



## Getting started with pCloud



## Congratulations!

By joining pCloud you've just made the first step to having a more organized digital life! Use pCloud to store all your files and keep them secure in one place. It is time to forget about having your files scattered around multiple devices, sharing files as an email attachment or losing your data because of a hard drive malfunction.

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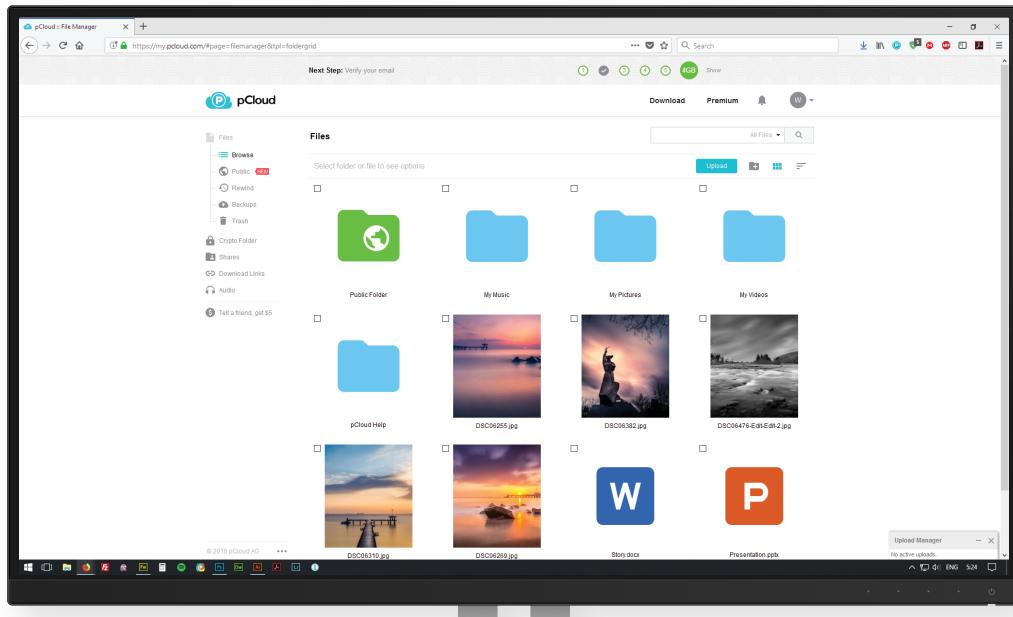
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# Access your pCloud anywhere

You can access your files in pCloud in many ways:

## pCloud Web



pCloud is available virtually for any popular browser. Get quick and easy access to your digital content, preview older versions of your files, share them with others and more.

[Go to my.pCloud.com](https://my.pcloud.com)

# pCloud's Desktop Application

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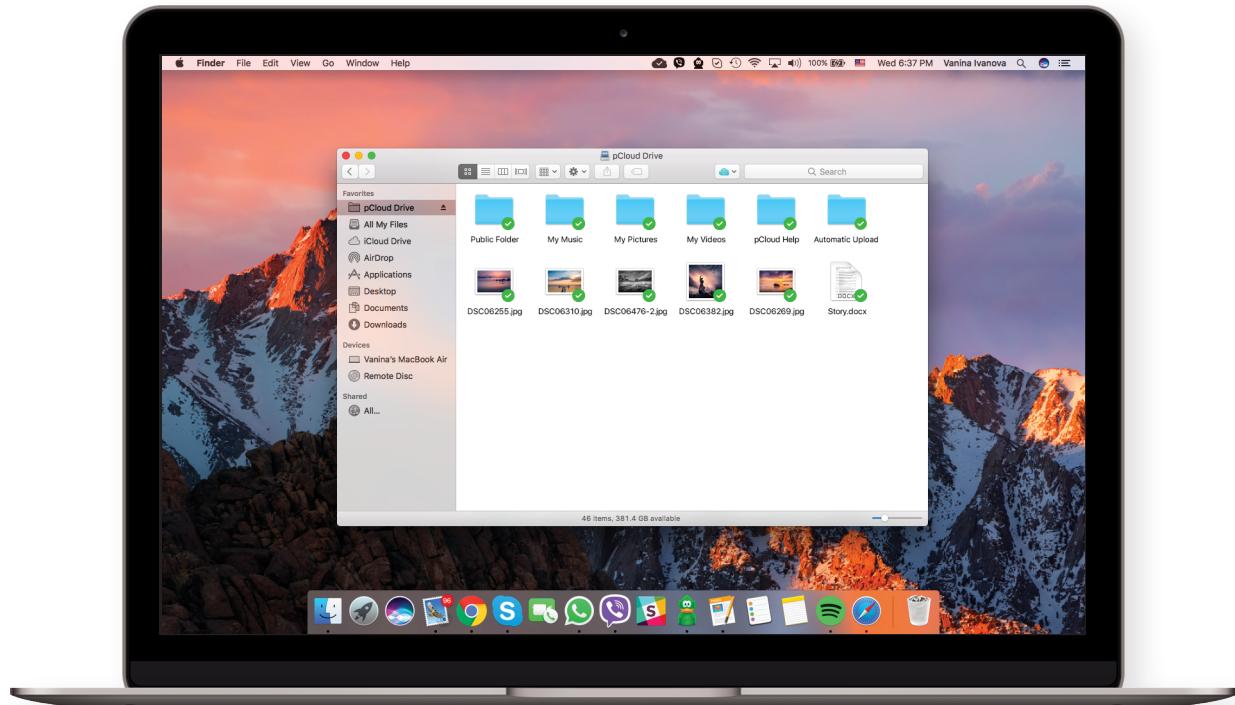
Windows



macOS



Linux



pCloud's app for Desktop is called pCloud Drive for a good reason - it serves as a virtual hard drive on your computer! This means that you can access and edit your pCloud files as any other file on your computer but without them actually taking space on your disk.

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# pCloud's Mobile Apps

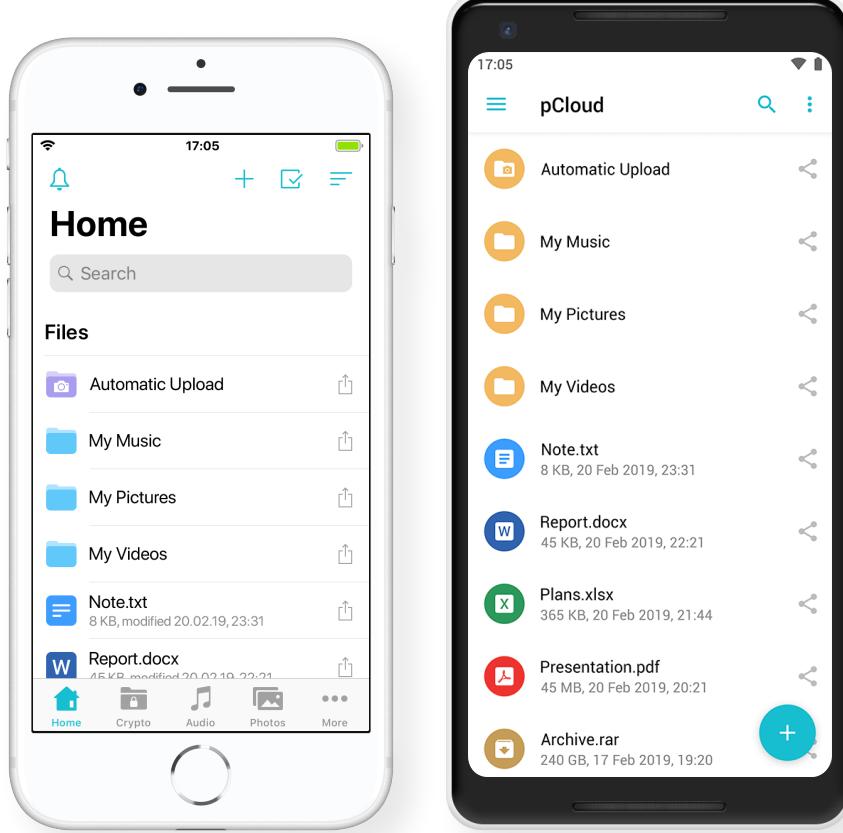
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iOS



Android



With pCloud's Mobile apps all your files will be in your pocket, wherever you go. You can use it to automatically back up your Camera Roll and free up phone space for more photos and videos.

