



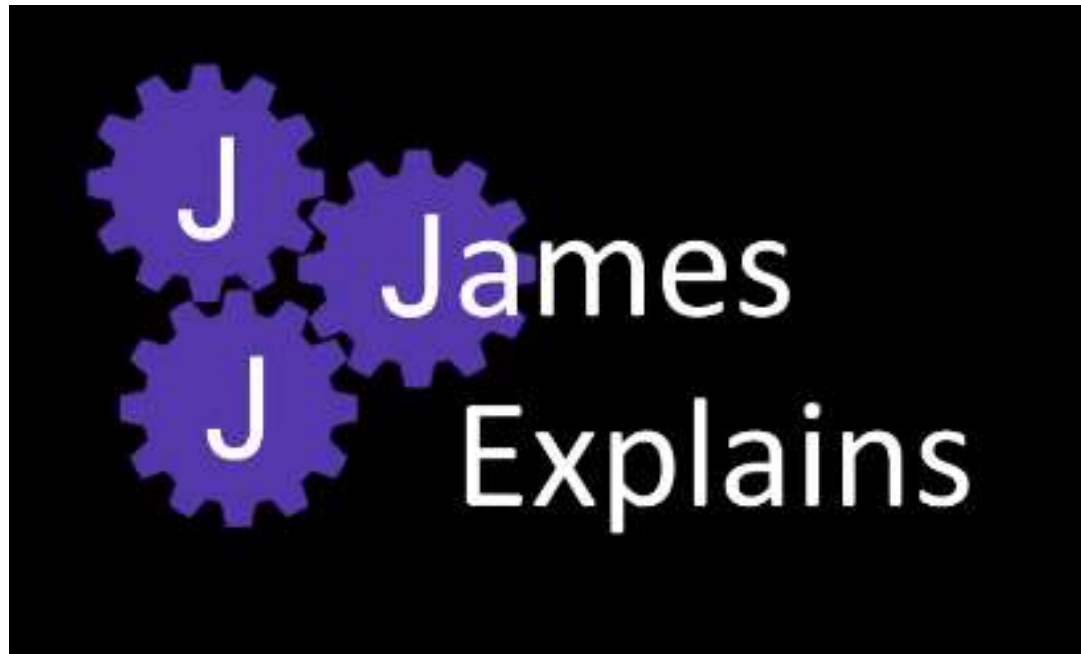
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