

Dropbox

www.dropbox.com

Sync your files online and across your computers

what is it?

Do you ever struggle managing files across multiple computers? Well, Dropbox might be the answer to your file management problems. Dropbox is an online file storage application that synchronizes files across multiple computers. So this is how it works. Setup an account at www.dropbox.com and then download and install the Dropbox application on each computer you regularly use. From there, all of the files placed in the Dropbox are automatically stored (and synchronized) online on Dropbox's secure server. The files can then be accessed from any computer, mobile device, or even at the Dropbox website. This gives you the ability to access the files you need at any time, from any computer. Say goodbye to thumb drives!

educational use?

Some educational benefits of Dropbox are that it enables faculty and students the ability to access their files (whether the files are resources or assignments for a course) as well as an easy way to share large files (e.g., large PowerPoint presentations or videos) that cannot easily be emailed due to their size.

pros & cons?

The best thing about Dropbox is how easy it works. There are other alternatives out there, but none of them seem to work as seamlessly across PC's and Mac's as Dropbox does. Dropbox also keeps 30 days of history for all your files so you can essentially go back in time and undelete or undo changes to files. Perhaps its biggest drawback is its pricing structure.

what's it cost?

The basic account is free and comes with 2gb of storage. However, if you want more storage than that, you will need to sign up for either a Pro50 account (which comes with 50gb of storage) for \$9.99/month or a Pro100 account (which comes with 100gb of storage) for \$19.99/month.

alternatives?

There are a number of alternatives to Dropbox. Some alternatives include, Skydrive (<http://skydrive.live.com>), box (<http://boxnet>), and SpikerOak (<http://spideroak.com>).

resources?

Dropbox Tour
<http://www.dropbox.com/tour>