Stream your personal videos, listen to your favorite music or preview documents, on the go.

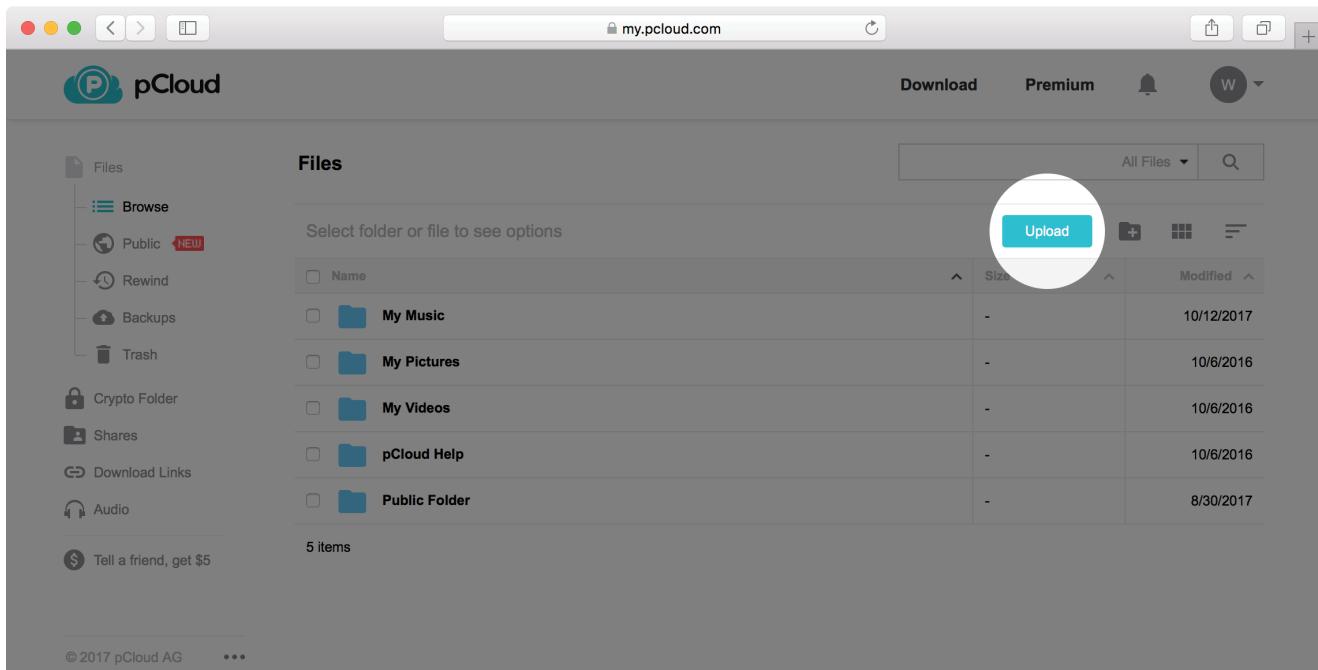


# Add Files to pCloud

There are multiple ways to save your files in pCloud:

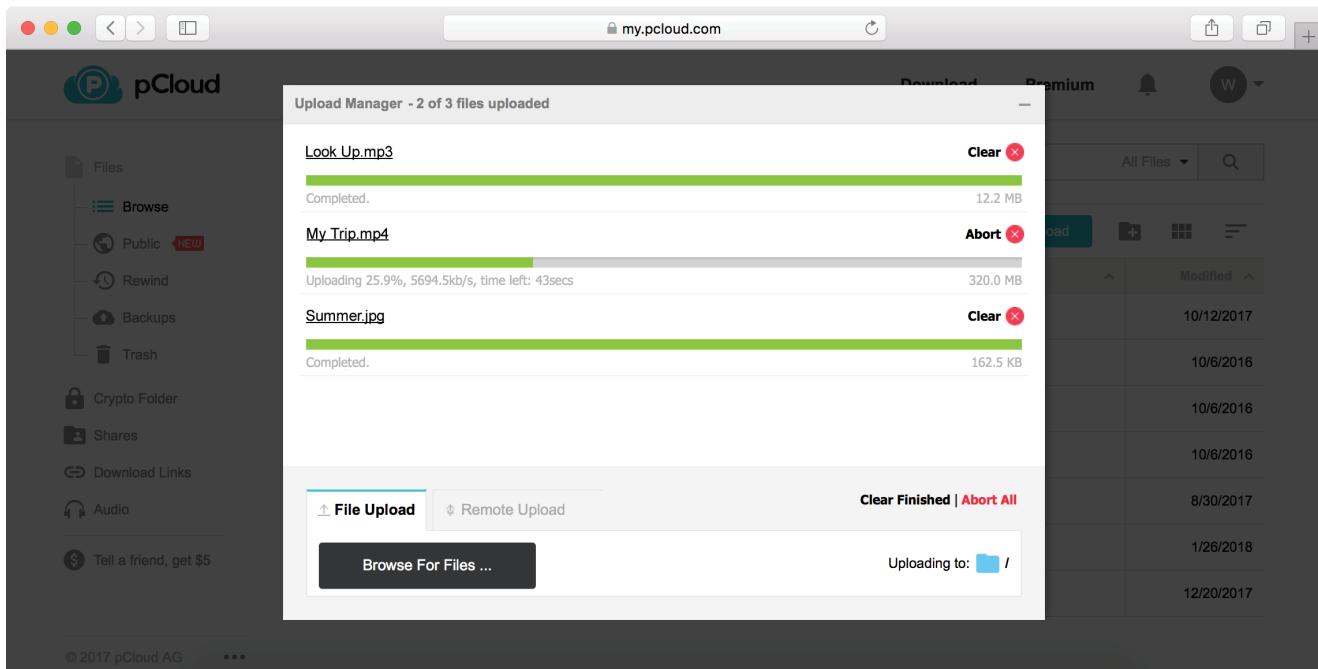
## 1. Web

1. Open my.pCloud.com and click on "Upload" button. This will open the Upload manager.



The screenshot shows the pCloud web interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with options like 'Files', 'Browse', 'Public', 'Rewind', 'Backups', 'Trash', 'Crypto Folder', 'Shares', 'Download Links', and 'Audio'. Below that, there's a 'Tell a friend, get \$5' button. The main area is titled 'Files' and shows a list of folders: 'My Music', 'My Pictures', 'My Videos', 'pCloud Help', and 'Public Folder'. At the top right, there's a search bar and a file list header. A large white circle highlights the 'Upload' button in the top right corner of the interface.

2. Click "Browse For Files" and select the files you want to upload or simply drag and drop them into the browser.



The screenshot shows the 'Upload Manager' dialog box over the pCloud web interface. The dialog lists three files: 'Look Up.mp3' (Completed, 12.2 MB), 'My\_Trip.mp4' (Uploading 25.9%, 5694.5kb/s, time left: 43secs), and 'Summer.jpg' (Completed, 162.5 KB). Below the list are buttons for 'File Upload' and 'Remote Upload', and links for 'Clear Finished | Abort All'. The background shows the same file list as the previous screenshot.



