Exchanging Files with Online Volunteers – 17 Free Web-Based Services

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Resource Name: SendThisFile
URL: http://www.sendthisfile.com
Maximum File Upload Size: Unlimited
Maximum Download Size/Files: 3 Files
Monthly Transfer Limit: Bandwidth throttled on free account
Maximum Storage: Unlimited
Type of File Transfer: Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored: 3 days
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: Secure storage only for paying registered customers; Secure Transfer
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Only the e-mailed recipients
Versions: There is a free level of service as well as paid
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: The user is required to create an account with their e-mail address and a selected password to register for a free account
Comments: Users are able to place a standard SendThisFile FileBox on their website which allows visitors to easily transfer large files to the user at any time. The sender or recipient does not have to have a SendThisFile account. This service will also host the SendThisFile FileBox for users needing a Web site. Only one recipient per file uploaded if sending file upload notification by e-mail. Multiple e-mail addresses are blocked in the "To:" field on all accounts (Free through Pro) to prevent spamming. Technical support offered this tip: The user should send the e-mail to their e-mail account which will contain the download notification. Using their e-mail software, this e-mail can then be forwarded to a targeted group. Files uploaded from free accounts can only be downloaded three times.

Resource Name : YouSendIt
URL : http://www.yousendit.com
Maximum File Upload Size : 2 GB
Maximum Download Size/Files : 10 files
Monthly Transfer Limit : Unlimited
Maximum Storage : N/A
Type of File Transfer : Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored : 7 days
Encrypted Storage/Transfers : N/A
Cross-Platform : PC or Mac
Who Can Access : Only the e-mailed recipients
Versions : Free and Paid (Premium) versions
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: No requirement, this is a Web page-based service. Users can anonymously upload the file and are provided a unique download link
Comments: Very easy to use.

Resource Name: MediaMax
URL: http://www.mediamax.com
Maximum File Upload Size: 10 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: Send files up to 10 MB in size
Monthly Transfer Limit: Download or share 1GB/month
Maximum Storage: 25 GB
Type of File Transfer: Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored: Account closed after 5 months of inactivity
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: Secure Online Storage
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Only the e-mailed recipients
Versions: Free and Paid levels (Premium, Elite, and Professional) are also available
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: The user is required to create an account with their e-mail address and a selected password
Comments: Very easy to use.
Outside members are able to upload files to Media Max recipients (with username) MediaMax also offers users a beta version of software that automatically backs up the user's PC's files onto the MediaMax account. This service is offered for Windows 2000+. Registered users (including free accounts) are able to e-mail and host uploaded files.
Response: Free accounts get 25GB of storage and 1GB per month of downloads no larger than 10MB.

Resource Name: Mozy
URL: http://www.mozy.com
Maximum File Upload Size: 500 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: N/A
Monthly Transfer Limit: N/A
Maximum Storage: 2 GB
Type of File Transfer: Between the website and the installed software on user's computer.
Time Length Files Stored: 90 days of inactivity allowed
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: N/A
Cross-Platform: PC or MAC
Who Can Access: Only the e-mailed recipients
Versions: Free and Paid versions offered (MozyHome and Mozy Pro)
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: The user is required to create an account with their e-mail address and a selected password.
Comments: Users can also install the Mozy client software onto their computer. The client currently supports Windows Vista, XP, and Intel Mac.

Resource Name: MegaUpload
URL: http://www.megaupload.com
Maximum File Upload Size: 500 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: 500 MB
Monthly Transfer Limit: More than one concurrent download per IP address is not allowed; there is also a limit the amount of data a user can download from MegaUpload's servers within a certain time span
Maximum Storage: 50 GB
Type of File Transfer: Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored: A registered user without premium status, will have file stored until at least 90 days after their last download
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: N/A
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Anyone with the unique download URL can download the file
Versions: Free and Paid levels (Premium) at various levels including 1 and 2 months, 1 and 2 years, as well lifetime
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: This is a Web page-based service. Users can anonymously upload the file and are provided a unique download link (as a registered free user)
Comments: Simply upload the file onto the website, then a download URL will be given. Registered users (including free accounts) receive reward points to month of free premier membership