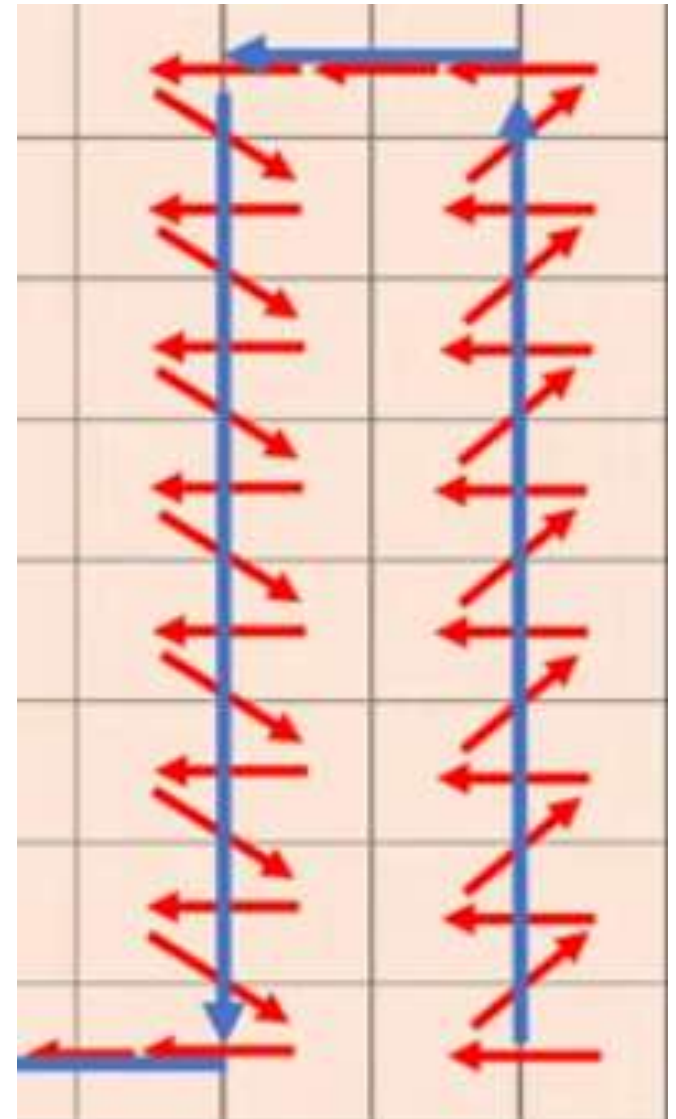
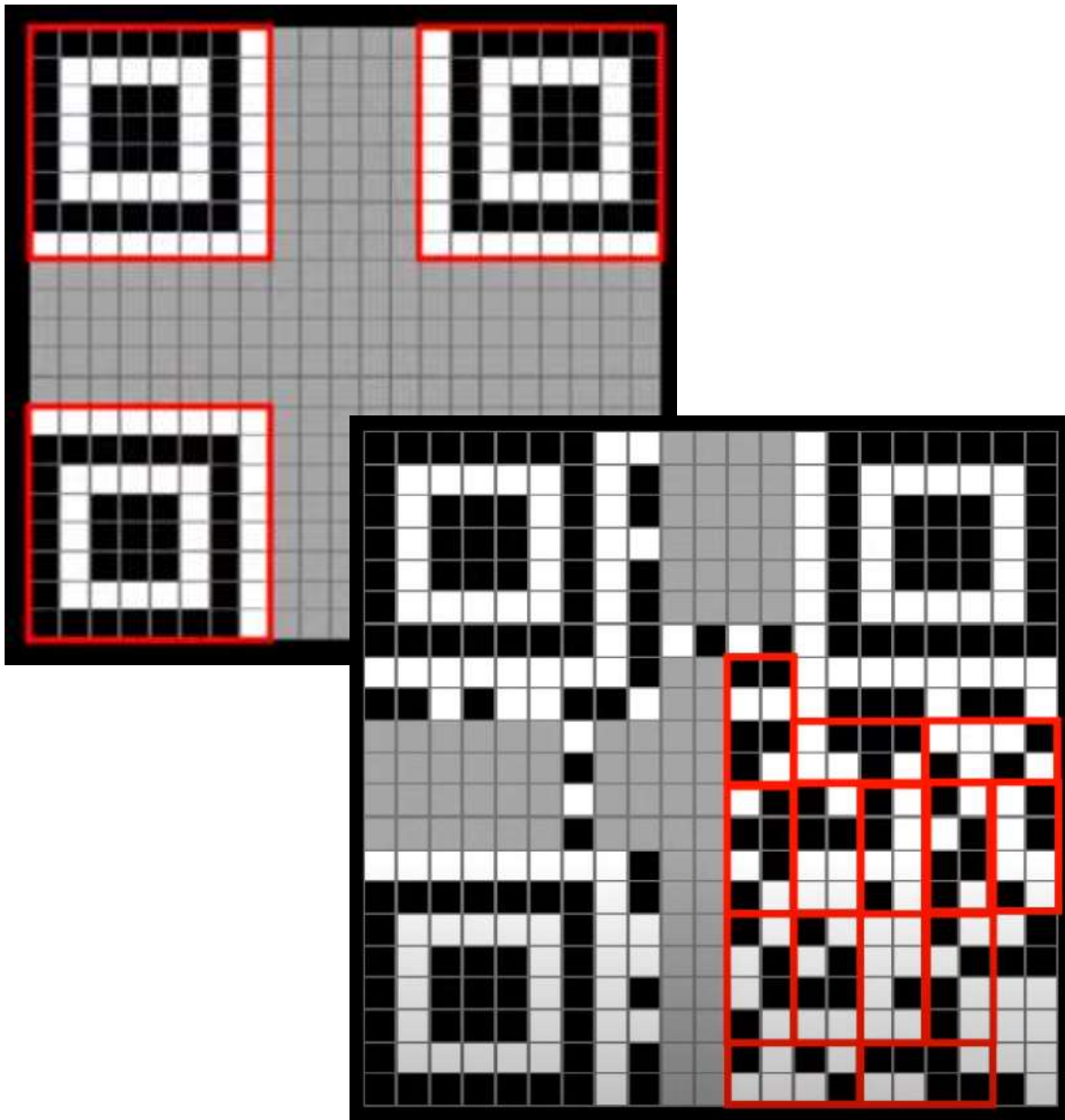




