

Clouds, Clouds, and More



Cloud Storage Providers

Where are your Files

Sync and Backup

Uses of Cloud Storage

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Here are Storage Devices You are Familiar with



USB Drive 256GB \$25.00



Flash Memory 256 GB \$25.00



External Drive 1TB \$85.00

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Cloud Storage Adds New Devices for You



USB Drive



Flash Memory



External Drive



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Free Storage Accounts

Cloud Storage Comparison Table

Provider	Free Allocation	Mid-Range Paid Plan	Price Per Month (Approx.)
Google Drive	15 GB (Shared with Gmail & Photos)	2 TB (Google One)	\$9.99 [Source 1.6]
Microsoft OneDrive	5 GB	100 GB	\$1.99 [Source 1.6]
Microsoft 365 Personal	1 TB OneDrive,	1 TB OneDrive	100GB Outlook mailbox. \$100.00 annually
Dropbox	2 GB	2 TB (Plus Plan)	\$11.99 [Source 1.6]
Apple iCloud	5 GB	200 GB (iCloud+)	\$2.99 [Source 1.6]
IDrive	10 GB	5 TB (Personal Plan, Annual)	~\$5.80 (Billed annually) [Source 1.1]
pCloud	10 GB (Expandable)	500 GB (Annual)	~\$4.99 (Billed annually) [Source 1.6]
MEGA	20 GB (Expandable)	2 TB (Pro Lite)	~\$10.80 (EUR conversion) [Source 1.4]

Notes

•Google Drive storage is unified with Gmail and Google Photos. IDrive and pCloud prices listed often represent a discount for annual billing, making the monthly rate lower than a month-to-month subscription. iCloud prices can vary by region.

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Storage is Tied to Your Account

- ▶ Here is how to access your account from the Internet:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Sign-In URL</u>
Google Drive	drive.google.com
OneDrive	onedrive.live.com
Dropbox	dropbox.com/login
iCloud	icloud.com

Use the Internet Browser you prefer – CHROME, EDGE, SAFARI

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There is another way to access these files:

Each of these providers has an official desktop application that integrates their storage directly into the Windows **File Explorer**.

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Official App Name</u>	<u>Primary Feature</u>
OneDrive	OneDrive (Built-in)	Already installed on most Windows 10/11 PCs. Just sign in via the taskbar icon.
Google Drive	Google Drive for Desktop	Replaces the old "Backup and Sync." It can "stream" files so they don't take up space on your hard drive.
Dropbox	Dropbox Desktop App	Creates a "Dropbox" folder in your user directory and integrates with the right-click menu.
iCloud	iCloud for Windows	Available on the Microsoft Store. It adds "iCloud Drive" and "iCloud Photos" to File Explorer.

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Cloud Access from Smart Phone

- ▶ **1. Official Mobile Apps:**
- ▶ You can download these from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store:

Provider	Android App	iOS (iPhone/iPad) App
Google Drive	Get on Play Store	Get on App Store
OneDrive	Get on Play Store	Get on App Store
Dropbox	Get on Play Store	Get on App Store
iCloud	No official app (Use browser)	Built-in (Files app)

