



## The “Cloud” is a network of servers

Network = Interconnected computers

Server = computer that takes commands from other computers, executing programs and storing/retrieving files

When using **The Cloud**, you are using your device to command another computer to do the work that you want done. Cloud applications create a user interface on your device to enable the interactions needed to accomplish the work.

### Google Cloud Applications Examples

- Word Processing
- Spread Sheets
- Drawings
- Presentations
- Photos
- Calendar
- Contacts
- Translate
- **File Storage and Retrieval**

## File Storage and Retrieval

You upload a copy of files to a server in the cloud for later use, sharing or recovery.

You can share with other people or other Internet connected devices that you have (ie, smart phone)

Your choice of Cloud file storage service depends on what you want to do, how much data and what you can afford.

- List of top Cloud Storage services: <http://cloudnewsdaily.com/cloud-storage/>
- Comparisons of various Cloud Storage Services: <https://www.cloudwards.net/comparison/>

### **Drop Box**

Easy to use file storage / sharing / collaboration service

2GB free 1TB is \$9.99 per month

Tutorials:

<https://www.dropbox.com/tour/0> very basic

<https://youtu.be/29qfd5zDU8A> a good one

Search YouTube for “dropbox tutorial”

### **iDrive**

Easy to use file storage / backup / restore

5GB free 1TB \$52 first year

Tutorials:

[https://youtu.be/clgq7QEL\\_z0](https://youtu.be/clgq7QEL_z0) short intro

[https://youtu.be/VRda9W\\_rlks](https://youtu.be/VRda9W_rlks) 9 min but good

<https://www.idrive.com/videos> iDrive page with several tutorials

<https://www.idrive.com/help/Windows/backup>

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