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### Description

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Free up your space on your devices and access your files anywhere, anytime using cloud-based software, or cloud computing. Cloud-based storage is one of the most common uses of cloud computing. It allows you to store content and information in “the cloud”, rather than taking up space on your device (e.g., computer or phone). Most cloud-based storage services now have an application (app) that you can download onto all your relevant devices.



## Cloud Pros and Cons: Plain and Simple

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- ○ ■ **Benefits**
  - Offsite backup unaffected by disasters
  - Frees up space on devices
  - Access files from anywhere with internet
  - Real-time updates for latest versions
  - Easy file sharing and collaboration
  - Version tracking and ability to revert changes
  - Flexible syncing and disconnect options
- ○ ■ **Disadvantages**
  - Uploads consume upload allowance on metered internet plans
  - Automatic syncing across devices may consume data unnecessarily
  - No access to files without internet connection
  - Cloud files not backed up by local backup systems



- security concerns over internet transfer and reliance on third-party service
- Limited offline access to files (depends on service and storage options)
- Internet usage counted for both uploads and downloads, potentially doubling usage for each file sync

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