

Desktop, meet cloud. Introducing Box Drive.

The desktop. That magical place where you first learned to work with files, and get things done. And now, even today, the desktop is still the place lots of people feel most comfortable working. Obviously, we're all pretty big fans of Box here at Box, but we get it: Not everyone loves accessing files from their browser. Maybe you'd rather work where you've spent the most time, where you're most familiar. That's why network shares are a thing. And it's why we created Box Sync.

But, as time goes by, and technology changes, and files get bigger, and work gets more complex and more mobile and more collaborative, we've noticed that shares (and syncing) aren't always able to keep up, leading to some big challenges. Things like:

- **The cloud doesn't fit on your hard drive.**
 - Which means you have to scabble to find the space you need – and then you *still* only have access to *part* of what you use.
 - Which limits the work you can do from your desktop.
 - Which kind of defeats the purpose of “working from your desktop.”
- **Storing work on your desktop is risky business.**
 - IT teams have been pulling their hair out for *years*, because they haven't had proper visibility or control over how files are being accessed, and saved, and changed. “Oh, all those companywide, read-only contracts? Yeah, I've just been using my own special version this whole time.” Gaaaah.
 - Plus, if your computer was ever lost or stolen, there wasn't much you could do about the work files that went along with it.
- **That syncing feeling.**
 - Every time you – or anyone you worked with – created, saved, moved or edited a file, you'd have to wait for the cloud and your desktop to sync up.
 - And that's fine in small doses. But, if you're dealing with a lot of files, or big files, that can be a looonng wait – *too long of a wait* – and a ton of bandwidth eaten up in the process.

In short, people love their desktop, but their desktop wasn't always loving them back. So we decided to do something about it.

Introducing Box Drive, a better way to connect your desktop and the cloud into one smooth, seamless experience. Box Drive streams your files on Box directly to your desktop, so you have everything you need to work the way you want. Because Box Drive only streams the files you need, when you need them, you have access to ALL of your content (even terabytes of data) without putting the hurt on your hard drive (or your bandwidth).

So, why will Box Drive make you, the loyal desktop user, incredibly happy?

- **It's built into the way you already work.**
 - Box Drive is seamlessly integrated into your desktop operating system: Open Mac Finder or Windows Explorer, and Box Drive is right there, with every file at your fingertips.

Search the way you're used to. Edit like you would any normal file – everything is saved automatically to Box as a new version.

- **All your files, without all the hard drive woes.**
 - Stop fighting to make room for the files you need. Box Drive connects you to all of your organization's files on Box – without using hardly any of your hard drive space.
- **Stream, don't sync.**
 - No more waiting around for files to sync – pull up whatever files you need in seconds.
- **The Box features you love, now on the desktop.**
 - Save and access file versions. Share any folder or any file with your team. Collaborate and comment on content. All from the comfort of your desktop.

But Box Drive will make your *IT team* extra incredibly happy. Why?

- **It finally gets everyone on the cloud.**
 - Box Drive is easy for teams to learn, and simple for them to use, because it's grounded in what they already know: The desktop. Finally, everyone is on the same page, doing files the right way.
- **As secure as you want it to be.**
 - Working off the desktop was never ideal for industries like Life Sciences and Financial Services, where you need complete control, tracking and protection for files. But now, with Box Drive, you have the same enterprise-grade security you do with Box, just on the desktop: HIPAA, FINRA, and FedRAMP compliance, data retention policies and more.
 - Because files are no longer stored on users' hard drives, lost or stolen devices have a much lower risk of data loss. That's good peace of mind for you – and for your whole company.
- **Spare yourself the bandwidth.**
 - Right now, every time a file is updated or moved or anything'd, it's updated across alllll of the syncing desktops in your system – that's a lot of bandwidth spent on a lot of files that might not even matter to most people. With Box Drive, everyone has easy access to every files, but they only use bandwidth on the ones they're actually working with, keeping things high-speed and low-cost.
- **Save millions replacing your shared drives.**
 - It may *look* like a network shared drive and *feel* like a network shared drive, but Box Drive is WAY better than any network shared drive. Beyond all the unique features we've already mentioned, never again will you need to worry about constant maintenance, unpredictable growth, storage sprawl or any of the costs that come with them.
 - Box Drive supports Mac, PC and VDI environments, so you don't need to sweat any compatibility or formatting issues. Everyone gets the same (great) experience!

Ready to teach your old desktop some new tricks? [Learn more about what Box Drive can do for you.](#)