



Cloud Computing 101

Storage, Productivity, and Sharing

What is “cloud computing?”

Cloud computing means using the internet to store, manage, process and access your data and have it be accessible from multiple devices, usually via username and password. Email, online word processing, online calculators, music and video streaming services, and backing up data online are all examples of cloud computing.

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	What can I do?	What are the benefits?
Google Drive drive.google.com	Store photos, music, videos, documents, programs— any file smaller than 300 MB. Create text documents, spreadsheets, forms.	15 GB storage. Great for sharing, co-creating, editing as well as storing anything. Comes with a Gmail account.
Google Calendar calendar.google.com	Put any important events in an online calendar.	Share events and calendars with others, access your up-to-date calendar on every device. Comes with a Gmail account.
Evernote.com	Take, store and sync notes online.	Create, store and search your notes from any device; share with other users. Has a great mobile app.
DropBox.com	Store and share anything.	2 GB storage for free; more available for pay.
OneDrive.com	Microsoft product that allows you to create, share and store photos, videos and documents.	15 GB storage. Web versions of Microsoft programs like Word and Excel. Good for collaborating and backing up important data. Comes with Live, MSN, Outlook and Hotmail accounts.
Flickr.com	Store photos and share them with friends or the Flickr social network.	1 TB storage (=600,000 pictures). Personalize sharing settings, and edit photos. Has a great mobile app.
iCloud	Stores and syncs iPhoto, iTunes on all your iOS devices (only iOS devices).	Very easy syncing across all your iOS devices like iPhone, iPad, Apple TV.