Resource Name: ZSHARE
URL: http://www.zshare.net
Maximum File Upload Size: 100 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: Unlimited
Monthly Transfer Limit: Unlimited
Maximum Storage: N/A
Type of File Transfer: Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored: 90 days after last download
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: N/A
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Anyone with the unique download URL can download the file
Versions: No paid level of service
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: No requirement. This is a Web based service. Simply upload the file onto their website and they will provide a unique download link for uploaders (a link for deletion is provided.). This site is very user friendly.
Comments: Registered users have ability to gain points for Premium service

Resource Name: ForFile
URL: http://www.forfile.com
Maximum File Upload Size: 700 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: 700 MB
Monthly Transfer Limit: Unlimited
Maximum Storage: N/A
Type of File Transfer: Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored: N/A
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: N/A
Cross-Platform: PC, Linux, Unix, Mac
Who Can Access: Only the intended email recipient will have the URL and download instruction
Versions: Free Trial (14-day) period is given
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: Any computer with a web browser and Internet connection can use this service; the user is required to submit a request for a trial version
Comments: After a 14 day trial period, a license is required in order to continue to use the service.

 Resource Name: 4 shared
URL: http://www.4shared.com
Maximum File Upload Size: 100 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: 100 MB
Monthly Transfer Limit: Unlimited
Maximum Storage: 5GB
Type of File Transfer: Web (via Internet browser)
Time Length Files Stored: N/A
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: N/A
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Only the intended email recipient will have the URL and download instruction
Versions: Free and Paid.
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: No requirement, this is a Web page-based service. Users can anonymously upload the file and are provided a unique download link
Comments: The user is provided an easy-to-use Windows interface. The service offers the user the option of another (easy-to-remember) hyperlink for the user to download the files.

Resource Name: Orbitfiles
URL: http://www.orbitfiles.com
Maximum File Upload Size: 100 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: 100 MB
Monthly Transfer Limit: 6144 MB
Maximum Storage: 6 GB
Type of File Transfer: Web (via Internet browser) or Desktop
Time Length Files Stored: N/A
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: See below
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Only the intended email recipient will have the URL and download instruction
Versions: Free and paid versions
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: No requirement, this is a Web page-based service. Users can anonymously upload the file and are provided a unique download link
Comments: All communication with the server is over a secure and encrypted connection. Files are encrypted and compressed on the server in a process that is completely transparent to users. In future versions of the desktop clients, files and content will be encrypted on the client prior to being sent to the server.

Resource Name: Sendspace
URL: http://www.sendspace.com/
Maximum File Upload Size: 300 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: 300 MB
Monthly Transfer Limit: Unlimited
Maximum Storage: N/A
Type of File Transfer: Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored: Any file not actively downloaded within 7 days is deleted
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: N/A **Cross-Platform:** PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Anyone with the unique download URL can download the file
Versions: Free and paid (2 types offered)
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: This is a Web page-based service. Users can anonymously upload the file and are provided a unique download link
Comments: No requirement, this is a Web page-based service. Users can anonymously upload the file and are provided a unique download link (). Registered users (free registration) are able to store, edit, and update files. The service offers a free desktop utility tool and the ability to send files by e-mail. Registered users can earn points for free premium (paid) service.