How QR Codes Are Built

YouTubeTech



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=142TGhaTMtI>



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Chrome *Incognito mode*



- When is *incognito* mode not *incognito*?
- When it is done by Google, of course!
- What is *Incognito mode* (private browsing)?
 - <https://opcug.ca/Articles/2311NEWS.pdf>
- Google settled lawsuit that
 - claimed it secretly tracked internet use of people who thought they were browsing privately
 - alleged Google's analytics, cookies & apps let Alphabet track activity when Chrome set to *incognito* mode
- Turned Google into “unaccountable trove of information”
 - letting them learn about friends, hobbies, favorite foods, shopping habits & “potentially embarrassing things”

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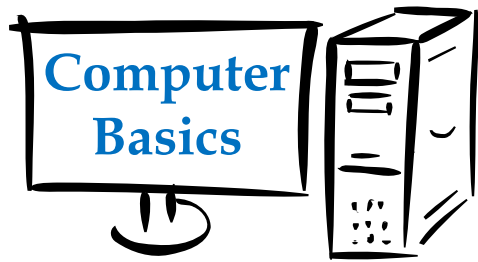
Settlement

- Google
 - agreed to destroy billions of records
 - will update disclosures about what it collects in “private” browsing
 - will let incognito users block third-party cookies for five years
- Plaintiffs’ lawyers wrote
 - Google will collect less data from users’ private browsing sessions, & Google will make less money from the data
- Users will not receive damages
 - they may still sue individually for damages

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Is Incognito mode useful?

- Signing in to multiple email accounts
 - instead of using separate browsers or signing in & out of accounts
- Shopping for gifts
 - targeted ads from previous browsing might give away the secret
- Avoid auto-fill suggestions in the future
 - if you have a one-off need for something, Incognito mode can prevent suggestions for things you looked for previously
- Booking travel or online shopping
 - some companies keep track of what you've searched for
 - increase prices the next time you visit the site
- Getting new perspective
 - YouTube gives suggestions on what to watch based on viewing history
- View your own website as an outsider
 - see what it looks like to new visitors

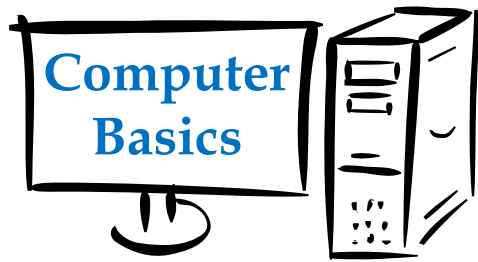


Sharing files

- Good article from Window Intelligence
- *HomeGroups* used to be an easy way to share files between multiple PCs
 - Microsoft did away with *HomeGroups*
- Four options listed
 - wireless *Nearby Sharing*
 - share files in the cloud
 - network attached storage
 - traditional Windows network file sharing

