

SkyDrive

skydrive.live.com

Store and access your files from anywhere

what is it?

SkyDrive is a free online file storage application that is a part of the Windows Live suite. SkyDrive gives users 25 GB of free, password-protected, storage on Windows Live. Users can store and share files and photos with others. Once uploaded, users can access their files from anywhere. Users can create folders and store files in individual web-based folders.

educational use?

Faculty can use SkyDrive to store important files that they need to access from anywhere. Whether manuscripts, research, or course-related files, SkyDrive can host and store files in one easy to access central location. Faculty can also then share these files with other colleagues or students as needed.

pros & cons?

The best thing about SkyDrive is the huge amount of free storage it gives users. Another benefit is the stability of the company; Microsoft is most likely not disappearing anytime soon. Things like this need to be considered when thinking about putting your important documents online. One major drawback to SkyDrive is that it cannot be mapped as a network drive in Windows.

what's it cost?

SkyDrive is free to use.

alternatives?

There are a number of alternatives to SkyDrive but perhaps the two most notable are DropBox (<http://www.getdropbox.com>) and Box.net (<http://www.box.net>)

resources?

SkyDrive Overview

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VGaB57txms>

List of Online File Storage Tools

<http://techmagazine.ws/free-online-file-storage/>