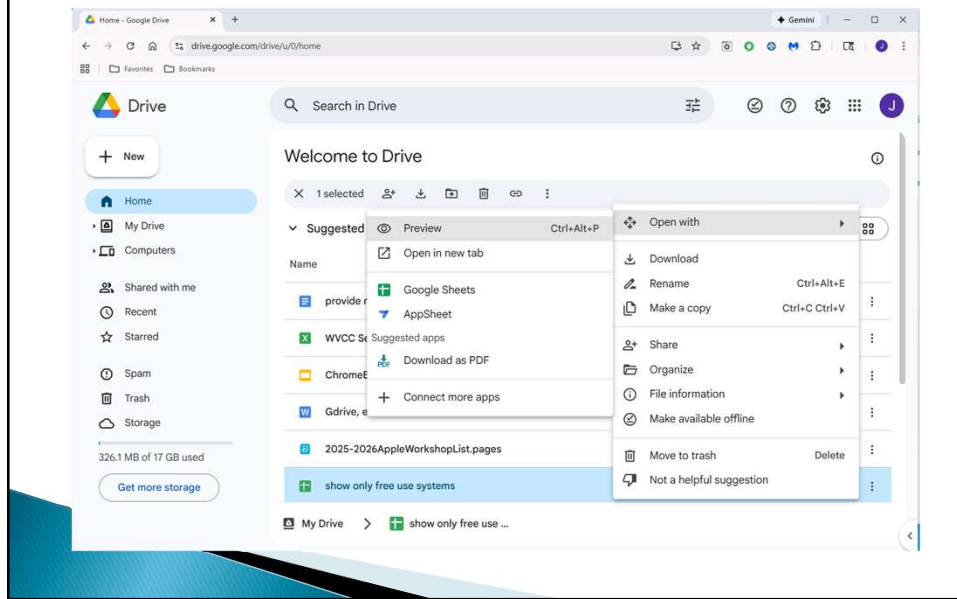
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See all your cloud files in one place on your phone

- ▶ On iPhone/iPad:
 - ▶ Open the built-in Files app. Tap the Browse tab, then the "..." icon select Edit. You can toggle on Google Drive, OneDrive, and Dropbox here. They will then appear right alongside your iCloud folders.
- ▶ On Android:
 - ▶ Most Android phones come with Files by Google or a brand-specific manager (like Samsung "My Files"). There are third-party apps in Playstore like File Manager+ to "mount" all four services.

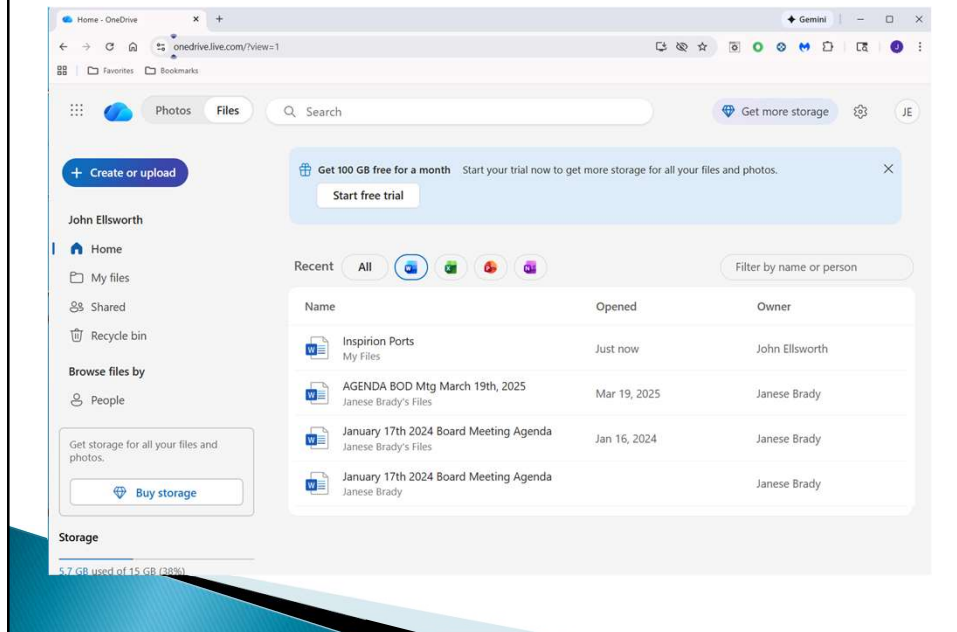
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Browser G-Drive Enables Cloud Apps



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And on OneDrive



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Desktop App vs. Web Browser Access

Feature	Desktop App	Web Browser OneDrive or Gdrive
Access	Only from the device it's installed on	Anywhere on any device with Internet (phone, tablet)
Personalization	Many user chosen settings and views	Limited by provider settings
Multiple Accounts	Manage all files in one unified window	Must often switch between separate browser tabs
Takeaway	Choose the Desktop App if you don't need office online.	Choose the Web Browser if you need app on any device and travel often.

And you may use both at the same time as needed.

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Now let's look at each

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