



Switching to Drive from Dropbox

Differences at a glance



In the past, you might've used the consumer version of Dropbox™ outside of work. You'll find many similar features—and additional benefits—when you use Google Drive to store your files in the cloud.

Get Drive: drive.google.com [Android app](#) | [iOS app](#)

Feature	In Dropbox	In Drive
Storage	Store any file type (<i>Microsoft Outlook® files, image files, PDFs, and so on</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store any file type (<i>Outlook files, image files, PDFs, and so on</i>) • Store files owned by you in My Drive
Ways to share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People in your organization • Groups • External collaborators • Teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People in your organization • Google Groups • External collaborators
Set sharing access	2 access levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can edit and comment • Can view and comment 	4 access levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View only • Comment only • Edit access • Owner (<i>can transfer ownership</i>)
Control sharing visibility	2 ways to control visibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific people • Public (<i>folders only, searchable on the web</i>) 	6 ways to control visibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific people or Google Groups • Anyone with the link • Anyone in your domain with the link (<i>not searchable in Drive</i>) • Everyone in your domain (<i>searchable in Drive</i>) • Public on the web (<i>searchable on the web</i>) • Set sharing expiration dates
Advanced search	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File type • Ownership • Opens with • Domain only • Date modified • Contains words • Shared with
Sort files and folders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Date modified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Date last modified • Date last edited by me • Date last opened by me
Track versions and changes	Version history	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage versions • Activity stream
Access offline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile devices • Desktop computer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile devices • Desktop computer • Web browser (<i>Chrome browser only</i>)



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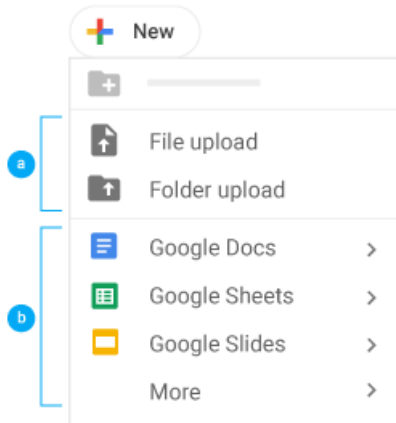
Feature	 In Dropbox	 In Drive
Delete a file	Automatically “Deleted” on all devices <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moved to Trash folder and doesn’t count against storage quota• Permanently deleted after 30 days	Automatically “Removed” on all devices <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moved to Trash folder but still counts in storage quota• Kept indefinitely in Trash folder unless you permanently delete it









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Work with files

Your most important features exist in Drive, too.

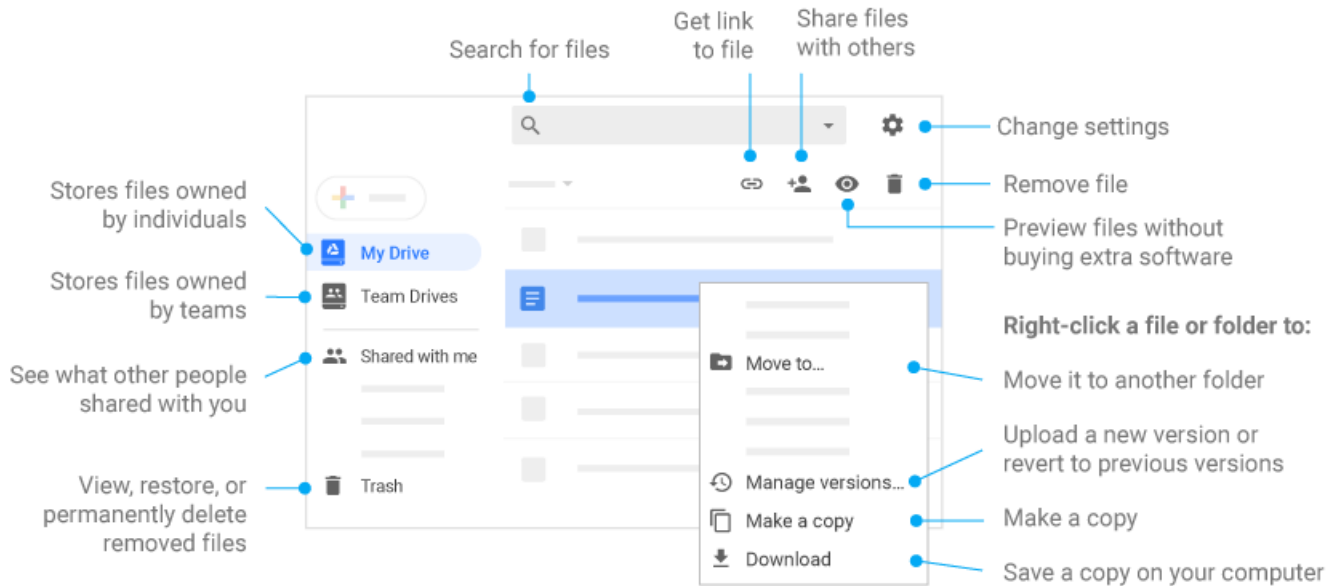
1 Click  to...