## 2. Desktop

### Directly:

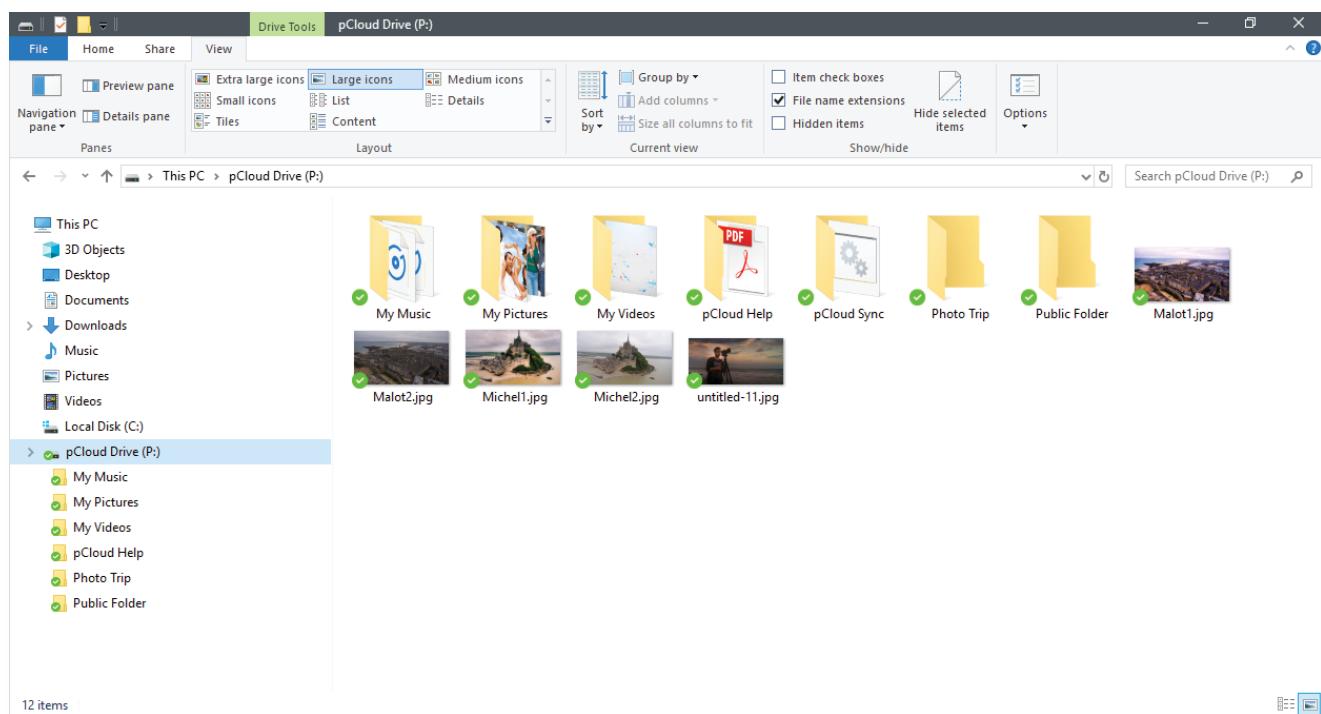
If you'd like to upload a single file, you can copy & paste it to pCloud Drive. However, if you're transferring more than one file, we recommend using pCloud Sync.

### pCloud Sync

Sync connects local folders with pCloud. This connection goes both ways and your files are available for offline access.

- Right-click on a local folder
- Select **Sync to pCloud**
- Choose where in pCloud you'd like to save the folder
- Click **Add sync** to confirm

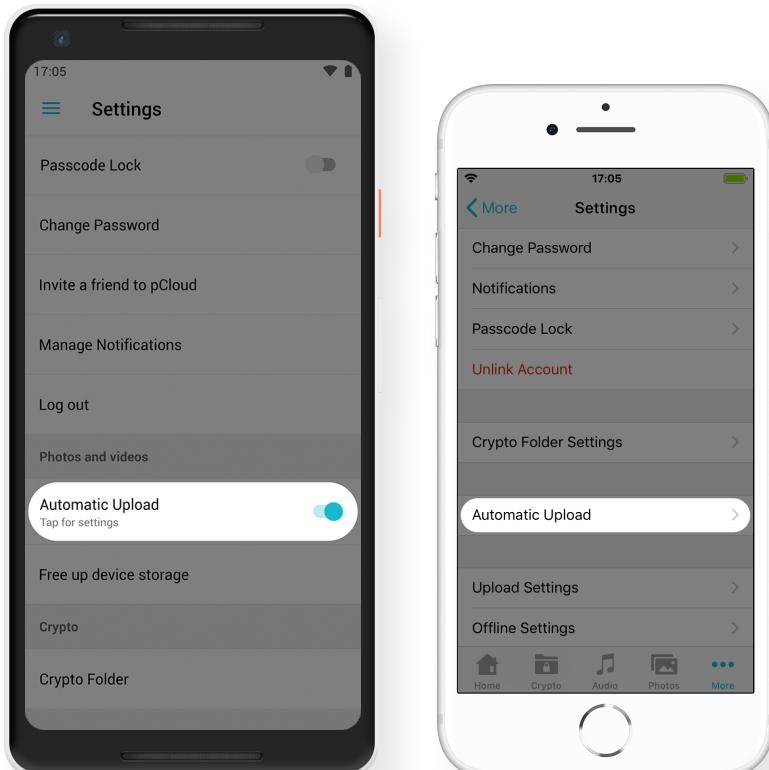
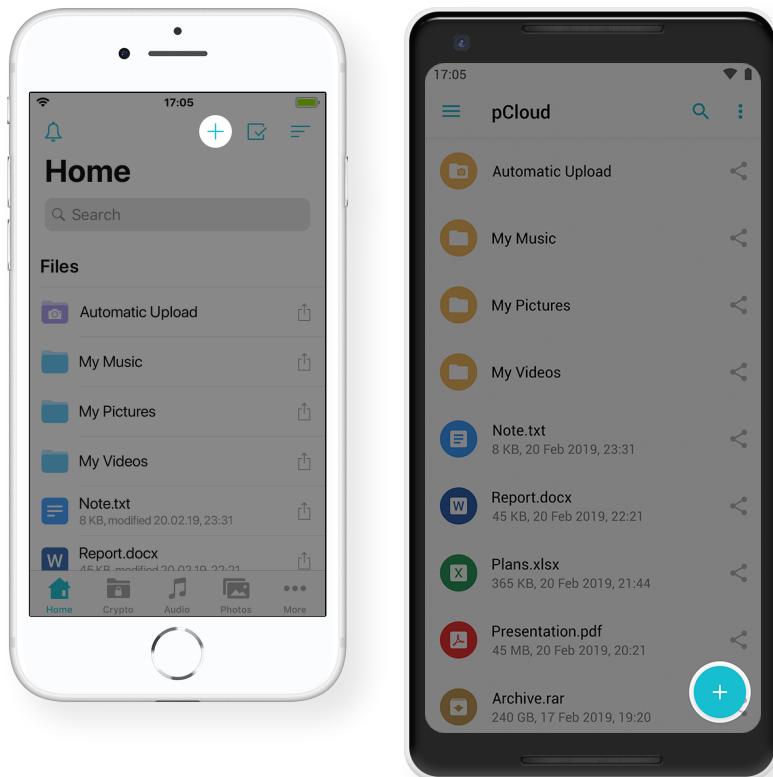
Files will appear with green checkmarks once fully uploaded.



### 3. Mobile Apps

Open the pCloud App

Tap the + (plus) icon (iOS – at the top / Android – at the bottom of your screen) to select and add files.



#### Bonus:

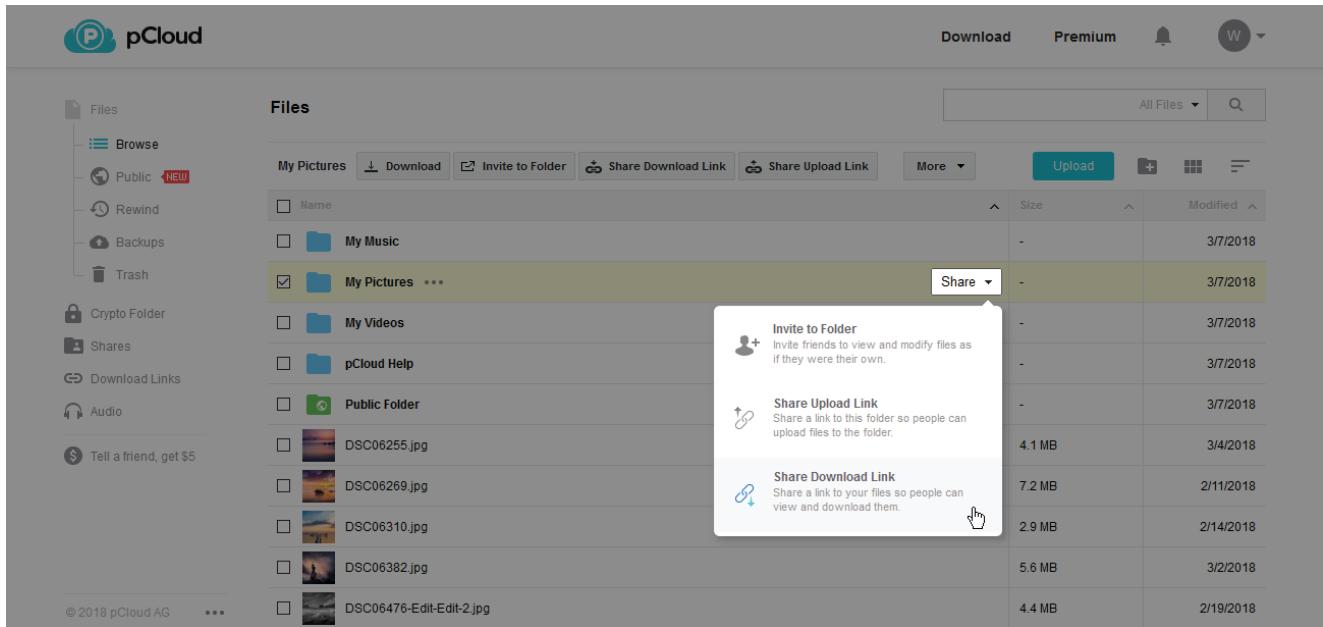
To always have a copy of the photos and videos from your Camera Roll, turn on Automatic Upload from Settings. Rest assured no important memory ever gets lost.

