

## Google File Stream - The superior way to upload files to Google Drive (also written in comic sans, still the best font)

*(jokes it's actually written in comic neue, the real best font)*

When you upload files to Google Drive over the web browser, you risk a few things

- 1) If your internet cuts out, the entire file upload may be lost
- 2) You might accidentally close Chrome / Firefox / etc... There goes your upload
- 3) Your browser might go brrr for some reason – rip!
- 4) You need to turn off / disconnect your computer because you need to travel – sadness
- 5) NOT ENOUGH TIME TO UPLOAD AND I NEED TO SKRRRTTT FROM WHERE I AM

By using a desktop sync client, such as Google Backup and Sync or **Google File Stream** – you mitigate these issues! The sync client can figure out how much of a file is synced, and on the event that the synchronisation stops, or you lose internet connectivity – it will pause the sync, and resume it at a later date!

For example: You have a 7GB file, that should take 5 hours to upload.

### **i.e. Using browser to upload**

In 4 hours and 55 minutes you upload 6.8GB of 7GB (97%) THEN SUDDENLY your internet stops working. When it comes back, you see the upload has **failed** and you need to start again. Guess you'll need to wait another 5 hours.. 4hr 55min + 5hr = **9hr 55min because internet died.**

### **i.e. Using a sync client**

In 4 hours and 55 minutes you upload 6.8GB of 7GB (97%) THEN SUDDENLY your internet stops working. When it comes back, your computer has realized that it has already uploaded the majority of the data, so it **continues** the rest of the upload. You wait another 5 minutes for it to finish. 4 hr 55 min + 5 min = **5 hours**

Yay for all!

### **Cool but how?**

Download dis (Windows) - <https://dl.google.com/drive-file-stream/GoogleDrive.exe>

Then log in, and you'll see a new drive appear on your computer!

> *Scenario: I want to access files in a Team Drive*

Trivial, it will appear under **Shared Drives**

> *Scenario: I want to access files in a folder shared to me*

Right click the shared folder, and click **Add shortcut to Drive**; then select a destination folder. That folder will now appear in that destination folder which you can access from *My Drive*