

Outsourcing Made Easy

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In-Depth Review of the Top Outsourcing Websites

Top 5 Outsourcing Websites Reviewed

This report will review 5 of the top outsourcing websites so that you can understand the strengths and weaknesses that each of them have. This information should be very useful in helping you decide which site will best suit your particular needs. [Elance](#) and [Get a Freelancer](#) are the 2 sites that I use most of the time and I have had very good results with both of them. [Get a Freelancer](#) is my personal favorite

The 5 sites being reviewed are:



					
Reviews of Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Escrow Options	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Project Fees	None	\$3 or 3%	None	\$5	None
User Friendliness	😊😊😊😊😊	😊😊😊😊	😊😊😊	😊😊	😊😊😊😊
Types of Work	All	All	Programming	All	Programming
Number of Providers	😊😊😊	😊😊😊😊😊	😊😊😊	😊😊😊	😊😊😊😊
Email Notifications	😊😊	😊😊😊😊😊	😊😊😊	😊😊😊	😊😊😊😊

Strengths and Weaknesses of Get a Freelancer



Commentary:

[Get a Freelancer](#) is the site that I personally use most. It is less user-friendly than [Elance](#) but once you have worked with it a little bit it becomes easy to use. The reason that I use it the most is I get more bids for my projects through this site than any other. This makes it easier to find the best-suited service providers quicker and easier than other sites.

Get a Freelancer's Good Points:

- Largest selection of qualified service providers
- Service providers are quick to respond
- Email notifications for all private messages
- Good communication options between service providers and buyers
- Free escrow program
- Ability to add notes about service providers during the bidding process
- Free Registration
- Good support via their support website

Get a Freelancer's Negative Points:

- Less user-friendly than [Elance](#)
- Per-project fee of \$3 or 3%, whichever is higher
- Fees apply for adding money to your GAF account
- No option for short-listing providers you like
- Rules against providing contact details to providers before selecting them as the winning bid
- \$5 refundable fee for each project (Automatically refunded after a bid is selected)
- \$3 fee applies to each project if you want to ensure that the information posted in your project doesn't show up on search engines

Strength's and Weaknesses of Elance



Commentary:

[Elance](#) is by far the most user-friendly of all the outsourcing websites and is great for people that are new to outsourcing or are not technologically savvy. The major downfall of [Elance](#) is that they have less service providers than some of the other sites so you don't get as many bids on your project and you run the risk of getting a provider less-suited for your needs.

Elance's Good Points:

- Extremely user friendly and easy to navigate
- Free registration
- Good communication system built directly into the site
- Forum for asking questions and getting feedback from other users
- They track business terms and contracts within their system and regulate providers to make sure there is no fraud
- Offers free conflict resolution for any disputes that might arise
- Customer service available via phone and email
- Offers payment options with bank draft and credit card
- No per-project fees
- Free escrow program
- Built-in portfolios for all service providers
- Easily able to view all pertinent account information on one page

Elance's Negative Points:

- Smaller selection of qualified professionals than some other sites
- One time refundable setup fee of \$10 (Used to confirm that it is a real account and not generated by a computer program)
- Providers tend to be slower to bid
- Few email notification options

Strengths and Weaknesses of Rent a Coder

RentACoder

Commentary:

I have not used this site as much as the first 2. For this site I will give you information based on my own experience and the experience of other's that have used this site more extensively. [Rent a Coder](#) is a very popular website for people outsourcing software development. It focuses specifically on software and website development so it is a good place to post projects if that is what you need done. If you are looking for other types of projects you should consider [Get a Freelancer](#) or [Elance](#).

Rent a Coder Good Points:

- No setup fee or buyer's fees
- Member of the Better Business Bureau
- Free Escrow Program
- Arbitration assistance
- Coder's required to send weekly status updates on projects over \$150

Rent a Coder Negative Points:

- Oriented only for software/website development. Other types of services are not featured
- Wire transfer charges apply
- User-interface is less intuitive than some of the other sites

Strengths and Weaknesses of iFreelance



Commentary:

I have not used this site as much as the first 2. For this site I will give you information based on my own experience and the experience of other's that have used this site more extensively. This is a very well moderated site which ensures that service providers and service buyers are can feel secure doing business with others on this site. However, it does slow things down a little bit and the amount of moderation does lower the overall amount of providers that will bid on your projects.

iFreelance Good Points:

- No fees for service buyers
- Service providers contact info is available to make communication easier
- Built-in Portfolio for service providers
- Ability to edit a project after posting

iFreelance Negative Points:

- Projects must be reviewed and approved by [iFreelance](#) before they are posted
- More risk of fraud from service providers because they can contact you directly instead of doing business through the site
- Not as user-friendly as some other sites are

Strengths and Weaknesses of Script Lance



Commentary:

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Script Lance Good Points:

- Free project posting
- Forum to allow less experienced user's to get help and feedback from other users
- Easy-to-use interface
- Email notifications of private messages
- A lot of help information

Script Lance Negative Points:

- \$5 fee charged on the completion of each project
- Slow support
- Account setup is complicated
- Fees to service providers are high so bids are often higher than other sites

I hope this report has given you sufficient information to assist you in deciding which outsourcing website will work best for you.

Choosing a good site is key to having success with outsourcing. However, it is only part of it. It's important to know how to write a good project description, how to manage your projects, what to watch for, etc.

If you have not already purchased the Outsourcing Made Easy Program this would be the perfect time to do so. Now that you have read this report you are well on your way to having success with outsourcing. Like with anything new, the more knowledge you have the better. So, make sure to take advantage of the amazing information offered in Outsourcing Made Easy.

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