# Share files, regardless of their size

You want to share files that are too large to email? With pCloud you can share large files with your friends, clients or teammates by generating Download links. The best part - your friends don't need to register to preview and download the files.

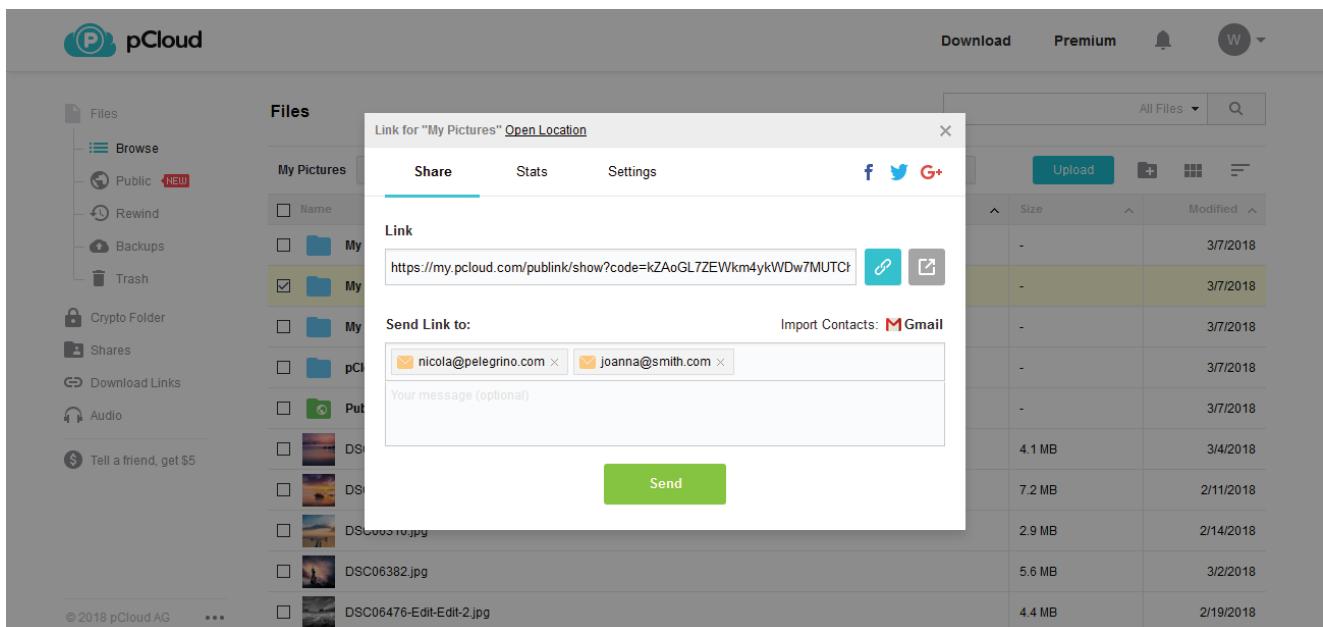
## Web

Click the 'Share' button next to the file/folder you want to send. Choose 'Share Download link'.



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A dialog will open containing the generated link. You'll also see a list of the most common ways to share it (email, social media, etc.).

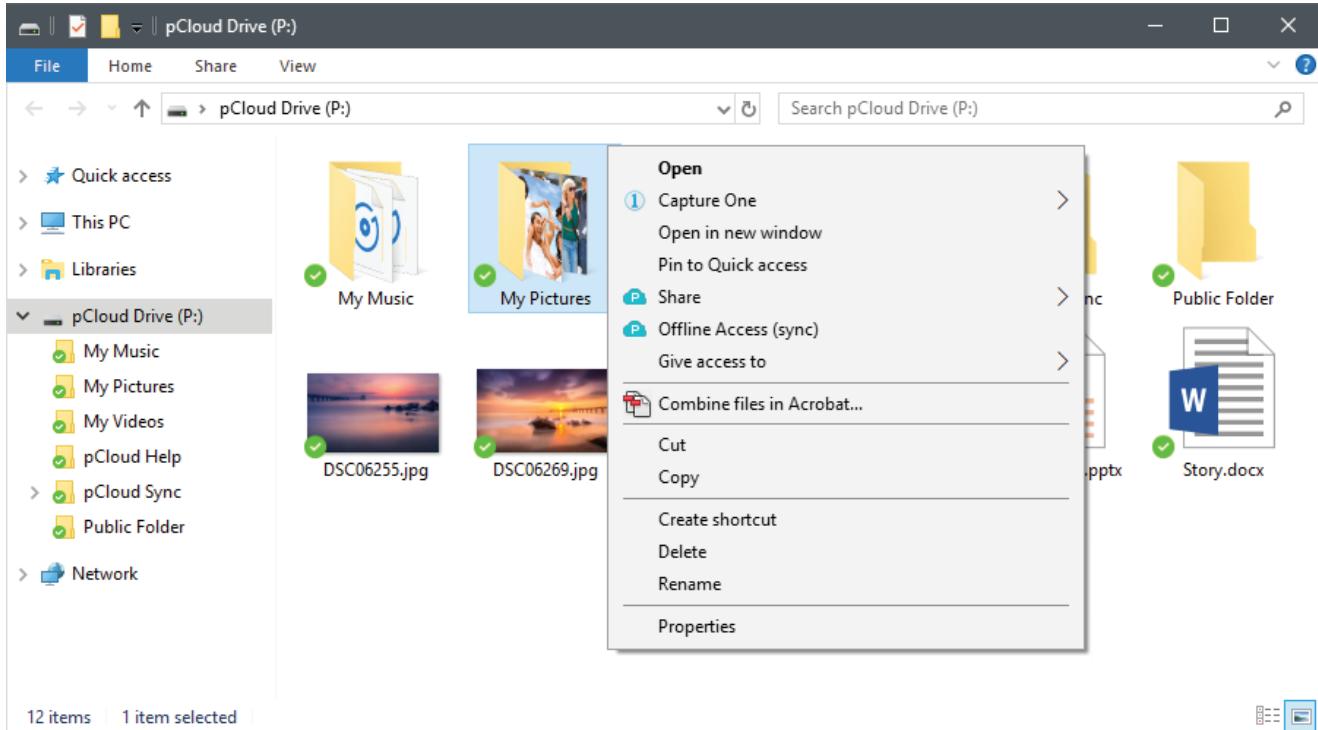


This screenshot shows the same pCloud interface as above, but with a 'Share' dialog box overlaid on the 'My Pictures' list. The dialog has tabs for 'Share', 'Stats', and 'Settings', with 'Share' currently selected. It displays a generated link: <https://my.pcloud.com/publink/show?code=kZAoGL7ZEWkm4ykWDw7MUTCf>. Below the link are fields for 'Send Link to:' with two email addresses entered: 'nicola@pelegri...@smith.com'. There is also a 'Import Contacts' section with a 'Gmail' button. At the bottom is a large green 'Send' button. The background list of files remains visible.

