

# ***Dropbox***

***Free on-line storage and file synchronization***

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# What Does Dropbox Do?

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- **It keeps a copy of your files on line *and* on your computer(s)**<sup>-2</sup>
  - the same copies of each file
  - you can sync with multiple computers, i.e. home and work
  - you can work on things on your iPhone or Blackberry too!
- **It provides automatic back up of important files**
  - also it provides version control: you can check back for previous versions of files that you changed (either purposely or inadvertently).
- **You can share files in specific folders with friends**
  - each person can edit files, but only in *shared* folder
    - they can't see your other stuff
  - files get synced across all users and their computers
- **You can store some files in a public folder**
  - share pictures, audio/video files with everyone
  - e.g. host a picture you then post to a web forum

## ***Are There Limitations?***

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- **The free version provides only 2 GB (which is a lot)**
- **You can get a paid version**
  - 50 GB for \$10/mo
  - 100 GB for \$20/mo
- **If you sign up, using the referral link I'm providing, I get an extra ½ GB**
  - referral link: <http://ping.fm/bkcbx>

# *How Do I Get/Use It?*

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- **Sign up for an account**
  - use referral link, <http://ping.fm/bkcbx> , and I get some extra space (wh00t!)
- **Download the app and install on your computer**
  - works for windows and Mac
  - also a mobile phone app (sync everywhere!)
- **Once installed, Dropbox acts like a folder on your computer.**
  - do your work in Dropbox on one computer
  - then take it up on another...or your phone
  - I use it to send things to my wife's computer (she has a printer, I don't)
  - when I had a real job, I used it to work on things at home or at work without having to worry about forgetting to email files to back and forth, losing my usb stick, having a corrupt floppy disk, etc.

## *Anything Else?*

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- **If you keep a copy of your work in DropBox, you can access it from BHCC in case you forget your thumb drive**
  - no more “dog ate my homework”
- **Not really, but do remember to use my referral link**
  - <http://ping.fm/bkcbx>
- **Dropbox is truly awesome, do yourself a favor and get your own account**