

Lecture no. 27

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Cloud storage services are great for sharing files with friends and families, keeping documents in sync between all of your devices, and so much more. *Free* cloud storage is even better.

many of these free cloud storage providers give you even more free space for referring friends or performing other tasks.

Note: Cloud *storage* is different than automatic cloud *backup*.

1- MEGA Limited:

Get 50 GB of free cloud storage with MEGA. MEGA offers secure end-to-end encryption to help combat a breach in privacy.

You can view and update your MEGA files through a browser, the desktop sync client, and an iOS, BlackBerry, Android, or Windows Phone device.

2- pCloud:

10 GB of free online storage is offered by pCloud, with friend referrals and other bonus steps jumping it to a possible 20 GB.

A desktop client can be installed for Windows, Mac, and Linux operating systems. There's also a mobile app for IOS and Android devices that's very intuitive and easy to use.

pCloud supports adding files from a remote URL in addition to single file and whole folder uploads through a browser.

The mobile apps can upload photos and videos directly to your pCloud account.

Both files and folders can both be shared with non-users. Shared folders can even be downloaded as a ZIP archive.

Also, pCloud allows upload links to be generated for folders so anyone can send files to your account. A unique email address is also generated which lets you (or anyone) email files directly to a folder on your pCloud account.

In addition to the above, you can backup the photos from your social media accounts like Facebook, Instagram.

3- MediaFire:

Instantly get 10 GB of free online file hosting with MediaFire. Increase it to 50 GB with things like friend referrals and application downloads.

There are sharing options for files and folders and easy uploads of either single files or whole entire folders through the MediaFire website.

iOS and Android users can download an app to view and share files on the go or upload photos and videos. [More](#)

4- Dropbox:

Dropbox users start off with 2 GB of free space with several simple ways of earning more, up to around 18 GB.

You can view and upload all your Dropbox files from a desktop or mobile app and share whole folders with anyone, even if they don't have a Dropbox account.

If you have Microsoft Office files stored in your Dropbox account, you can edit them from inside your browser for free using Microsoft Office Online.