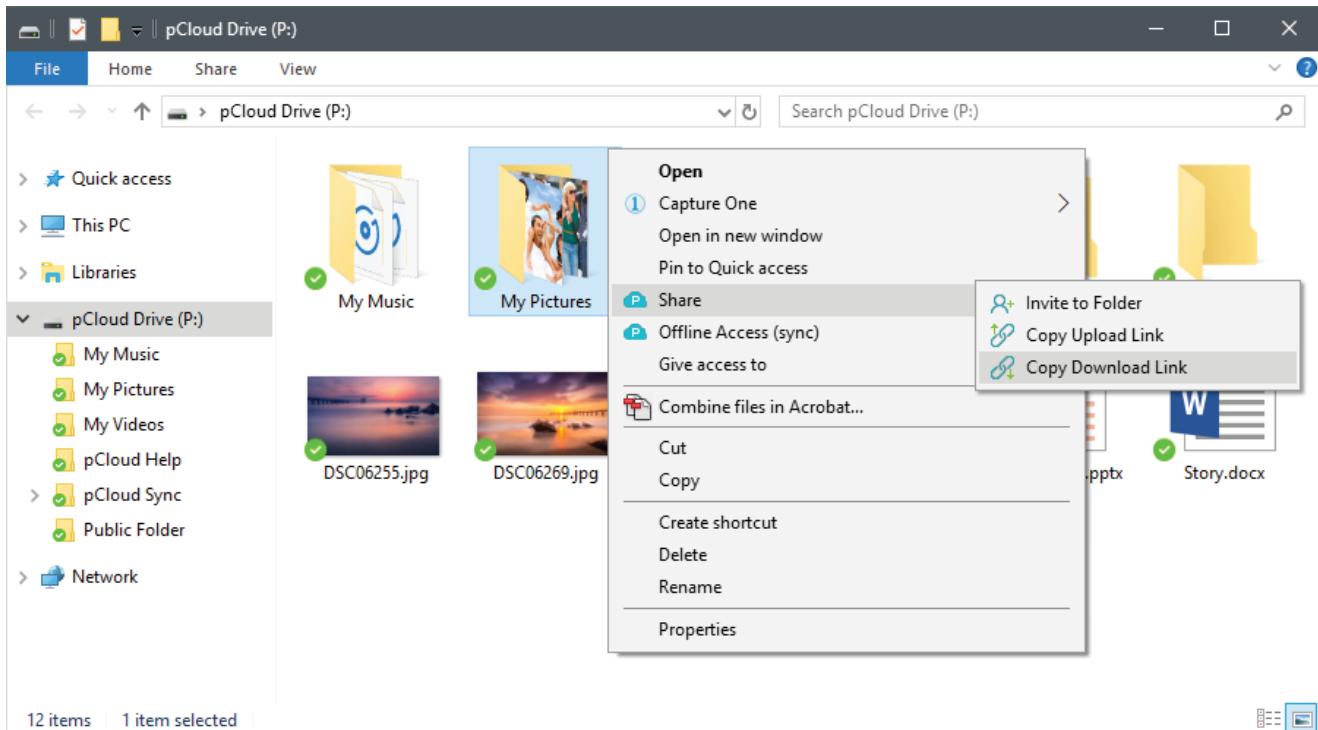


# Desktop

Right-click on the file/folder you want to share.



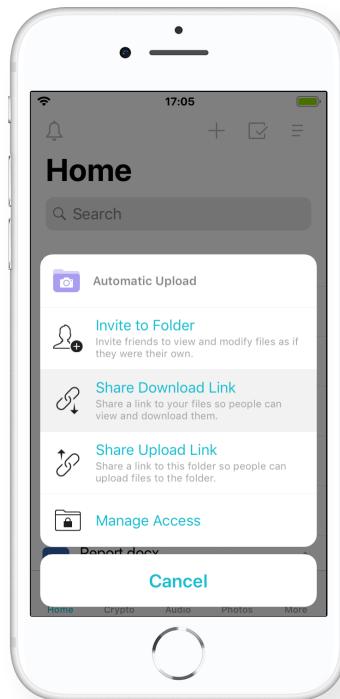
From the context menu, choose Share > Copy Download link.



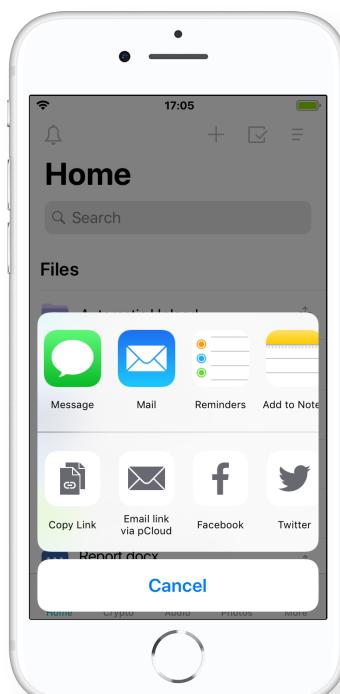
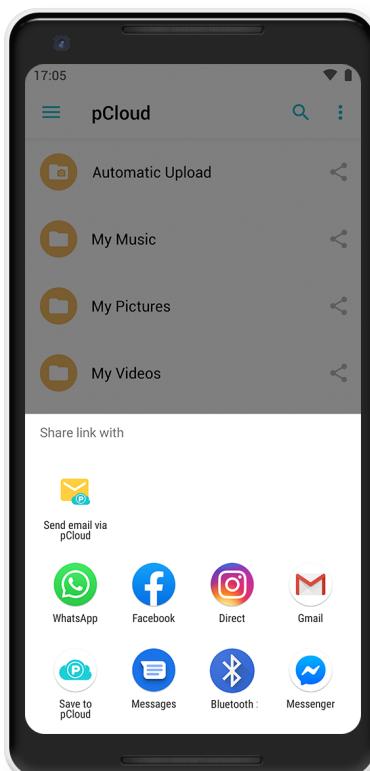
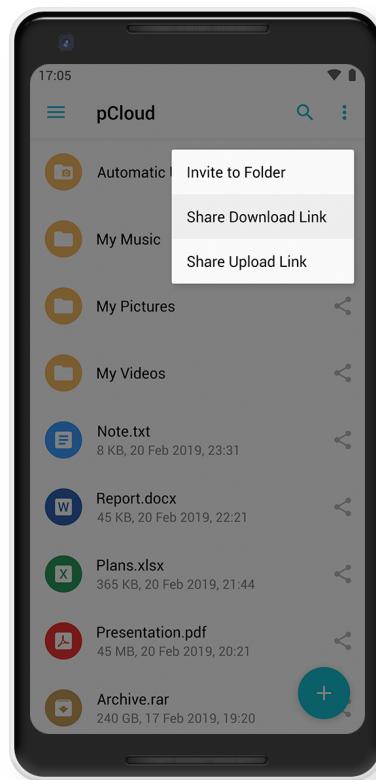
The link will be automatically copied to your clipboard. Paste the link in a email or a messaging app to share it.

# Mobile App

Find a file/folder you want to share and tap on the Share icon next to it.



Select Share Download link.



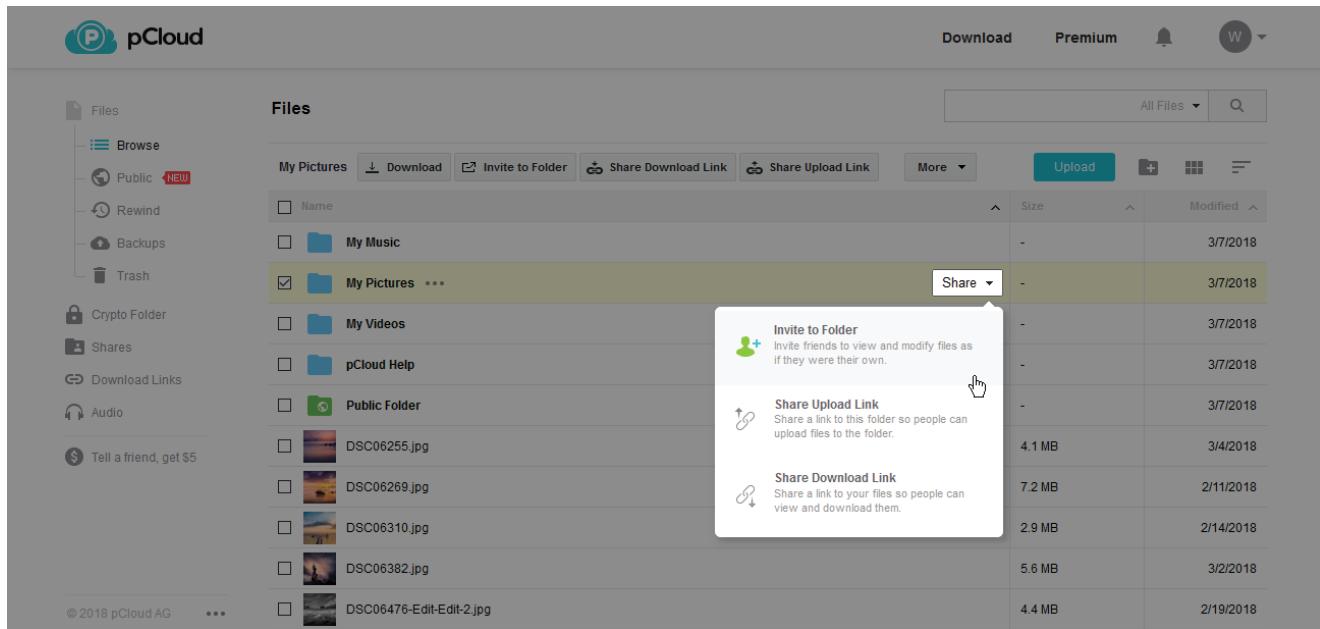
Choose among the list of suggested apps to share, or copy to clipboard.

