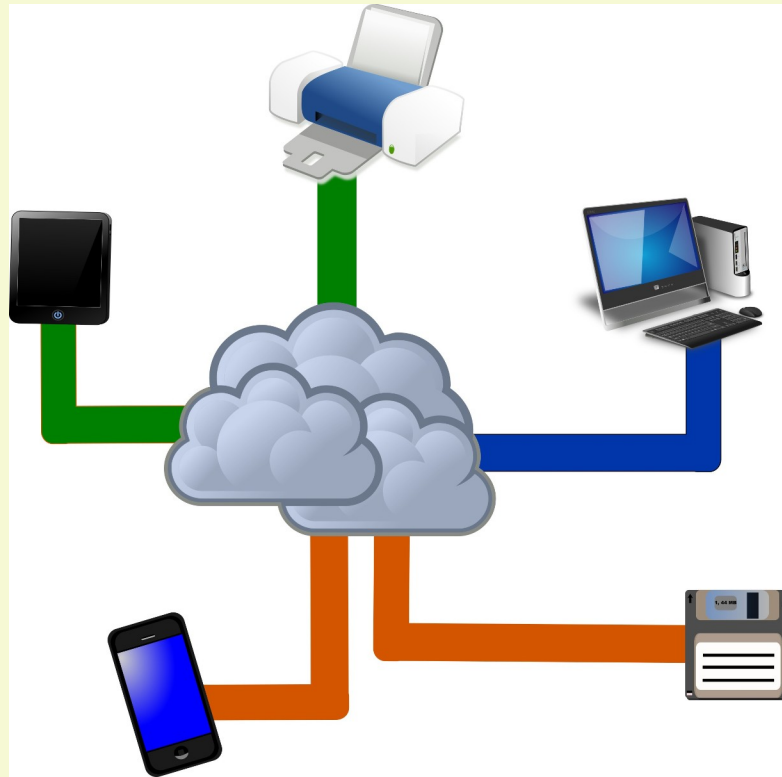


Using the “Cloud”



Today's Discussion Topics

- What is “the cloud”?
- What can you do with “the cloud”?
- Advantages of cloud storage
- Disadvantages of cloud storage
- Finding Cloud Storage
- Cloud Storage Providers
- Demonstration of Microsoft One Drive

What the heck is a
“cloud” anyway?



A cloud is one of those things in the sky that drops rain on us!

The cloud is essentially a global network of servers hooked together and operating as a single entity. The “cloud” can:

1. store and/or manage data.
2. run applications.
3. deliver content (videos, audio, web mail, etc.)

Instead of accessing files from your local drive(s), you access them online from any internet connected device,

Uses For Remote Storage

- Store documents for use on any computer.
- Share pictures, videos, etc.
- Computer backup.
- Extra storage space.
- Anything else you do with the disk drive on your computer

Advantages of Cloud Storage

- 1) Easily accessible with Internet connection
- 2) Data is stored off site – external backup
- 3) Easy way to expand storage
- 4) Little maintenance required
- 5) Easy to share files with others

Disadvantages of Cloud Storage

- 1) Need an Internet connection
- 2) Bandwidth limitations
- 3) Security/Safety
- 4) Slow data restoration
- 5) Vendor lock-in
- 6) Support sometimes shaky
- 7) Privacy

Things to Compare in a Cloud Storage Provider

- 1) Services Provided
- 2) Price
- 3) Compatibility with your devices
- 4) Ease of Use
- 5) Speed of uploads/downloads
- 6) Privacy Protection
- 7) Company Reputation

Well Known Providers

- Google Drive
- Microsoft OneDrive
- Apple iCloud
- Amazon Web Services
- Dropbox
- Backblaze
- Box

Providers You Might Not Know

- Kamatera Cloud
- Server Space
- Linode
- Scalahosting
- Liquid Web
- Cloud Sigma
- Thousands More

OneDrive Basic Facts and Prices

- Installed with Windows
- Apps for Android and Apple
- No Native Linux Client – Second party workarounds
- Creates sync folder – can be changed
- Personal Vault – home users only
- Plans and Pricing – I have more than 5 GB

How Does One Drive Work?



Next Week

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