

Google Drive

Level C



Service use brings significant risks related to information ownership, privacy or security. ([Read more](#))

Service may also collect and/or disclose information to third parties such as advertisers and business partners. Service provider may also unilaterally change the licensing, terms of usage or privacy settings. For example grading information and evaluation, research plans, development information, personal information (PII), financial information (e.g. business or other IPR) and information containing archiving responsibilities are not suitable for level C services. University's has no ability or legal mandate to manage the stored information in case of any problem situations. Such cases can be for example employers death or service provider's bankruptcy.

NB! Classifications in Cloud Guide pages concern only so-called **consumer services**, cloud services personally adopted by the user. The services adopted by the University (possibly with a separate agreement) may have different implementation and terms of use.

Google Drive

<http://drive.google.com>

Google Drive is a file storage service. User can upload, store and share files and synchronize files between different devices. Service can be used with a browser or with client software on computers, tablet computers and smart phones.

Files can be created and edited using Google Docs functionality (documents, spreadsheets and presentations).

There are limitations in file sharing. Service's funding model is "freemium". Free storage space is 15 GB, after which the service is subject to a charge. The service can also be used as a part of Google Apps company account, although the service is primarily for consumers.

Supported browsers are Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Internet Explorer. Workstation applications are available for Windows and Mac computers. Supported mobile devices are Android devices and iOS devices (iPhone, iPad).

Terms of Service & Privacy Policy

Terms of Service: <https://policies.google.com/terms?hl=en>

Privacy Policy: <https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en>

Evaluation (10 December 2018)

Google has unified the majority of its services (Gmail, Google Drive, Google+, YouTube) under a single Terms of Service and Privacy Policy. Google collects vast amounts of information of the users which it uses to tailor advertising to single specific users. The collected information includes device information, log information, location information, unique application numbers, local storage and cookies. With the use of cookies, Google also tracks users on other websites.

Registration asks to input first name, last name, birthday and gender in addition to creating the username and password.

- + User retains ownership of any intellectual property rights to uploaded content.
- + User is able to influence on what information is shared to other users.
- + / - Notices of changes are posted by 14 days in advance, but only on Terms of Service page.
- Google receives a license to use all uploaded content in current and future services. This license continues even if you stop using the service.
- Google collects vast amounts of information of the users.
- Google tracks users on other websites.
- Google can share personal information with the consent of the user. Google can also share or publish aggregated data that does not identify a person.

Login

Login with Google Account

Support

Google Drive own support: <https://support.google.com/drive/?hl=en>

Provider

Google Inc.

Similar services

Dropbox, SugarSync, Apple iCloud, OneDrive, SpiderOak, Box