This week





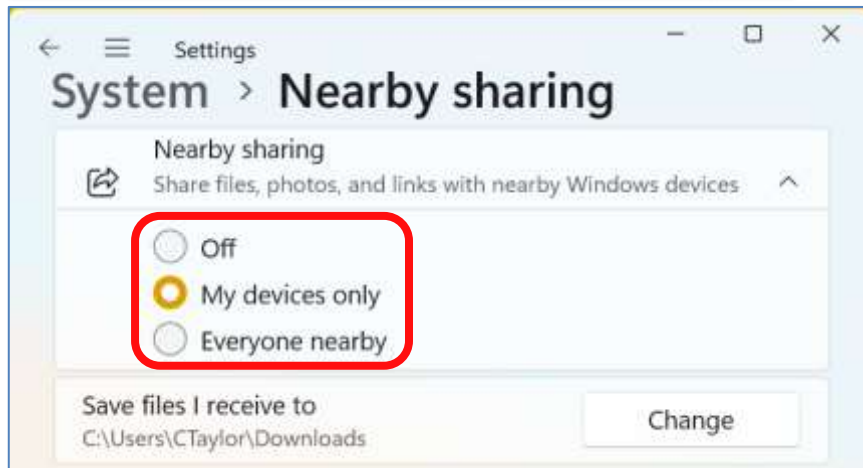
Wireless Nearby Sharing



- Like Apple's *AirDrop* or Google's *Quick Share*

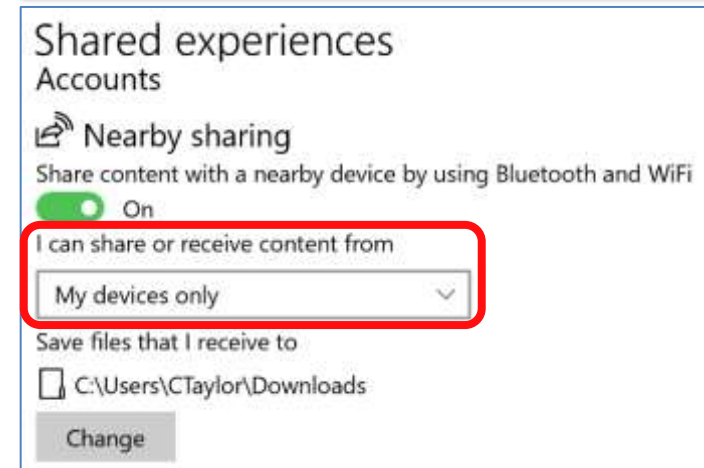
Windows 11

- Settings > System > Nearby sharing



Windows 10

- Settings > System > Shared experiences

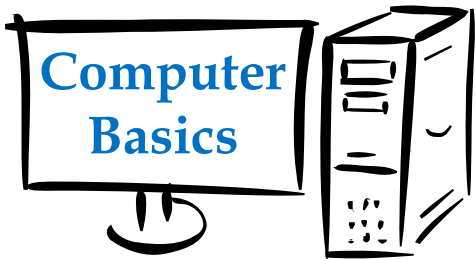


My devices only

- computers signed-in using same Microsoft Account

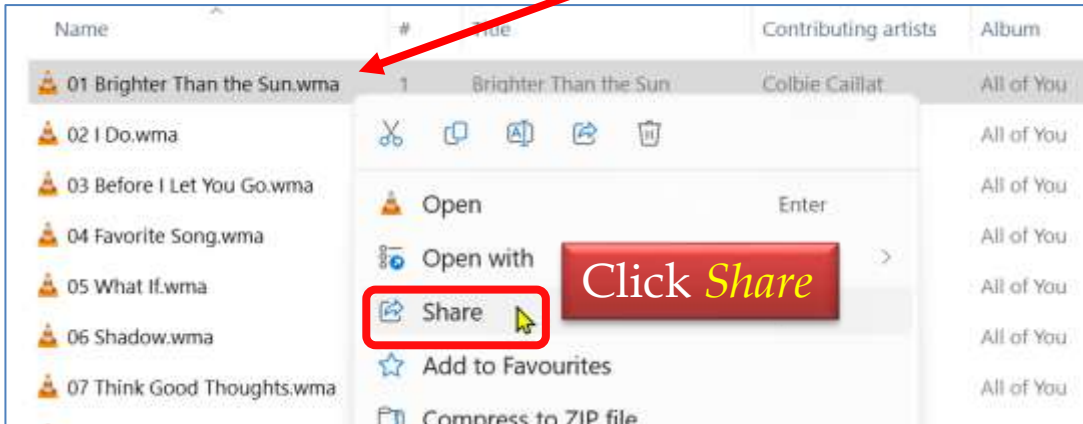
Everyone nearby

- anyone

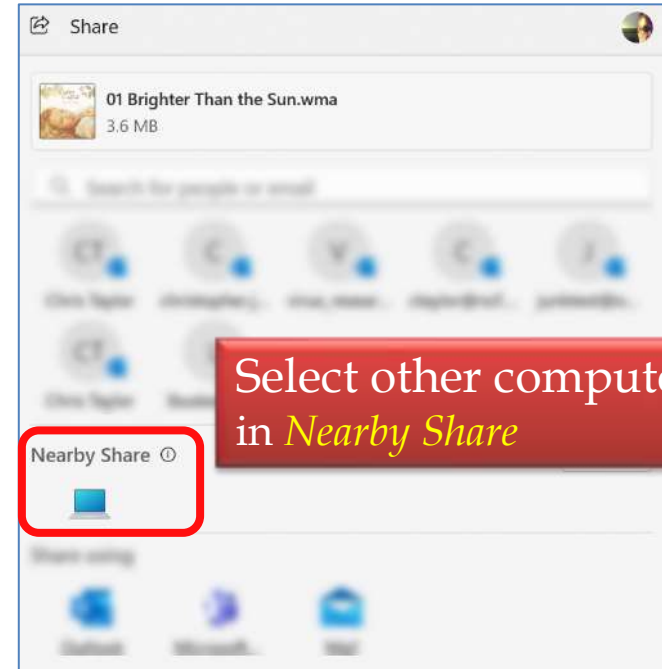


Sharing a file

Right-click file to share



Click *Share*



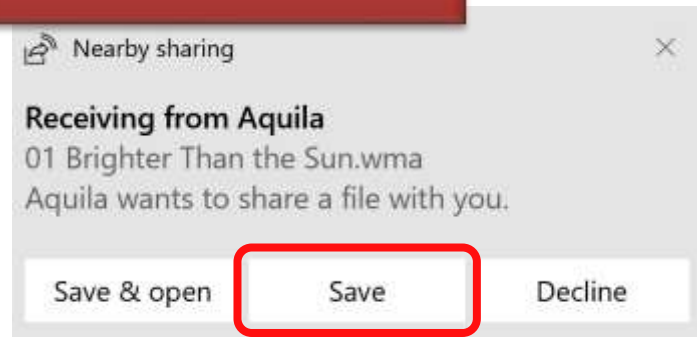
Select other computer in *Nearby Share*