Resource Name: Bigupload
URL: http://www.bigupload.com
Maximum File Upload Size: 50 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: 50 MB
Monthly Transfer Limit: Unlimited
Maximum Storage: N/A
Type of File Transfer: Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored: 30 days of inactivity allowed
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: N/A
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Anyone with the unique download URL can download the file
Versions: Free and Paid
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: No requirement, it is a Web page-based service.
Comments: Hyperlinks and codes are provided for uploaded files for HTML, Myspace, Xanga, Friendster, and MSN, and others

Resource Name: Filecrunch
URL: http://www.filecrunch.com
Maximum File Upload Size: 250 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: 250 MB
Monthly Transfer Limit: Unlimited
Maximum Storage: N/A
Type of File Transfer: Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored: Files removed after 30 days of inactivity
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: N/A
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Anyone with the unique download URL can download the file
Versions: Free and Paid versions (yearly) are available.
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: This is a Web page-based service. Users can anonymously upload the file and are provided a unique download link ()
Comments: Although any user can upload files to the site, (free) registrants are able to store and restrict access to uploaded files, and also have the ability to earn points toward free premium (paid-level) service.

Resource Name: Uploadline
URL: http://www.uploadline.com
Maximum File Upload Size: 100 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: 100 MB
Monthly Transfer Limit: Unlimited
Maximum Storage: N/A
Type of File Transfer: Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored: Files removed after 4 months of inactivity
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: N/A
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Anyone with the unique download URL can download the file
Versions: No paid version
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: This is a Web page-based service. Users can anonymously upload the file and are provided a unique download link
Comments: The web-site is simple and user-oriented.

Resource Name: FileMonster
URL: http://www.filemonster.net
Maximum File Upload Size: 250 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: 250 MB
Monthly Transfer Limit: Unlimited
Maximum Storage: N/A
Type of File Transfer: Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored: Files removed after 30 days of inactivity
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: N/A
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Anyone with the unique download URL can download the file
Versions: Free and paid versions
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: This is a Web page-based service. Users can anonymously upload the file and are provided a unique download link (a)
Comments: Registered users are able to store uploaded files

Resource Name: Fast Files
URL: http://www.fast-files.com
 Maximum File Upload Size: 500 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files: 500 MB
Monthly Transfer Limit: Unlimited
Maximum Storage: N/A
Type of File Transfer: Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored: Files stored as server space allows
Encrypted Storage/Transfers: N/A
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: Anyone with the unique download URL can download the file
Versions: No paid version
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: This is a Web page-based service. Users can anonymously upload the file and are provided a unique download link
Comments:

Resource Name: ADrive
URL: *http://*www.adrive.com
Maximum File Upload Size: 2 GB
Maximum Download Size/Files: unlimited
Monthly Transfer Limit : *unlimited*
Maximum Storage : 50 GB
Type of File Transfer: Web (via Firefox or IE browser using Java applet); a simple not java-based uploader alternative will also be available soon
Time Length Files Stored: indefinite
Are Files Encrypted When Transferred and Stored: coming soon
Cross-Platform: PC or Mac
Who Can Access: anyone with a free account can use the storage and sharing service. Anyone with an internet connection can download a user's shared data stored on ADrive
Versions : Free (enhanced paid level of service coming)
Area Served : Global
Requirements to Use Service: the user is required to create a free account, which is verified by clicking on a link with an e-mail sent from ADrive and have Java installed and enabled in their Internet Explorer or Firefox browser in order to use ADrive's Java applet to upload and download files. The user can check the recommended version of Java for their operating system by visiting http://www.java.com and clicking on the link entitled "Do I have Java?"
Comments: through public file sharing, users can link and share their ADrive files from web pages, blogs and social-networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace and Friendster.

Resource Name : Divshare
URL : http://www.divshare.com
Maximum File Upload Size : 200 MB
Maximum Download Size/Files : 50 GB/Month
Monthly Transfer Limit : Unlimited
Maximum Storage : 5 GB
Type of File Transfer : Web (via browser)
Time Length Files Stored : 7 days
Encrypted Storage/Transfers : N/A
Cross-Platform : PC or Mac
Who Can Access : Only the e-mailed recipients
Versions: Free and Paid versions are offered; new members are offered a free premium service trial.
Area Served: Global
Requirements to Use Service: Members are required to sign up for a free account using e-mail address and selected password to use the service.
Comments: Very easy to use