

 Microsoft Azure	 offsitesync Next	 Google Drive
Rate 4.5 / 5	Rate 5 / 5	Rate 4.5 / 5
TrustRadius Score 8.8 / 10	TrustRadius Score 10 / 10	TrustRadius Score 8.9 / 10

Likelihood to Recommend		
<p>What we like most is how easy it is to effectively backup and restore virtual machines. It can be done in the following ways: complete restoration, disk, and volume mounting on the local computer. It is a well-established solution in the market and a secure cloud with high availability and security.</p>	<p>Next is well suited in any collaboration scenario where users want to share comments and resources as well as organize events or work together. It is also very well suited for non-profit organizations as it is free to use and very simple even for non-tech users. I can't imagine scenarios where it might not be appropriate as running requirements are minimal (php, mysql) so even a single user could find benefit to use it as an alternative for basic icloud or gmail use (files with desktop and mobile clients, calendar and address book).</p>	<p>Google Drive is perfect for team projects and as a cloud if you want to access your files from any computer or device. You do have to make sure to sign in to your account to access if the device you're on doesn't have the app downloaded to it. I wouldn't suggest using Google Drive if you're not on one of your main devices (i.e. on a public computer).</p>

Feature Rating Comparison		
File Sharing & Management		
9.2	9.7	9
Cloud Storage Security & Administration		
9.3	10	8.9
Cloud Storage Platform		
9.6	-	9.2

Pros		
Out-of-the-box simplicity.	File sharing (internal, public or federated).	Google Drive allows you to upload files in different types of formats
Provides a single location to ensure backups are covered.	One software, many activities (files, address book, calendar, chat, edit, email) ...	This software offers a large storage space and its developers work continuously in order to expand it even more
	Groupware, sharing between users or groups is really easy and finely controlled.	I can access my information from any platform (smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer)
	Integrations and many apps.	

Cons		
Having an admin console that you can use to manage backup schedules across your network would be useful. Going machine to machine to check the current settings is ok but would be better in a GUI.	Merge talk and file client apps on mobile devices.	There is a big problem when you share a document within a group of people and that is that anyone who has access to the document can erase without any warning to the other members of the group, this can be very dangerous if you have problems in your teamwork and someone wants to sabotage the job.
Maybe an agent utility installed on each workstation where the user can specify or customize the backup, perhaps just a set of folders, or ignore certain folders, would be helpful to eliminate garbage in the cloud.		Google Drive unlike gmail and another apps has no opportunity to use without internet connection, that means that you do not have the opportunity to work or consult a document if your internet connection it is down or it is unstable.
		Google Drive only offers a limited number of free gigabytes of storage, if you manage big files like music or videos you can have some trouble because if you do not want to pay for the premium version, you have to constantly erase your files every time you need to put new ones on the app.

Alternatives Considered		
<p>Azure Backup is based on the most secure and encrypted cloud storage facility available...Microsoft. They have been doing this a long time and have ironed out all the kinks, leaving only the good and dependable solution in place. Azure Backup is fast also, you do not have major delays and internet throttling happening from Microsoft, unlike nearly all other competitors.</p>	<p>Even excluding the budget and privacy concerns, we selected Next for its simplicity of use and the UI is very clear. It just does what it is supposed to do.</p>	<p>Having the ability to create, edit, and collaborate in a real time environment is hands down what set Google Drive above all the competitors for my business. I have stored files in Box, Dropbox, OneDrive, Copy, and even MediaFire. Once I was set on Google Drive, I increased my storage plan and migrated all files into one source and it has been so efficient!</p>
	No license	
	Much much ease of use...	
	Not opening several windows	
	No un-useful services	
	No automatic update	
	Control over data	
	Open-source community base	
	Integration	

Return on Investment		
The data is secure and can be restored at any time.	We do not spend money on software license (unlike Office 365).	I would definitely say Google drive has been crucial for many of the businesses I've been a part of. There's no other collaboration system that works quite as well or is as easy to learn and use as Google drive. Plus, it helps that Google is an empire when it comes to platforms such as this; it makes syncing a breeze.
Optimizes time and increases IT productivity.	Very simple maintenance and upgrading.	
	Very simple backup and restore.	