- a** Upload any file (such as Microsoft® Outlook® files, PDFs, and videos) or folder from your computer.
- b** Create new documents right in your browser.

Editor	Description	Example uses
 Google Docs	Text documents	Proposals, reports, shared meeting notes
 Google Sheets	Spreadsheets	Project plans, budget sheets
 Google Slides	Presentations	Pitch decks, training modules, team presentations
 Google Forms	Surveys	Customer satisfaction surveys, group polls
 Google Drawings	Shapes, charts, and diagrams	Flowcharts, organizational charts, website wireframes, mind maps
 Google Sites	Websites	Team sites, project sites, resume sites

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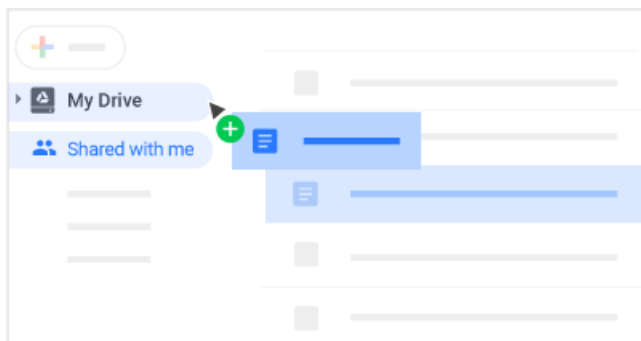
2 Work with files stored in Drive.



3 Share your files and folders by clicking Share + and then choose what collaborators can do. They'll get an email notification, too.

	Delete files and folders	Add and remove files and folders	Share or unshare files and folders	Edit Docs files	Commer
Is owner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Can edit	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Can comment	—	—	—	—	✓
Can view	—	—	—	—	—

4 Add shared files to My Drive.



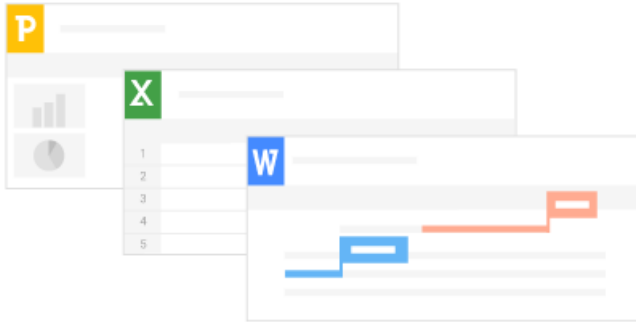
Note: When you move a shared file to My Drive, it only moves the file in your view, not in anyone else's.



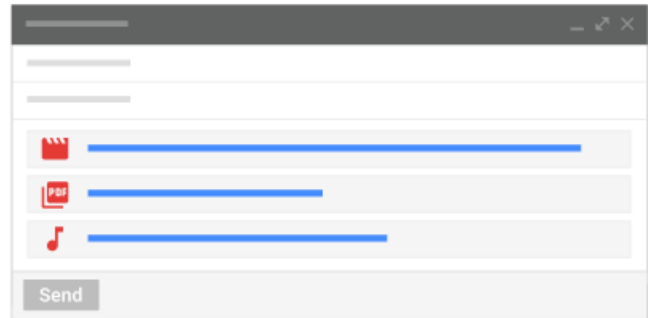
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Do more with Drive

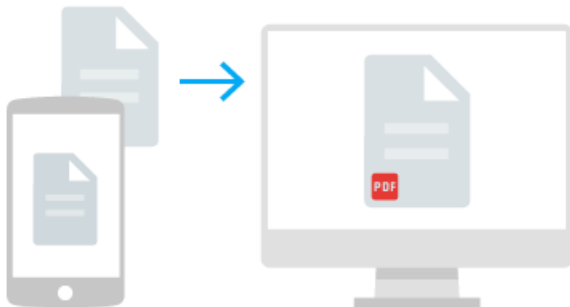
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