Notification appears

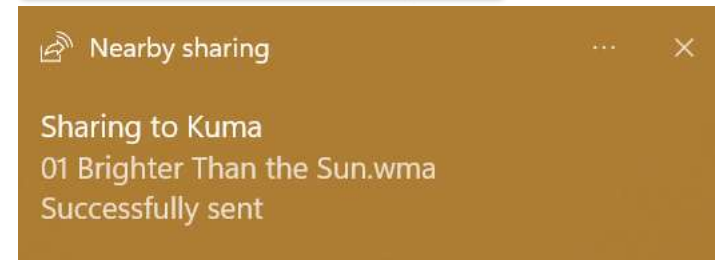


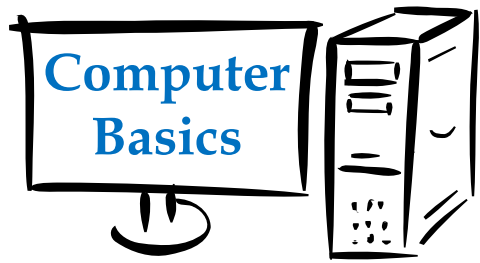
Notification appears on other computer

- Click *Save*



Notification appears

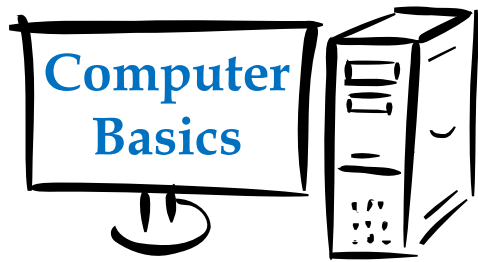




Nearby Sharing summary

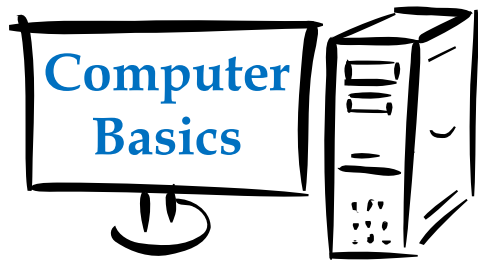
- Good for sending a few files to another computer
- Requires manual actions on both ends to send/accept
- Works over Bluetooth and WiFi
- Simple to use





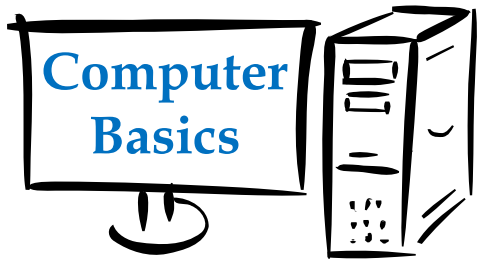
Cloud storage

- Many options
 - Google Drive
 - Microsoft OneDrive
 - Dropbox
 - ... more
- 2 – 15 GB commonly available for free
 - more space available for \$\$\$
