Cloud Computing:
*DropBox, Google Docs, Prezi,*
*and more*

**SANDALL Brown Bag**
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The Cloud

- What is working in the cloud?
  - Working online
    - Storing online
      - “Guaranteed” backup
    - Accessing your data from anywhere, anytime with Internet access
Questions to ask …

- Is my data secure?
- What do I do if I am not connected to the Internet?
- Will I need to change my behavior?
  - Emailing attachments vs. sharing
- Will others I collaborate with ‘buy in’?
- What happens if/when my paid account expires?
- “Who owns the data”? 
Be careful…

- The data is not necessarily backed up like your work drive or personal drive that you have set up at home.
- If your account is compromised you will need to contact the sites’ help people.
  - *Many universities won’t help you with third party applications*
Working in the Cloud

Do not be afraid to explore the many tools available to you
3 Helpful Tools for Working in the Cloud

- DropBox
- GoogleDocs
- Prezi
- There are many more ....
DropBox  [https://www.dropbox.com/](https://www.dropbox.com/)

- Free and cost versions
  - More storage space when you pay
- Easy to use
- Allows you upload files in one step
  - `.doc, images, video, etc`
- Can share with others
  - Allowing access to your folder/s
- Does not work unless you are connected to the web
- Always synching so you can be up to date on all of your computers, phones, and tablets
Google Docs [https://docs.google.com/](https://docs.google.com/)

- **Free**
  - all you need is a Gmail account
- **Allows you to share your documents with others**
- **A lot of storage space (there is a limit at some point)**
- **Types of files you can create are:**
  - Documents (can convert to a .doc)
  - Presentations (… .ppt)
  - Spreadsheets (… .xls)
  - Forms
  - Drawings
Prezi  http://prezi.com

- Free and cost versions
- Good way to group and present ideas
- You always start with a large clean canvas
  - Zoomable canvas makes it easy to look at details and the big picture
  - Begin to chart ideas using different font sizes to emphasize importance
  - You can add images and videos
Prezi con’t.

- You can import your MS PowerPoint and GoogleDoc Presentations and start from there
- You can share presentations with others
- Prezi Desktop also available “for maximum and working offline.”
- You can create a link to your presentation for others to view:
  http://prezi.com/0fulwsncuyzt/final_asaro/
Commercial storage

- Amazon’s Simple Storage Service (S3)
- Apple’s iCloud
- …many others…
  - [http://www.cloudstorageproviders.org](http://www.cloudstorageproviders.org)
- You can use your Google and Dropbox accounts for storage as well….even your web-based email (for some of us it has been doing that for years!)
Many options available

- Amazon’s Cloud Drive, Kindle, et cetera
- Apple’s iCloud, iPad, iTunes, et cetera
- Evernote
- Flickr
- Online Banking
- Twitter (make personal lists/tweets)
- YouTube
- and on and on and on…
Staying Safe and Have Fun!

- *The Cloud* is here to stay
- Be smart about how you work in/with it
- Enjoy working in the cloud, it’s where we are headed…so explore it, you can’t break it!
Thank you for your attention!

Questions?
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