

# Sending very large files

How can I send a 50-megabyte file to a friend since it's way too big for an e-mail attachment?

Many e-mail systems limit file attachments to no more than 5 or 10 megabytes in size.

Some services let you transfer files up to one size for free, and larger for a fee. Here are some of the more popular options. A more complete list can be found at

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\\_of\\_file\\_hosting\\_services](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_file_hosting_services).

- [Dropbox](#) is software that syncs your files online and across your computers. – Up to 2GB free, can pay for up to 100GB.
- [drop.io](#) – Simple real-time sharing, collaboration, and presentation
- [Mozy.com](#) – 2 GB of 100% free backup space. Unlimited backup \$4.95/mo.
- <http://www.pando.com> has free and paid versions of its software for transferring files and works with both Windows and Macintosh systems. You can send files up to a gigabyte in size free. More with \$5-a-month plan.
- <http://www.yousendit.com> lets you send files of up to 100 megabytes free or files up to two gigabytes in size with the company's \$5-a-month service.
- <http://dropsend.com/> \$0 to \$100/mo. options for 250mb to 250gb, respectively
- <http://www.sendit.com/> lets you send files that expire up to a week. 100MB limit.
- <http://www.mailbigfile.com/> \$0 for up to 512mb, no registration required. File is available up to 3 days or 3 downloads.
- <http://www.JustBeamIt.com> requires no registration, has no file size limit and allows only direct PC to PC transfers; the files don't reside on the intermediary server.
- <http://pogoplug.com> allows you to inexpensively connect your own storage to cloud
- <http://www.crashplan.com> is a backup and sync service that can also backup your data to other computers on your network or across the Internet.

Some free or inexpensive online file-storage services let you mark certain files for sharing.

- <https://skydrive.live.com>
- <https://drive.google.com>
- <https://wettransfer.com>
- <http://www.xdrive.com>
- <http://www.ibackup.com>
- <http://www.filesanywhere.com>

- <http://www.apple.com/dotmac/> – Apple's .Mac service also has a Public folder option

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## Other resources listing services:

- [Six Free Online Storage Services](#)
- [A comparison of file hosters @ wikipedia](#)
- [List of online file storage services @ listible](#)

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