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A long battle for food

The Google Drive API lets you upload file data when you create or update a File. For information about how to create a metadata-only File, refer to [Create files](#).

There are 3 types of uploads you can perform:

Simple upload (`uploadType=media`)—Use this upload type to transfer a small media file (5 MB or less) without supplying metadata. To perform a simple upload, refer to [Perform a simple upload](#).

Multipart upload (`uploadType=multipart`)—Use this upload type to transfer a small file (5 MB or less) along with metadata that describes the file, in a single request. To perform a multipart upload, refer to [Perform a multipart upload](#).

Resumable upload (`uploadType=resumable`)—Use this upload type for large files (greater than 5 MB) and when there's a high chance of network interruption, such as when creating a file from a mobile app. Resumable uploads are also a good choice for most applications because they also work for small files at a minimal cost of one additional HTTP request per upload. To perform a resumable upload, refer to [Perform a resumable upload](#).

The Google API client libraries implement at least one of these types of uploads. Refer to the client library documentation for additional details about how to use each of the types.