

Cloud Storage vs External Hard Drive (vsdiff.com)

Feature	Cloud Storage	External Hard Drive
Accessibility	<i>Accessible from anywhere with internet connection</i>	<i>Requires physical connection to a device</i>
Storage Capacity	<i>Varies (up to several terabytes for paid plans)</i>	<i>Typically ranges from 500GB to 20TB</i>
Cost	<i>Monthly/annual subscription fees</i>	<i>One-time purchase cost</i>
Security	<i>Encrypted and secure, but vulnerable to cyber threats</i>	<i>Physical security, vulnerable to theft or damage</i>
Backup Options	<i>Automatic backups for most services</i>	<i>Manual backups required</i>
Data Loss Risk	<i>Minimal, as data is stored in multiple locations</i>	<i>Risk if the device fails or is damaged</i>

Source: <https://vsdiff.com/cloud-storage-vs-external-hard-drive/>