

BMPG Backup and Storage September 2023

CLOUD OPTIONS YOU MAY ALREADY PAY FOR

Check what's there already – often useful for incidental storage, particularly if travelling and you have access to wifi.

1. ADOBE

Photography Plan

The creative Cloud Photography plan provides 20 GB of storage by default. If you need more storage, you can purchase a 1 TB storage plan through Adobe.com for \$9.99/month. You can also purchase 2 TB, 5 TB, and 10 TB plans through your Adobe ID account (Plans & Products > Manage Plans > Switch Plan). 7 Aug 2023

2. APPLE

iCloud+ plans and pricing

“When you sign up for iCloud, you'll automatically get 5GB of free storage. If you need more iCloud storage or want access to premium features, you can upgrade to iCloud+.”
From Apple site

May be of use particularly if you are using phone for photography. I buy extra icloud data when travelling so my phone and ipad synch – as I often download SD cards onto ipad. This was quite inexpensive for just a few weeks. I then cancelled the extra data when home and safe.

3. MICROSOFT

Ranges from FREE a/c 5G cloud to \$139 Family to 6 TB – ie 1TB per person. Again, if you already have a family Microsoft account, see what you are paying for. It may not be suitable for all your needs, but it could be useful at times.

4. GOOGLE

Is more difficult to get simple prices but do check what you may already have.

BACKBLAZE

Backblaze is an online cloud storage program that I have been using for about 18 months.

Only works on one computer. I can't use it on my laptop and my main desktop so I copy my laptop files to the external drive that is identified as the backup on Backblaze. I installed it as a family backup system. We have copies of all family photos & documents that were on various computers (my husband has a pc). They were added to large drive that is identified as backup. These are now safely backed up in the event of a crash or a fire etc. NB They are also on various drives at home.

Can have multiple external drives (but not removable devices) plugged in and selected. Various levels of data storage. Able to log on anywhere and download files. Can pay for a full set of files to be delivered on a disk if problem.

Takes some time to upload a huge data set but once done it works quietly in the background. It alerts you if one of your drives hasn't been plugged in for some time.

COSTS in US\$ \$7/month \$70/Yr \$130 for 2 years.

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