

Understanding “Cloud Drives”



- There are many “Clouds” to choose from with probably the most common being Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, and Apple iCloud Drive, however there are many others as well.
- Having your files stored in a "Cloud" offers you a way to keep all your files synchronized across multiple devices (iPads or tablets, Laptops, Desktops, etc). When a file is uploaded or changed on one device, all the devices connected to your "cloud account" will then be updated to reflect the current file changes.
- Most of the major "Cloud Drives" offer a desktop app that will install and integrate into your desktop browser (File Explorer in Windows or Finder on Macs). This allows you to organize or move files, or create folders just as you would do with any of your files on your hard drive.
- A file in the "cloud" is available anywhere you may be, such as at the Family History Library, "on the road traveling", etc.
- What if your computer hard drive suddenly dies? Don't worry, your files are still stored on your cloud drive. Just reinstall your "cloud's" desktop app, and the files will download back to your desktop. This should NOT be your only backup strategy though!!
- Use the 3-2-1 Backup Strategy to protect your files. (see [webpage](#) for more information on this strategy.)