# Collaborate with others

You want to share your files with teammates or friends, work on them together and track changes in real-time? You can do this with any folder in your account with the option 'Invite to Folder'. Set access permissions, type the emails of the people you want to invite and pCloud will send them an invite with a link to join your folder (even if they don't have pCloud account yet). Here is how to start collaborating:

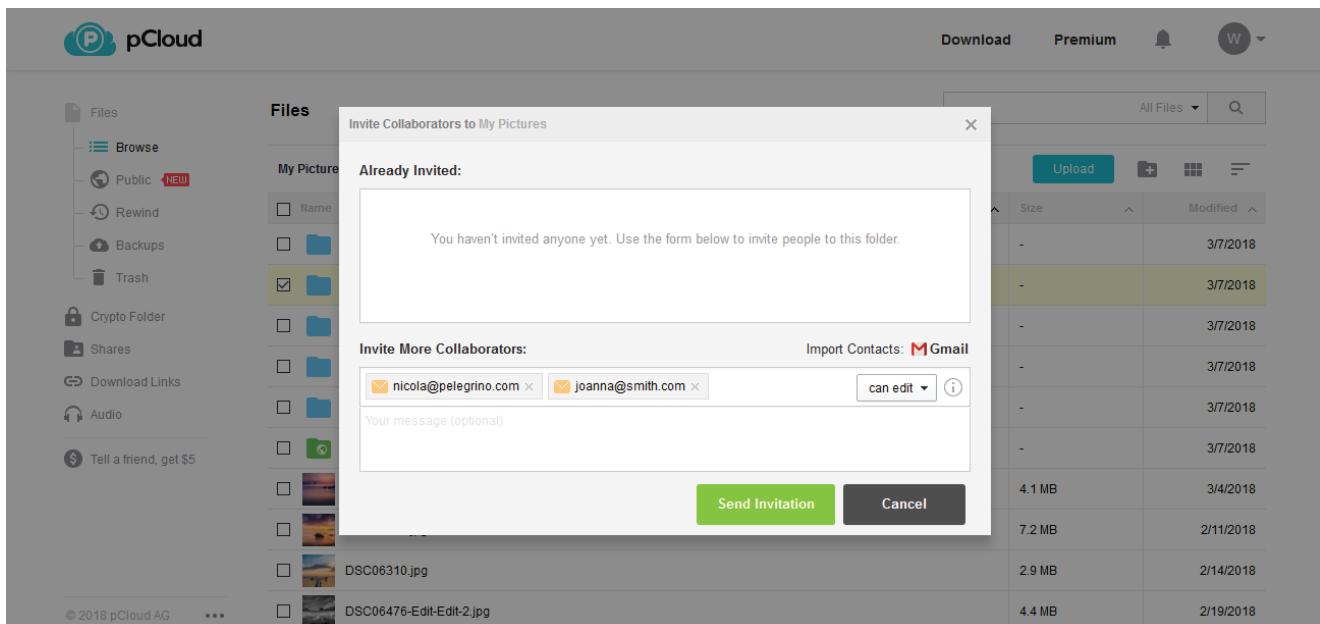
## Web

Click the 'Share' button next to the folder you want to collaborate on. Choose 'Invite to Folder'.



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Add the emails of the people you want to share your folder with.

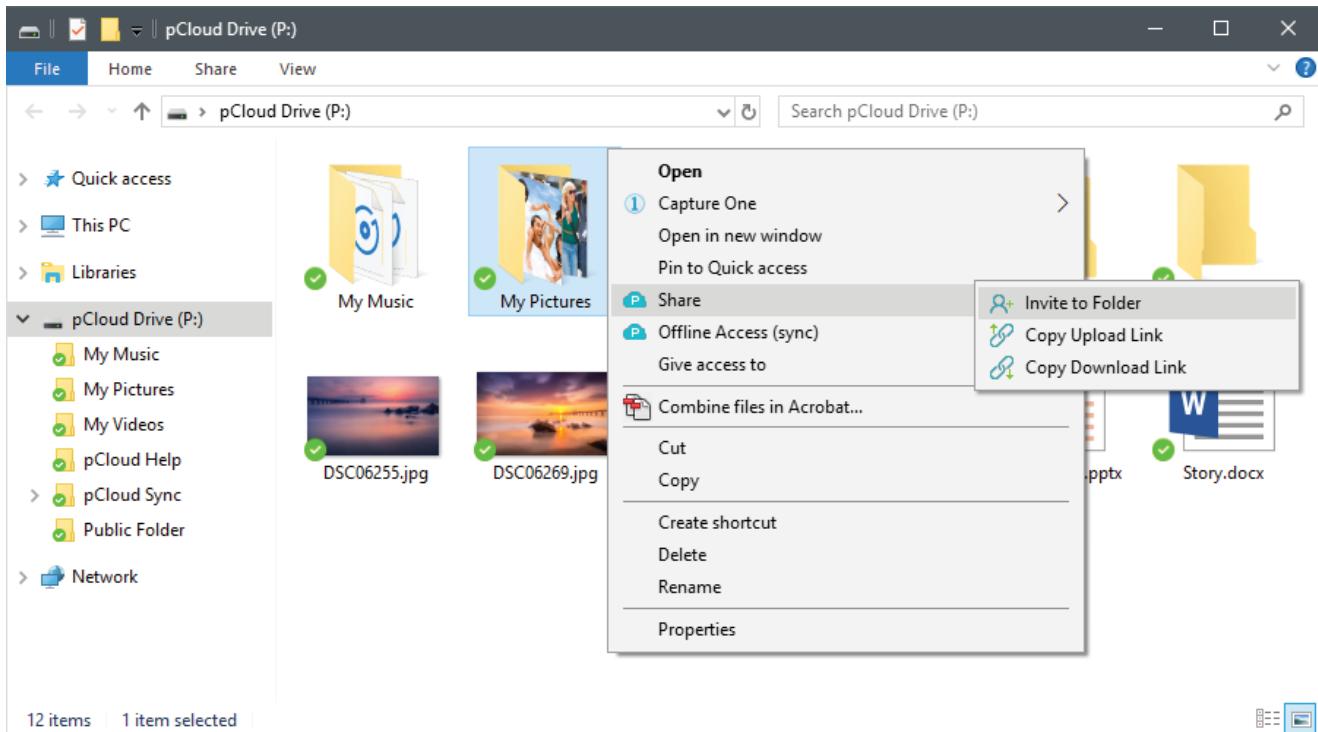


The screenshot shows the 'Invite Collaborators to My Pictures' dialog box. It has sections for 'Already Invited' (empty) and 'Invite More Collaborators'. Under 'Invite More Collaborators', there is a text input field containing 'nicola@pelegrino.com' and 'joanna@smith.com', with a note that they can edit the invitation. There is also a 'Import Contacts' button and a 'Gmail' link. Below these fields is a message input field labeled 'Your message (optional)'. At the bottom are 'Send Invitation' and 'Cancel' buttons. The background shows the same file list as the previous screenshot, with 'My Pictures' still selected.