- Automatic synchronization between multiple computers
or
Manual sharing (others click link to access files/folders)
- Control sharing
 - anyone with the link or specific people
 - read-only or editable



Configuring cloud storage (automatic synchronization)

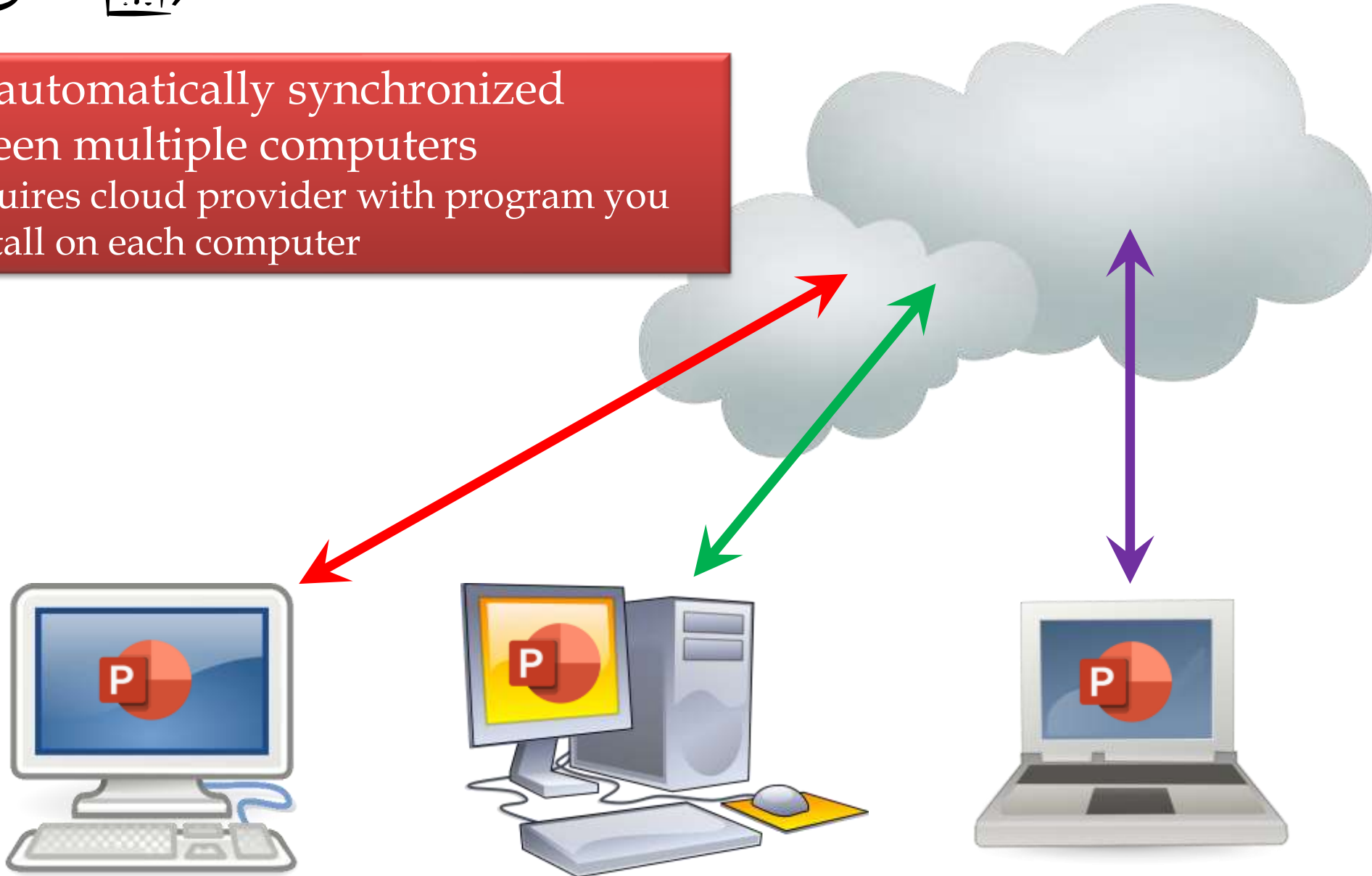
- General method
 - varies somewhat vendor to vendor
- Install program to allow automatic synchronization
 - on all computers where you want automatic synchronization
 - configure folders on local computer for synching
- Edit files on local folders set for synchronization
- Changed file automatically synched to cloud and then to other computers

