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Backup/Synch/Storage

16. CloudDrive 0.68

<http://www.driveoncloud.com/>

Windows

You get 5GB of free online storage with [Adobe Acrobat Online Storage Service](#). Uploading and downloading from such a service isn't always easy though, especially if you want to grab a whole folder of data. CloudDrive, a free client for Adobe Acrobat Online Storage Service, lets you do exactly that via drag and drop.

17. Dropbox

<http://www.dropbox.com/>Windows | Mac | [Linux](#) | Web | Mobile

Our Editors' Choice for cloud-based automatic file sync, Dropbox is the epitome of a set-it-up and let-it-go service. Install it on any desktop or [laptop](#) computer and all the files in your Dropbox folder appear on all systems (or on a friend's if you share a folder). It's free for up to 2GB of data synced, and that's data you can access on your [iPhone](#) or via the Web, too.

• Read PCMag's review of [Dropbox](#).

18. DriveImage XML V2.13

<http://www.runtime.org/driveimage-xml.htm>

Windows

Free for private use, this utility makes full "hot images" of your drives or partitions that are stored as XML files, so you can still access data on them. It works for Windows versions XP to 7, and it has a number of command-line parameters for [power](#) users.

19. DriverMax 5.5

<http://www.innovative-sol.com/drivermax/>

Windows

Drivers are the magic software sauce that keeps your [computer hardware](#) humming. But when you switch from PC to PC and take peripherals with you, or you just need to make sure you've got the latest drivers, what do you do? Turn to DriverMax. It will do a back-up and restore of drivers you need, or just download the latest for your (new) operating system on the same PC. Use it for Windows XP through Win7, whether it's 32- or 64-bit version.

20. Gladinet Cloud Desktop Starter Edition

<http://www.gladinet.com/>

Windows | Web

There's lots of cloud-based storage out there that's going to waste, even if you have accounts that provide access. Gladinet's software attempts to rectify this by giving you direct desktop access to cloud storage solutions, such as Amazon S3, SkyDrive, Box.net, and Google Docs, acting as if it's a network drive. It also has "cloud-to-cloud" backup, so your Google Docs files get backed up to some other service's online storage.

21. MozBackup

<http://mozbackup.jasnapaka.com/>

Windows

If you love your Mozilla products (i.e. Firefox, Thunderbird, Flock, Songbird, among others), then you probably use them on multiple computers. Just make sure they're set up the same, or, at the very least, that all of the data inside, such as e-mail, is stored safely. MozBackup takes care of backup and restoration.

22. MozyHome Online Backup

<http://mozy.com/home>

Windows | Mac

You've got lots of files that need protection, including big media files. They

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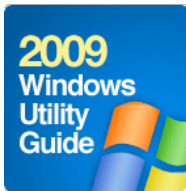
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can take hours and hours to upload to the cloud. Let MozyHome handle it in the background. You get up to 2GB free. (More than that and you'll pay a subscription fee.)

• Read PCMag's review of [MozyHome Online Backup](#).

23. SpiderOak

<http://www.spideroak.com>

Windows | Mac | Linux

SpiderOak provides 2GB of free online storage that backs up in the background. It also offers Linux support and promises "100 percent zero-knowledge privacy."

24. SyncToy 2.1

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?displaylang=en&FamilyID=c26efa36-98e0-4ee9-a7c5-98d0592d8c52>

Windows

What Microsoft once called a "powertoy" is now a great folder-to-folder synchronization tool. It's great for backing up data from local to network storage once in a while, either manually or scheduled.

25. Syncplify

<http://www.syncplify.com>

Windows | Mobile | Web

Synchronize up to 10,000 files or 2GB—whichever comes first—on up to two computers free (you pay for more). Sign up friends and you can add another 1GB per new user recruited. What's more, Syncplify goes out of its way to work with other cloud-based services, such as Google Docs.

• Read PCMag's review of [Syncplify](#).

26. Windows Live SkyDrive

<http://skydrive.live.com/>

Windows

Let's get serious about free storage space. 2GB is fine for documents, but it's not enough for everything you've got. Maybe you can't get enough free space in the cloud for everything, but Microsoft comes close. Its SkyDrive online storage delivers 25GB—free. The only limit: You must keep to no more than 50MB per file.

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