

FREE STORAGE ON THE WEB--PART 4

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"DROPBOKS"

This is the fourth installment in our series of discussions about storing files for free on the Internet. This month, Liz and I obtained a free storage account at "DropBoks" and we loved it. We found it to be easy to use. This "DropBoks" company is a new arrival to the Internet storage service category: they have only been in existence since late in 2006.

Their Web site is located at

<http://www.dropboks.com>

It looks like this:




Their Web site is a reflection of their minimalist philosophy: It has no frills and is free of advertising.

Click on "Get Started (Free)" to sign up for a free account.

After you sign up for an account, you will get a "Log In" form whenever you go to

<http://www.dropboks.com>



The image shows a screenshot of the DropBoks website interface. At the top left is the DropBoks logo, which includes the text "DropBoks" and a blue cube icon. To the right of the logo are navigation links: "+ Add Files", "Folder", and "More". Below the navigation links is a table with columns for "Name", "Size", "Type", and "Date Modified". A "Log In" dialog box is overlaid on the table. The dialog box has a title "Log In" and a "Close x" button in the top right corner. Inside the dialog box, there are two input fields: "Email Address:" and "Password:". Below the "Password:" field is a link that says "Forgot Password?". Underneath that is a checkbox labeled "Remember me on this computer.". At the bottom of the dialog box is a blue button labeled "Enter". At the bottom of the page, there is a "Trash" icon and text, and on the right, it says "Usage: 0% of 1 GB | Upgrade" with an upward arrow icon.

If you do not get a "Log In" form, click on "More" and then click on "Log in".

After you log in, it looks like this:




[+ Add Files](#) | [Folder](#) | [More](#)


Name ▲	Size	Type	Date Modified

Trash Usage: 0% of 1 GB | [Upgrade](#)

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Click on the "Add Files" hyperlink to upload data files from your computer to your account at "DropBoks".


Name	Size	Type	Date Modified
Uploading...			
 IT0409.doc			
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"><div style="background-color: #007bff; width: 10%; height: 100%;"></div></div>			
Cancel			

 [Trash](#) Usage: 0% of 1 GB | [Upgrade](#)



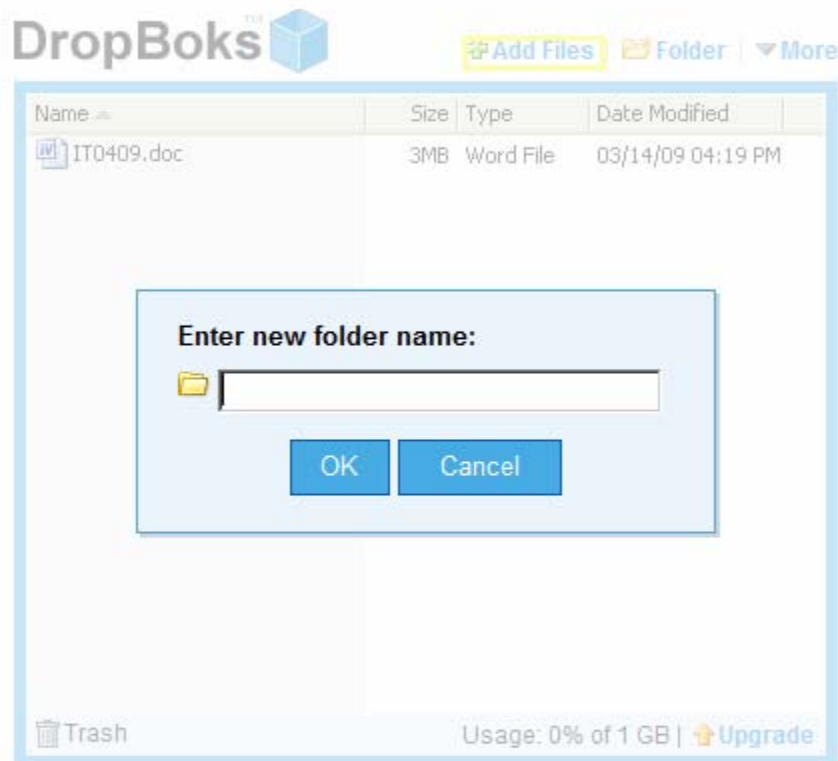
[Add Files](#) [Folder](#) [More](#)

Name ▲	Size	Type	Date Modified
 IT0409.doc	3MB	Word File	03/14/09 04:19 PM

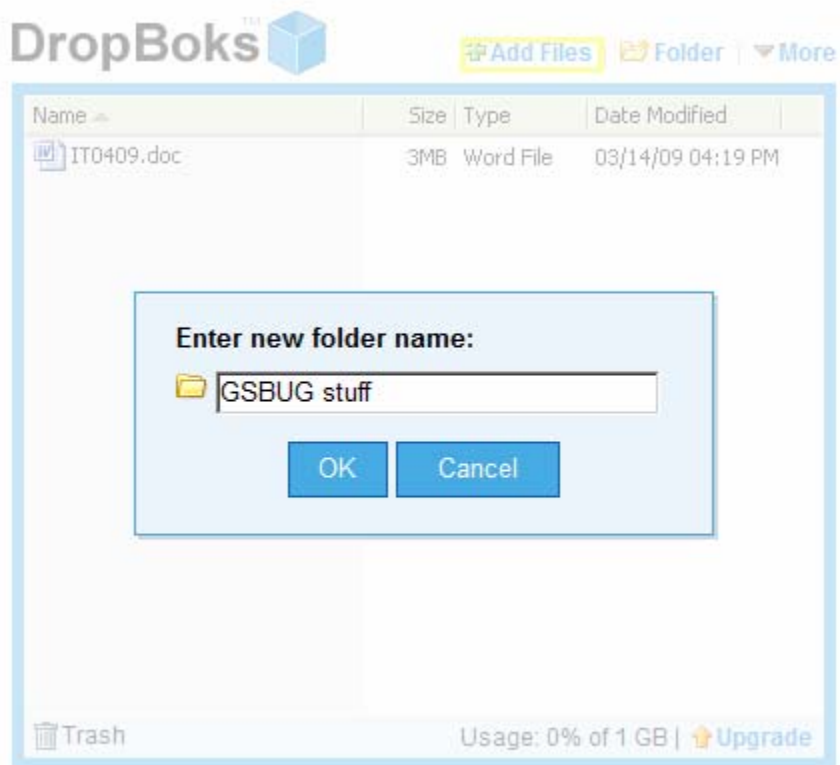
 Trash Usage: 0% of 1 GB | [Upgrade](#)

Click on the "Folder" hyperlink to create a folder at your storage space at "Dropboks".

Then enter a name for your new folder, as requested.



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The key features for a free account are:

Total storage space = 1 Gigabyte

Maximum single file size = 50 Megabytes

Maximum monthly bandwidth = not stated on "Skydrive" Web site

The maximum monthly bandwidth is the total amount of data that you (and others that you designate) upload to, and download from, your free account.

"DropBoks" does not limit the types of files that you can store.

"DropBoks" does not allow you to share files with others at the present time. They intend to implement this feature in the future.

The official blog of the DropBoks company is located at

<http://dropboks.wordpress.com>

This blog details their efforts to create a low-cost, user friendly storage location in the Internet cloud.

With this continuing series of descriptions of free storage locations, Liz and I continue to show you that you can get a significant amount of storage space in the "Internet cloud" to mitigate the bad effects of local hard drive failure. We hope that you will take advantage of these storage services.

Let me know if there are any online file storage services that you are particularly fond of and we will describe them in future articles in this series.

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