Cloud File Storage

To enable greater efficiency and security, all user data in METNET resides securely "on the network cloud" rather than left exposed on individual personal computers, resulting in:

- Portable content— content can be accessed anywhere, anytime, from any type of Internet-enabled computer or handheld device.
- Easy storage of files of any type through simple "drag and drop" from a local computer or through the Upload/Download tools within METNET.

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What Is the Cloud?

The easiest way to understand the cloud is to think of it as a utility, like electricity. When you plug a device into a wall outlet, electricity flows. You didn't generate the electricity yourself. In fact, you probably have no idea where the electricity was generated. It's just there when you want it. All you care about is that your device works.

Cloud computing works on the same principle. Through an Internet connection (the equivalent of an electrical outlet), you can access whatever applications, files, or data you have opted to store in the cloud--anytime, anywhere, from any device. How it gets to you and where it's stored are not your concern.

Not too long ago, many of us worried about losing our documents, photos and files if something bad happened to our computers, like a virus or a hardware malfunction. Today, our data is migrating beyond the boundaries of our personal computers. Instead, we're moving our data online into "the cloud". If you upload your photos, store critical files online and use a web-based service like METNET, an 18-wheel truck could run over your laptop and all your data would still safely reside on the web, accessible from any Internet-connected computer, anywhere in the world.

Why METNET?

Unlike most "free" cloud services, METNET does not scan your content for the benefit of advertisers and marketing departments. You won't have inappropriate advertising appear when you check your mail. School information is secure.

Secure Cloud Messaging

METNET offers an incredibly powerful suite of messaging features in the cloud that include:

- Message grouping and previews
- Mail automation tools, message tracking and status
- Message notification for mobile users
- Integrated instant messaging that enables users to check if another user is online and instantaneously share messages, graphics, files, and even voice communications.

Cloud Collaboration

At the core of METNET's collaboration capabilities are permission-based shared spaces that facilitate topic based discussions, email, group calendars, peer editing, classroom resource sharing, lessons, assignment drop boxes, and more.

Calendaring & scheduling

METNET offers comprehensive calendaring, scheduling, and time management capabilities that are tightly integrated within the METNET environment. Features include:

- A wide range of viewing options
- "At-a-glance" access to a participant's or resource's availability for booking and calendar conflict resolution.

Web Publishing, Blogging & Podcasting

METNET enables school districts to easily create, update, and maintain web pages, as well as create blogs and podcasts, directly from within the METNET cloud—without the need for any knowledge of HTML coding. Easily create teacher websites to post content such as course materials, assignment schedules and deadlines.