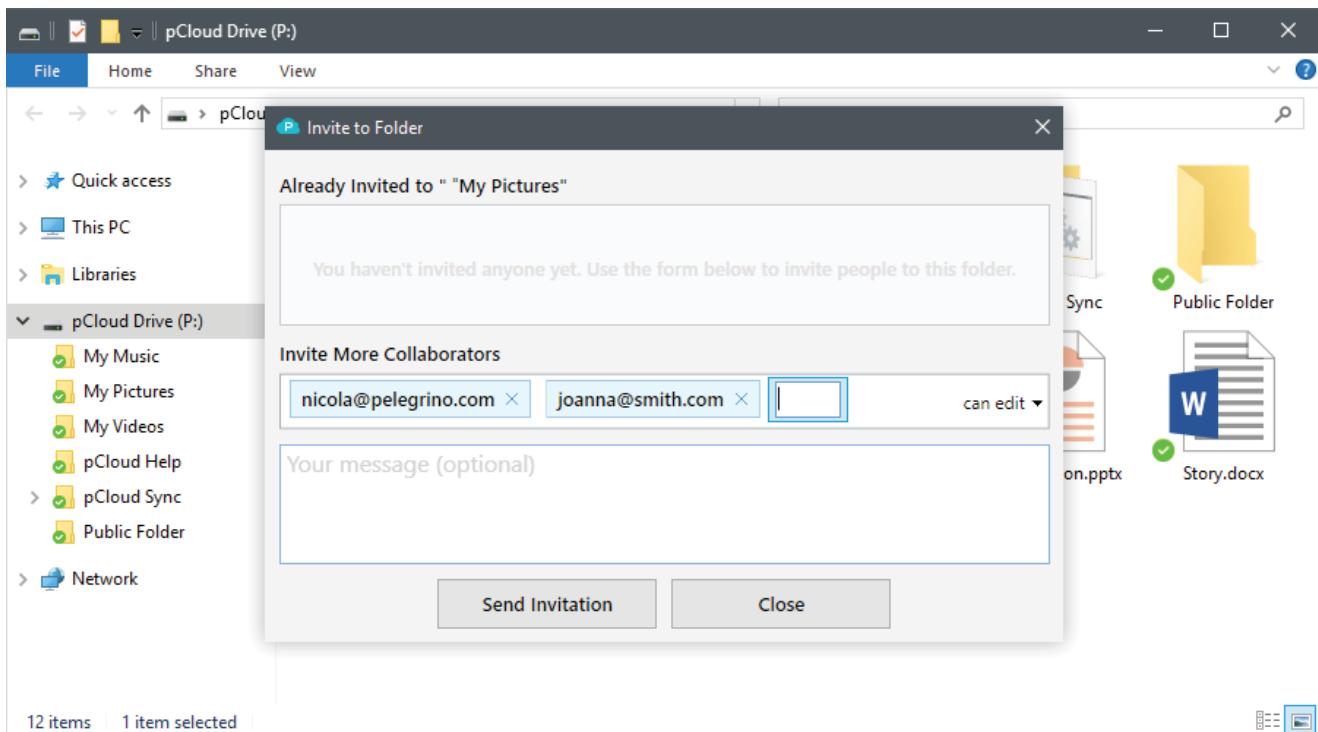


# Desktop

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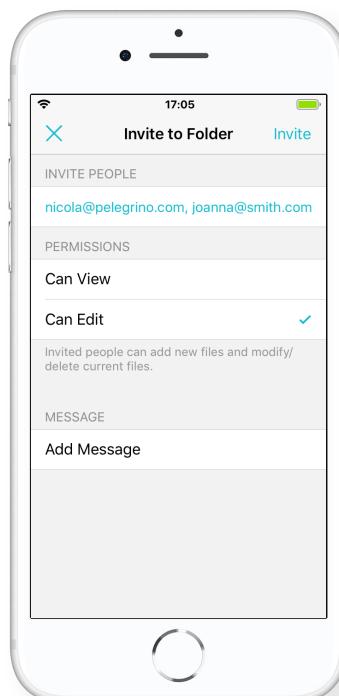
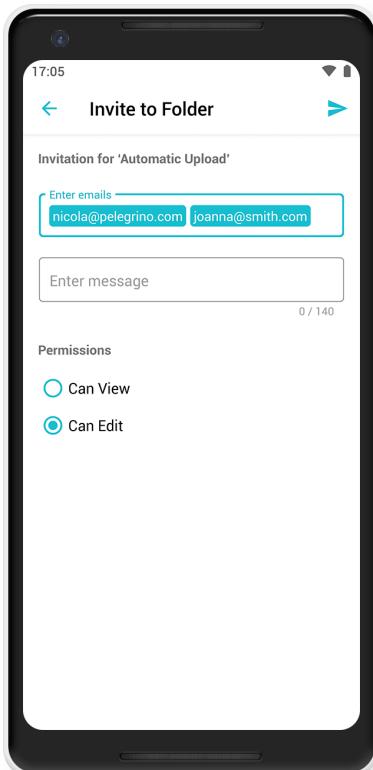
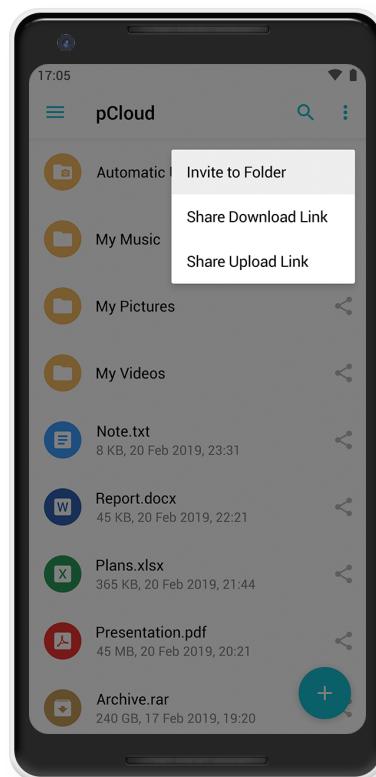
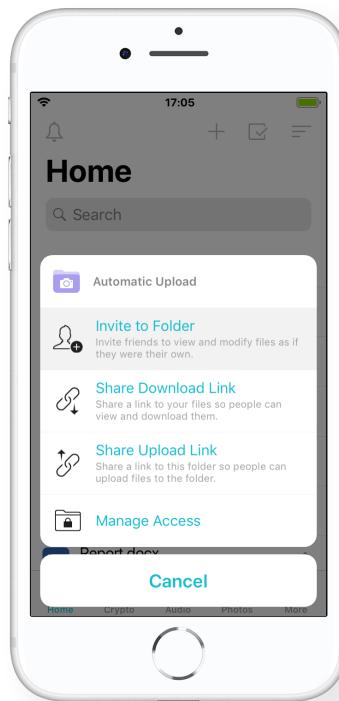
Invite some people to your folder via email.



# Mobile App

Tap on the Share icon next to the folder you want to share.

Select "Invite to Folder" from the menu.



Type in the emails of the people you want to invite.



You will receive a notification, when someone joins your folder and starts adding or editing files.

# Personalize your Download links

It only takes 7 seconds to make a strong first impression. Present your best work in the best possible way. Personalize your Download links with your own cover, image and message.

## Web

Open my.pCloud.com and generate a Download link. Click "Activate Branding"

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Add a cover, title image or description and click "Save"

