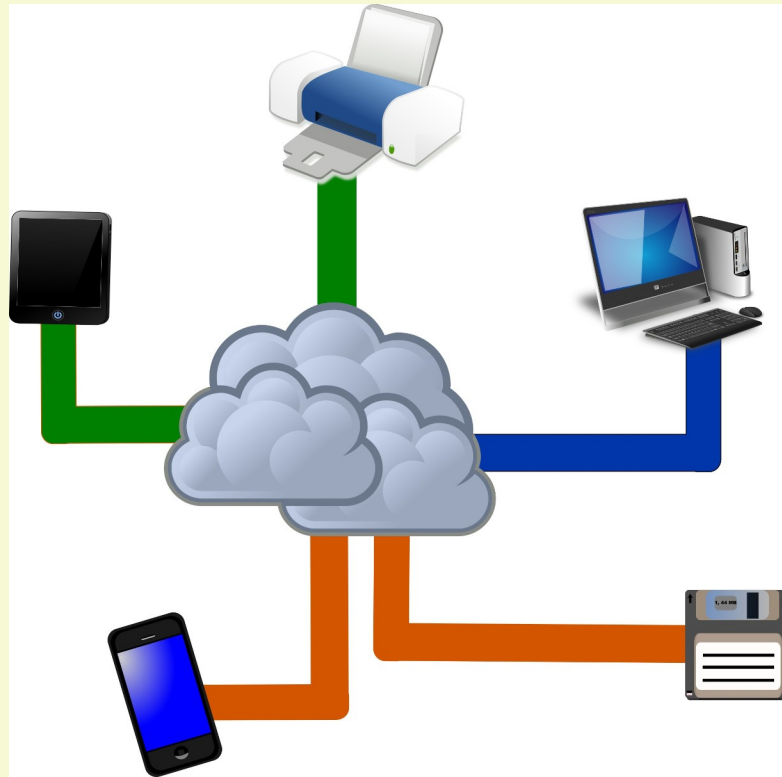


# Using the “Cloud”



# 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 Web Browsers



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