

Nextcloud

[Nextcloud](#) is a cloud platform that you can set up on your own server, so you can store, sync and share files without needing a third-party service. It's often seen as a private alternative to platforms like Google Drive, Dropbox or OneDrive, but it offers much more than just file storage. With Nextcloud, you can create a personal or organisational cloud system that you control completely, including your data, permissions and branding.

At its heart, Nextcloud makes it simple to access your files from anywhere while keeping them on the infrastructure you manage. You can upload documents, photos and other files, sync them across devices and share them with others through secure links or shared folders. Because it's self-hosted, it's a great choice for people and organisations who value privacy, compliance and ownership of their information.

What really sets Nextcloud apart is its ability to do so much more than just store files. It can include calendars, contacts, notes, task management, collaborative editing, video calls and more, depending on how you configure it. This makes it feel less like a single app and more like a full cloud ecosystem. It's flexible enough to serve a personal home server, a small team or even a larger organisation that wants more control than a commercial cloud service offers.

Nextcloud is also known for its open-source nature and active community. It can be extended with apps and integrations, which means users can customise it to their needs instead of adapting their workflow to someone else's product design. It does require more setup and maintenance than a hosted service, but that trade-off gives you independence, customisation and the peace of mind that your data isn't floating around in someone else's business model.

In short, Nextcloud is a powerful self-hosted cloud platform that combines file syncing, sharing and productivity tools in one private environment. It's a practical solution for anyone who wants the convenience of the cloud without giving up control, which is a very reasonable way to resist modern digital chaos.

I use Nextcloud for my personal files and for my work. I have been using it since it was spun off from ownCloud. It does everything for me that I need, calendars, contact list, office suite and whole bunch of stuff. I'm a fan

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