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Currently using Digital Ocean server as a reverse proxy, looking for something cheaper. Does Cloudflare offer what I'm looking for?

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Current setup is an OpenVPN server running on a Digital Ocean droplet, which acts as a reverse proxy using nginx and forwards all the data to my server, which works great as I can't port forward on my school's WiFi. I've heard people mentioning Cloudflare does something similar, how easy would it be to transition my setup to this? Took me about a week getting my current setup working haha.

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Yes, Cloudflare Tunnels is what you're probably looking for. I use it myself, and I know a lot of people in this sub do as well. It's free and pretty much just works. I have three hosts on the domain I host with Cloudflare that are configured for use with Tunnels, and I have a Raspberry Pi running cloudflared which makes a Wireguard connection to Cloudflare and shuttles traffic from the SSL-protected external address of those hosts to the server on my internal network, which don't need SSL, but can have it, self-signed or otherwise. The certificates are free and automatic so you don't need to do any configuration there. Just read the docs. :)

<https://developers.cloudflare.com/cloudflare-one/connections/connect-networks/>

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You could use something like Tailscale. Cloudflare has Zero Trust Network Access and I think it is free or has a free tier: <https://www.cloudflare.com/plans/zero-trust-services/>

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If you just need a really cheap VPS (and not reverse proxy/tunnel), take a look at LowEndBox / LowEndTalk. You can find deals like \$15/year there.

Beware that reliability matches the price, and the company may (or may not) shut down on a short notice. But sometimes you need something really cheap, and these sites help a lot.

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I use Cloudflare tunnels it's great and requires no ports open on my network.

For things that can't go through Cloudflare - for example I can't push things higher than 100MB through Cloudflare's Proxy. I bought a cheap \$23 a year server from Racknerd with 5TB egress a month, connect that server to my network using VPN and use nginx on that server to serve apps that want to push higher than 100MB payloads

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+1 for Cloudflare tunnel. I use them for my domain registrar and certs too. UDP stream isn't possible in the free tier, in case this was for a game server of some kind.

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