

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

Google Drive & Google Docs

As we become more mobile and each of us has multiple computing devices (like PC & smart phone & iPad etc) the way we create and share documents must also change.

You may be very comfortable with Microsoft Office or Open Office, but now you need this or similar software on all devices and your documents need to be accessible from all devices, at any time.

I had a go at Google's answer to these issues, and it looks great. It is Google Drive and Google Docs.

Drive gives you 5GB free space in the cloud to store your documents. They can then be accessed and worked on from any device, from anywhere (with internet access). They can also be shared with others that you specify, by providing an eMail address.

The documents you put into this folder can be the normal ones that you create, but you can't get MSWord or MExcel apps for iPad. So instead give Google Docs a go. A few less features than what you might be use to, but still very powerful, as well as FREE and available on all your devices (with internet access).

Drive installs a folder in My Documents on your PC, in much the same way as Drop Box, and so is very user friendly. A word of warning though, it is yet to be tested how good the security of these tools are. If you want to protect a sensitive file, it would be wise to encrypt it first.

Give it a go!

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