the plan for a monthly subscription. I like this because it offers people the ability to get the specific support that they need whether that be monitoring your servers or looking for stack support. I think their per hour pricing seemed a little high but maybe the monthly subscription would be a better option. All in all, I think that A-Team Systems offers a lot of good support features and could be very helpful when hosting Apache servers.