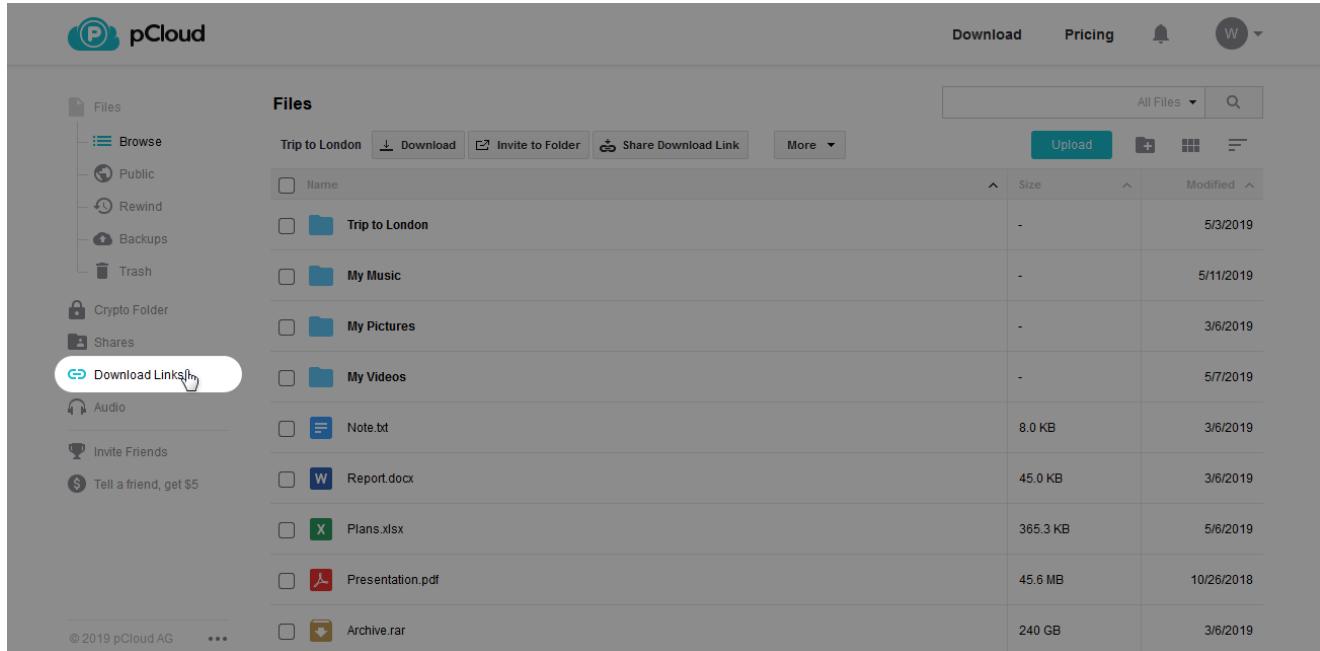
The screenshot shows the 'Custom Branding' interface. At the top, there's a 'Custom Branding' header, a 'Show preview' button, a 'Clear' button, and a 'Save' button. Below the header, there's a preview area featuring a cover image of a person holding a camera over a bridge at sunset, a title 'Joanna Smith', and a description 'London is such a great city! I really enjoy my trip to this beatiful place.'. In the bottom half of the interface, there's a section for the 'Trip to London' folder, which contains a file named 'Presentation.pdf' and a folder named 'Archive.rar'. The folder has a 'Download' and 'Share' button. Below the folder, there's a preview of the London skyline.



## Easily add a single Branding template to all your Download links.

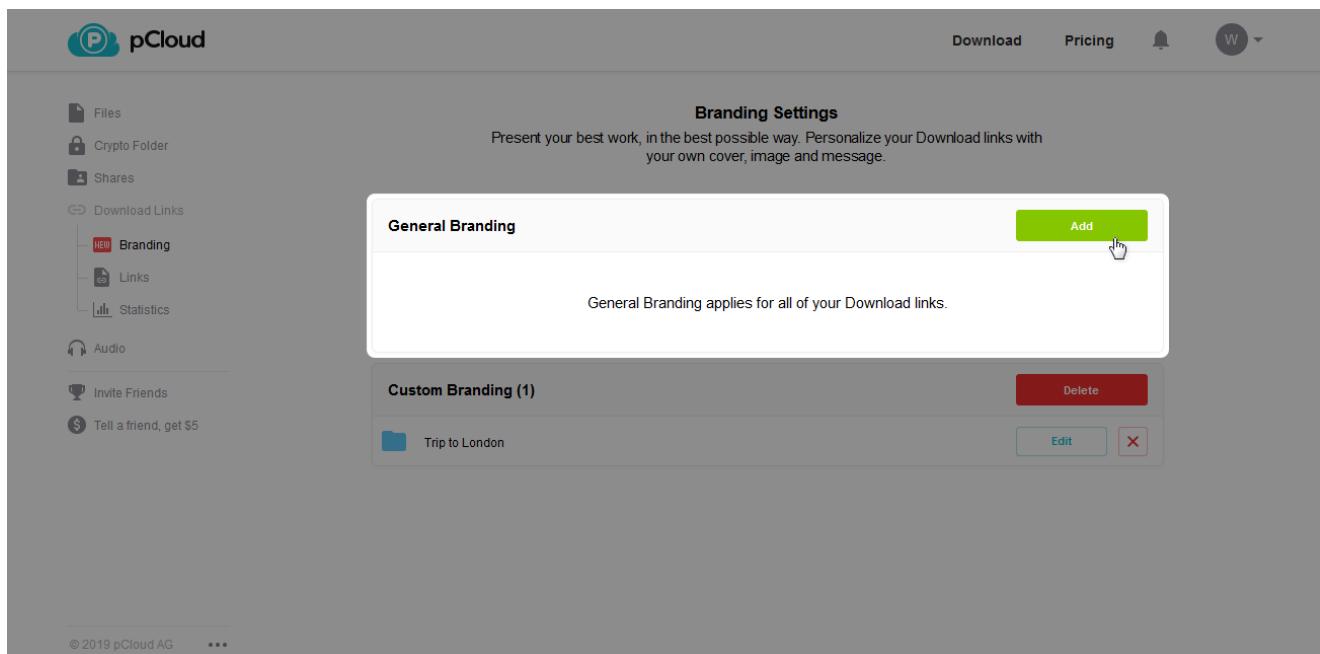
If you'd like to apply a certain look for all your Download links (both new and existing), you can activate General Branding.

Open my.pCloud.com and go to Download links > Branding



The screenshot shows the pCloud web interface. On the left sidebar, under 'Download Links', there is a 'Branding' option with a red box around it and a cursor icon pointing to it. The main area is titled 'Files' and shows a list of files and folders. The columns are 'Name', 'Size', and 'Modified'. The files listed are: Trip to London (Folder), My Music (Folder), My Pictures (Folder), My Videos (Folder), Note.txt (Text file), Report.docx (Word document), Plans.xlsx (Excel spreadsheet), Presentation.pdf (PDF), and Archive.rar (RAR archive). The 'Modified' column shows dates from 5/3/2019 to 10/26/2018.

Locate the General Branding setting and click "Add"



The screenshot shows the 'Branding Settings' page. The left sidebar has a 'Branding' option with a red box around it and a cursor icon pointing to it. The main area has a heading 'Branding Settings' with the sub-instruction 'Present your best work, in the best possible way. Personalize your Download links with your own cover, image and message.' Below this is a 'General Branding' section with a green 'Add' button and a note stating 'General Branding applies for all of your Download links.' At the bottom is a 'Custom Branding (1)' section for 'Trip to London' with 'Edit' and 'Delete' buttons.



# Useful Tips

There is so much more you can do with pCloud!  
Here are just a few examples:

## 1. Protect your files with unbreakable encryption

Use pCloud Crypto as a safe deposit box for your passwords, financial reports and other confidential files. pCloud Crypto uses client-side encryption, which means that files are already encrypted on your device before being uploaded to the cloud. With pCloud's zero-knowledge privacy policy, only you have access. [Try it for free now.](#)

## 2. Receive multiple files

Use Upload links to receive files from friends, even if they don't have a pCloud account. Click the share button next to the folder you want the receive the files in (for desktop right-click and select "Share") and choose Upload link. Create the link and share via email or a messaging app.

## 3. Protect your Download links with a password

If you are sharing sensitive information and don't want to lose sleep over leaked data, add a password lock to your links. Open my.pCloud.com, select a file/folder and click Share > Share Download link. In the pop-up window, go to the Settings and enter a password for the Download link. Only people with this password will be able to access your link. You can also set an expiration date. These features are available with [pCloud Premium](#).

## 4. Save any file from the web directly to pCloud

[Download pCloud's web extention](#) for Chrome, Firefox or Opera and save any file or text from the web directly to pCloud.

## 5. Free up space from your phone

Turn Automatic Upload on in your mobile app. This will trigger an ongoing backup of all photos and videos from your device. Once your files are uploaded, go to the Automatic Upload settings (Android) or Upload Settings (iOS) and click "Free device storage". This option will delete only photos and videos from your device, which are already securely uploaded to pCloud.

## 6. Access files offline

pCloud allows you to always have access to the set of files you need the most, even if you don't have an Internet connection. On mobile, select the file or folder you want to have always available and tap "Offline". On desktop, right-click a folder and select "Offline access". [Learn more](#).

## 7. Host your static website

Use pCloud to host static websites with Public Folder. The feature comes with any [Premium / Premium Plus plan](#), but you can [try it for free](#) as well.

## 8. Learn more about the great things you can do with pCloud

[Visit our Help Center](#)