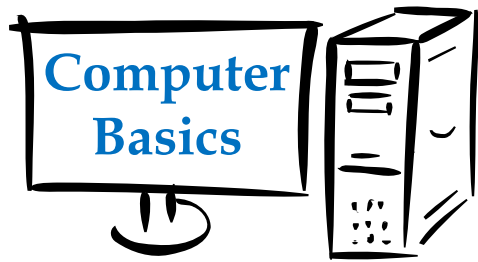


Automatic synchronization

Files automatically synchronized between multiple computers

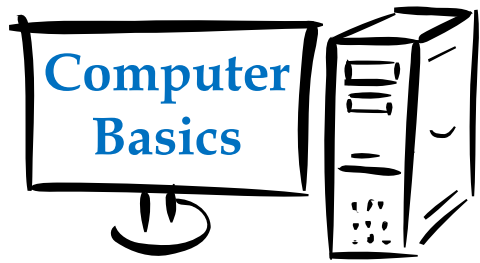
- requires cloud provider with program you install on each computer





Configuring cloud storage (manual sharing)

- Right-click files or folders for sharing
- Choose access for others
 - anyone with link to file/folder
 - specific people
 - those people require account on cloud service for authentication
- Choose edit rights
 - read-only
 - editable
- Send link to others for them to access
- Others click link
 - file or folder opens in browser
 - they can read or download the files



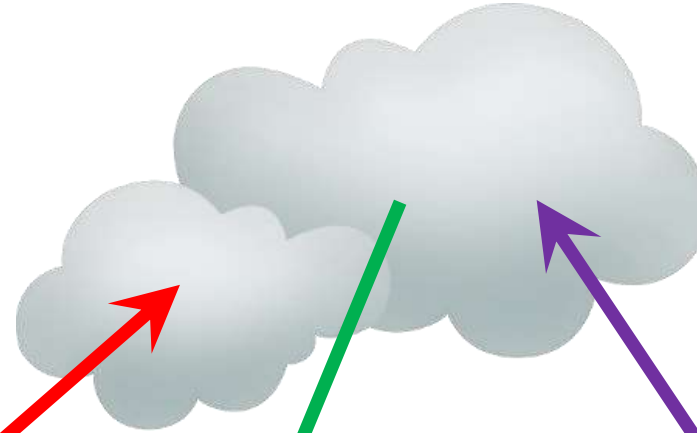
Selective sharing (without synchronization)

