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14-7 Free Synchronization Storage

Who does not want free online storage? The idea behind file sync folders is that any contents will be uploaded on the cloud. File upload programs are slowly shrinking the free amount of data allowed, while people have more and more data to upload. All of the ones I have listed I have accounts with file sync on my laptop, and I like each for a very different reason.

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| Name | Size limit | Pros | Cons | Unique |
| Dropbox (Dropbox) | 2 Gb used to be 5Gb (the amount I have is 5 Gb) | Can upload through a file folder, website, and/or mobile app. Designed to upload photos on a mobile device instantly | Not as cheap unlimited plan as is box is. Box is $15 a month while Dropbox is $20 per month per user. | Designed more for the average individual user needs for uploads and interface on mobile and website. |
| Box (Box) | 10 Gb used to be 50 Gb (I have 50 Gb) | Can update through a file folder, website, and/or mobile app. Allows the user to have the accounts key. | Very basic file storage website and has a limit of 250 MB per file uploaded for free users and goes up to unlimited based on which plan the user has. | Designed more for a business client with multi users that have unlimited storage, while also being the more generous than the other file sync programs. |
| Amazon Drive (Jill Duffy, 2015) | 5 Gb documents/videos, and unlimited photos | Has a computer download program that allows the user to select folders or files to upload once or anytime something changes | The 5 GB goes fast, and leaves many files not uploaded to the cloud, but photos will still be uploaded, | The difference between a file folder and the application is that the file folder either needs to have all the files or moved over to sync. While with amazon the program will sync the selected folders contents to the cloud without having to do anything. |
| OneDrive (Muchmore, 2016) | 5 Gb for free users | The advantage of having a OneDrive account is that it comes with basic office 365 free version that allows someone to open and edit basic documents online without having to by office, or office 365. | If set up during the start of a windows computer, the OneDrive folder will be the default file and will fill up quickly with only a few projects. | The difference from others is that OneDrive folder comes with Windows and does not require any special download. |

Overall my favorite is Box. The reason is that it gives 50 GB of data designed for more long-term data storage and can upload a large amount of data to keep secure. Compared to other online only programs these have options. I can upload from a file on my computer, online, or on a mobile app. Each has advantages and my favorite for photos used to be Dropbox before I got prime, and now I love not having to worry about full storage. Overall I love file sync because of the ease to access and upload, but at the same time is a security risk if the computer gets encrypted so do all the online files.

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