TeleDrive: Free Unlimited Cloud Storage Service Using the Telegram API

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Telegram is a free chatting platform that can be used by everyone across the world. With end-to-end encryption and privacy protection, Telegram also offers a reliable and unlimited service. Surprisingly, this platform has an open API that is free for everyone.
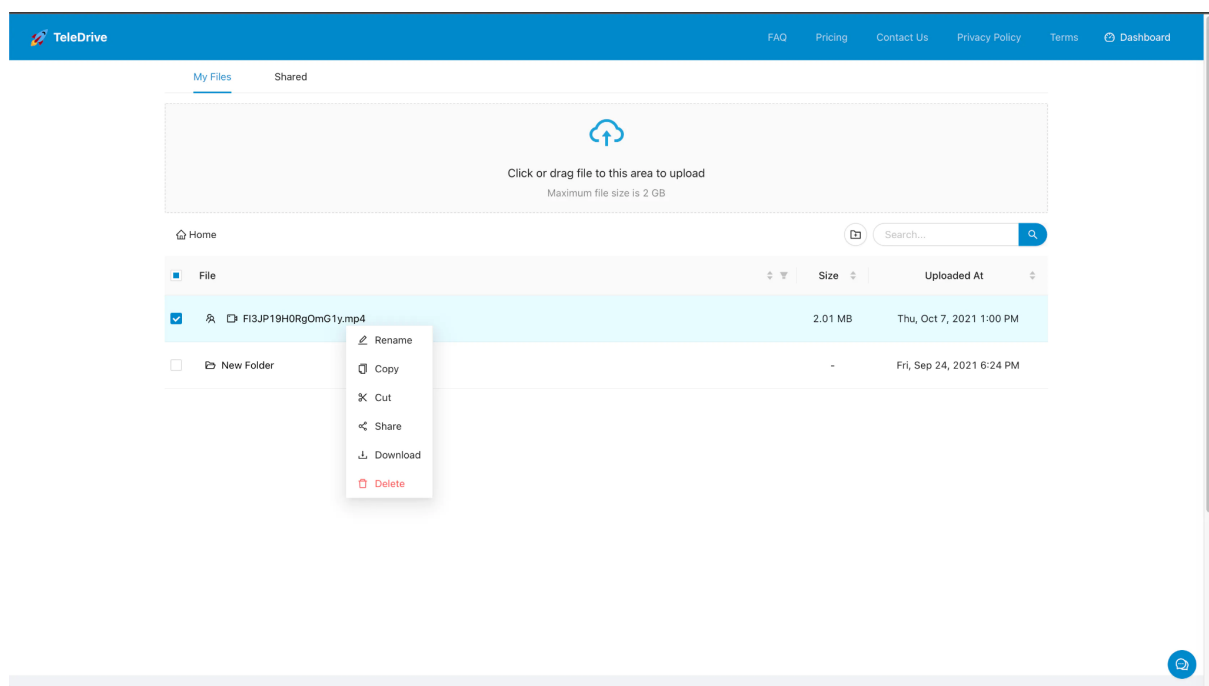
About the Unlimited Cloud Storage

From their official Twitter account, Telegram said that their users have unlimited cloud storage for free. Many comments are doubtful about this, like "How Telegram can serve that? Someone should pay for it." etc. The questions were answered directly by Pavel Durov, the founder of Telegram, from his channel in Telegram at one point he said that, "All the features that are currently free will stay free. We will add some new features for business teams or power users."

The Idea

Then on August 27th, someone had the idea to take advantage of Telegram's cloud storage feature into something more interesting. An idea that is quite simple and cheap but only a few people want to make it happen.

[M Gilang Januar](#) – or who is familiarly called Lang, had the idea to create an alternative to Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive, or others by utilizing Telegram's API. In other words, everyone can upload and download documents, photos, videos, and more using an interface like the cloud storage service for free and unlimited. One proper name for this product is **TeleDrive**.

The concept of TeleDrive is quite easy. When a user uploads a file on the platform, TeleDrive simply forwards it to the Saved Messages – a chat room owned by Telegram users to store their messages and files. Likewise, when downloading the file, what TeleDrive does is request the Telegram API to download that file in the Saved Messages. The unique value that TeleDrive offers are easy folder management and file search.

Launching TeleDrive

At first, TeleDrive could only be accessed using an invitation code that was only sent via email. So at its first launch, TeleDrive got 8 thousand people on the waiting list. Until the second launch in early November that TeleDrive could be used by everyone who already had a Telegram account.

To build the trust of its users, TeleDrive is made into an open-source project where the source code can be accessed by everyone in this repository. Even though it's free, TeleDrive limits user bandwidth to 512 kbps. However, users can remove these limitations by subscribing to the Premium package. With that package, TeleDrive promises other interesting features in the future that always meet the user's needs.

Other Controversial Questions

From its first release, TeleDrive got a lot of questions that many people doubted. Like, is it safe? Is this abusing the Telegram API? Is it ok to monetize an application from the Telegram API?

TeleDrive development from the beginning always reviewed the terms and conditions made by Telegram. Even Telegram allows for everyone to create applications that use its API free of charge. And if users want complete privacy with self-managed data on their servers, they can do the installation themselves with the guide here. The developers also emphasized that there is no compulsion to use TeleDrive, all choices are left to the user.