Share files with others

- anyone with link
or
- specific people

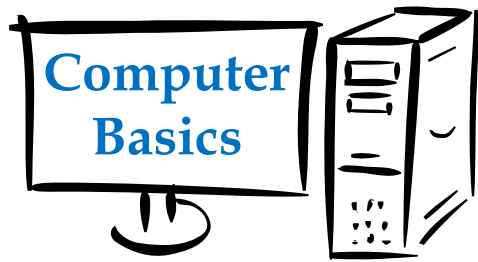
Control who
can edit files

- read-only
- editable



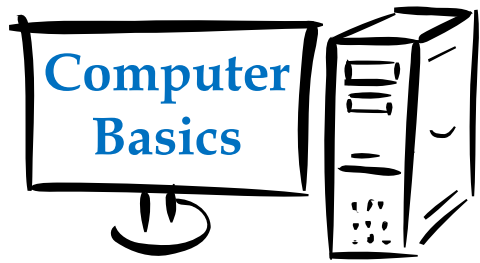
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Cloud storage summary

- With synchronization
 - requires program from cloud provider on each computer
 - great for keeping files in sync between multiple computer
 - update on one computer and changes synched to others
 - automatic with no action required – it just works!
 - not instantaneous
 - may take several minutes to sync
- Without synchronization
 - easily share with anyone world-wide
 - avoid emailing files around
 - requires each person to have account with cloud provider if you want only specific people to have access



Next week...

Network attached storage



Traditional Windows network file sharing



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IPTV* - Much more than simply video on demand



** Internet Protocol Television*

(The delivery of television content over the Internet)

Jeff's slides can be downloaded from:

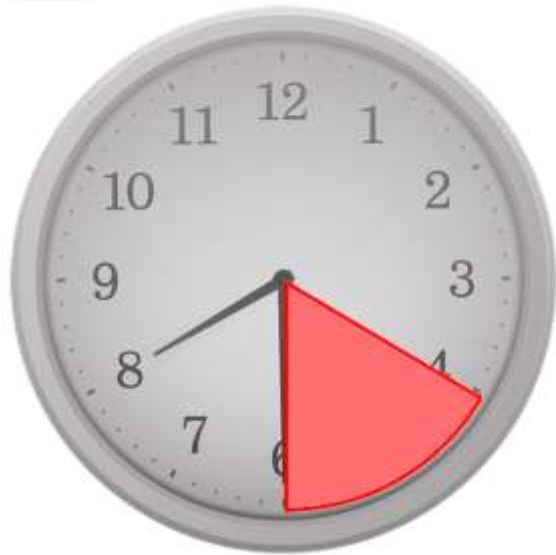
https://opcug.ca/qa_recordings/20240417_IPTV.pdf

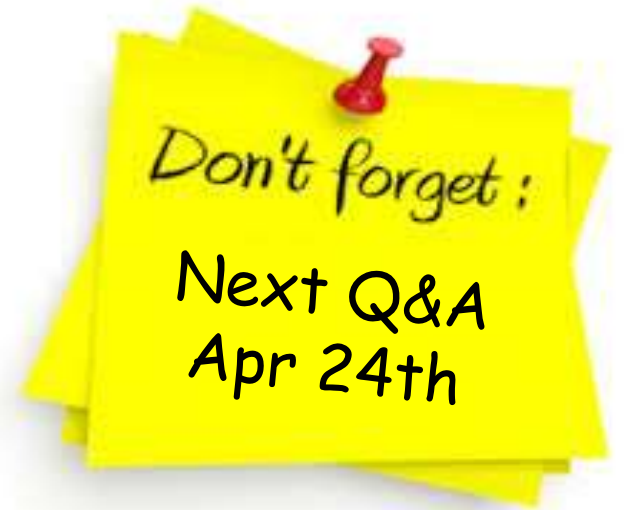
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