



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

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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/>

- ▶ 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



GoogleDocs <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>
- ▶ 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

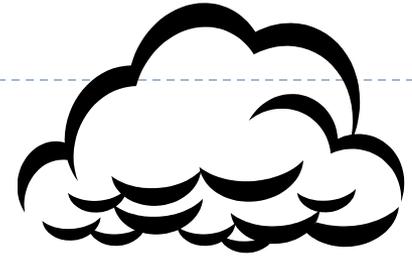
- ▶ Amazon's Cloud Drive, Kindle, et cetera
- ▶ Apple's iCloud, iPad, iTunes, et cetera
- ▶ Evernote
- ▶ Flickr
- ▶ Online Banking
- ▶ Twitter (make personal lists/tweets)
- ▶ YouTube
- ▶ and on and on and on...



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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